2013
TERM 1
Week 3
Friday 15th February
RHPS Swimming Carnival

Week 4
Tuesday 19th February
Meet the teachers evening K-6
Wednesday 20th February
Year 2 & 1/2P Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 22nd February
Zone Swimming Carnival

Week 5
Tuesday 26th February
Badge Presentation Ceremony

Week 7
Monday 11th March
Yr 6 Hip Hop Dance Workshop

Tuesday 12th March
Year 2 “Local Places” Excursion

Week 8
Friday 22nd March
Taste Of Macintyre

Our Great School
Getting Organised
A new school year is a perfect time to
get all your school related paperwork
organised. On the NSW Public Schools
website, you will find a handy DIY
school days folder and find resources
such as organisers, checklists and
parent guides. The information can be
downloaded from:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/g
otoschool/primary/primaryindex.p
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Uniforms
It has been wonderful seeing our
students in full school uniform and
wearing our school hat. It certainly
demonstrates pride not only as
individuals in our presentation but also
of Ross Hill. Our school clothing pool
has uniforms available and is open
Tuesday 2:30—3:20 and Wednesday
and Friday 9:00—10:00. Donations of
uniforms are always welcome.

Inverell Show
The Inverell Show was a wonderful
success last weekend. We congratulate
all those students who entered
competitions or who participated in
events. The artworks entries and
colouring–in section received lots of
great praise from visitors to the show.

P&C Meeting
We look forward to welcoming lots of
new faces at our first P&C Meeting for
this year. It will be held this Wednesday
13th February at 7.00 pm in the school
staffroom. Hope you can join us.

Our Website
Our school website is maintained due to
the wonderful efforts of Mr Daniel
Campbell. We endeavour to keep it up
to date with our latest newsletter,
copies of permission notes and reports
and photos from school happenings. It
is easy to find—just type Ross Hill PS
into a search engine such as Yahoo! or
Google. New this week are photos of
our super Kindergarten students
enjoying their first week at school and,
keep an eye out next week for a full
report and photos from our Swimming
Carnival. Suggestions for inclusions on
the site can be made through the P&C
or at the front office. We hope you
enjoy your visit!

Hot Weather
During this traditionally very hot period
of the year, we can assure parents that
every effort is made to ensure students
are kept cool and safe, particularly in
the middle of the day.

To assist us to ensure maximum
comfort for students we do encourage
you to:
Always apply sunscreen before students
come to school
Ensure that your child has a school hat
at school
Always bring a bottle of water to school
to keep hydrated, it may help to freeze
it the night before so it is cool when
they get to school
Ensure your child is dressed in our
school uniform; it has been designed
specifically to keep students cool
Pack a small ice brick in with your
child’s lunch.
Reduce the amount of salty foods
students bring to eat and replace with
fresh fruit or vegetables.

Looking forward to a wonderful ‘You
Can Do It!’ week,

Mrs D Baker
WEEKLY FOCUS AWARD
KA  A Clusker T Harris
KB  C Cutmore Z Norman
KK  A Readett K Douglass
KV  Mrs Victoria Kinnear
KW  Mrs Judy Waterford
1/2P  Mrs Brenda Payne
1D  Mrs Judy Doak
1J  Mrs Robyn Jane
1S  Mrs Sue Collins
1W  Mr Alex Wrobol
2B  Mrs Gina Baker
2K  Miss Karen Dean
2W  Mrs Ziajine Williams
3B  Mrs Sue Barnett
3C  Mr Geoff Croft
3H  Mrs Evelyn Hoey
4B  Miss Cindy Boyd
4L  Mrs Christina Evans
4K  Mr Kelvin Butler
5/6L  Mrs Catherine Lyell
5C  Mrs Ranee Cutmore
5H  Mr Russell Honnery
5R  Miss Suzanne Russell
6G  Mrs Ann Gibbs
6O  Miss Mamie O'Brien
6S  Mr Tom Stockman

BEST START ASSESSMENTS
Thank you to all our Kindergarten parents for their support with Best Start. The students have made a very settled start to school and the information from the assessment helps staff plan lessons to support student's learning. A feedback letter for parents will be available in the next couple of weeks which indicates students’ strengths and ways to support learning at home.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our Annual Ross Hill Swimming Carnival for all students from Years 3 to 6 and strong swimmers who have turned eight and are in Year 2 is being held at the Town Pool this Friday 15th February. Students come to school as usual and catch the bus under the supervision of teachers to the pool for the day. It is anticipated that the first event will commence at 9.30am. All events will be timed finals. All students will be catered for with competitive and non-competitive events for less confident swimmers. Students will return to school at 3.00pm.

BADMINTON BADGE PRESENTATION
CEREMONY - Thursday 26th February
All parents, family members and friends are invited to our Annual Badge Presentation Ceremony to be held on Thursday 26th February 2013 at 10.00 in our school hall. At this ceremony our SRC and Year 6 student leaders will undertake their leadership oath and be presented with their badges. This is a very important event on our school calendar. All Year 6 students are reminded to come in full school uniform, including black school shoes. Parents and guests are invited to stay and join us for a cup of tea in the ‘You Can Do It!’ garden following the ceremony.

MEET THE TEACHER-PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
On Tuesday 19th February we will be holding our Parent Information Evening so that you can come along meet your child’s teacher and find out about what your child will be learning and involved in this year.

5:30 Kindergarten – individual classrooms
6:00 Year 1 – 1J classroom
6:30 Year 3 & 4 – 4K classroom
7:00 Year 5 & 6 – 6G classroom

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Ability is what you’re capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it.
Lou Holtz

CLASSES FOR 2013
We are very pleased to advise that classes for 2013 have been finalised. Here is the class structure for this year. If you are concerned, or have any questions about school please contact your child’s teacher. They are here to help.
K/6G  Mrs Ann Grace
K/6J  Mrs Debbie Johns
K/6S  Mrs Jaime Scott
YOU CAN DO IT - ‘Being Successful’

The 5 YCDI keys help everyone to be successful and this week students have been reminded that there are five inside qualities that make it harder for students to be successful and happy. These five qualities can be called the 5 Blockers as they block students on their journey to accomplishing the things they set out to do. The 5 blockers are:

♦ Feeling very worried
♦ Feeling very down
♦ Feeling lazy
♦ Not paying attention/disturbing others
♦ Feeling angry/ misbehaving

Student have been asked which of the Blockers they will work on eliminating during the coming week when it comes to doing their schoolwork, homework or playing/working with classmates.

Choosing to be successful this week is about beating the Blockers.

THE MUSI C SEED

Music lessons are available for all students with qualified and experienced teacher, Nathan Pearse. Lessons will commence in week 5 of the school term. If you would like to ensure a place please contact Nathan by Friday, 15th February. Lessons will be conducted during school hours.

Please call Nathan on 0402 855 568.

TIPS FOR RECYCLING IN YOUR HOME

Ross Hill is a recycling school. Recycling is important for saving energy and water, and reducing pollution and waste. Some easy ways you can recycle your household waste include:

♦ Sort everything, check and remove any contaminants - non-recyclables such as plastic bags, hangers, lids, cigarette butts and crockery can ruin an entire kerbside collection or waste transfer bin load
♦ Collect and deposit recyclable materials in the correct kerbside recycling bin - or take them directly to a waste recovery or recycling facility
♦ Reject plastic bags - take your own bag with you when shopping
♦ Start composting and set-up a worm farm
♦ Return unwanted medicines and used printer cartridges
♦ Give unwanted items to charity or local second-hand shops
♦ Have a garage sale or advertise unwanted items on community noticeboards.

To learn more visit: www.livingthing.net.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Thurs 14 Feb: Alison Sparke Julie Moore
Fri 15 Feb: Lorraine Halliday SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Mon 18 Feb: Vicki Holder
Tue 19 Feb: Leah Taylor Michael Lavender
Wed 20 Feb: HELP NEEDED
Thurs 21 Feb: Jenny Turner
Fri 22 Feb: HELP NEEDED
Mon 25 Feb: Amanda Bental
Tue 26 Feb: Leah Taylor Julie Moore

A big thankyou to Campbell and Freebairn Chemist who donated a first aid kit for our van (hopefully we won’t need it). Also thankyou to P.F.D, Sapphire City Bakery and the Staader Families for the pie ovens, fridges and freezers.

Helpers are needed for the canteen. We do have a fun day. If you can assist please ring Jenny via the office phone on 67 222 475.
Kindergarten 2013

Riding Lessons
Horse Training
Rug Repairs
Mid week adult gatherings
Camps

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