



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 3 Term 4

22 October 2012

Principal's Report Welcome Back!

On behalf of staff, parents and students, I'd like to welcome Mr Grierson back after his Long Service Leave. It is not until one steps into another's shoes that you truly appreciate the myriad of issues that they successfully manage on a daily basis – and Mr Grierson consistently does so with a high degree of dignity and respect.

State Athletics

Congratulations to Alexei Rosser and Amy Joy for competing at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush last Wednesday and Thursday. Amy came a magic 7th in the state. Alexei came 10th in the state for 100metres and also 7th in the state for high jump, what great athletes. A truly outstanding feat to compete at this level!

St Vincent De Paul Can Drive

As many would be aware, St Vincent de Paul is a charity organization – not a government body – so donations are important to their operation. Garth Doyle and Neville Eagan were overwhelmed and extremely thankful when they arrived last week to witness the generosity that so many families had demonstrated by supporting this worthwhile drive. Special thanks to Mrs Linsley who coordinated the drive – a fabulous result for an important organization that directly supports those in need.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2013

Planning for 2013 is dependent on having numbers as accurate as possible. Over 30 students have been enrolled for Kindergarten already. If there are any parents you know who have not yet enrolled their child for Kindergarten, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Kinder Play and Orientation sessions are approaching and are extremely important events which facilitate the transition from preschool to Kindergarten.

Working Bee

Originally scheduled for October 13 unfortunately, due to poor weather this event had to be postponed. The working bee will now occur on 27th October (9:00am – 11:00am).

Intention to Apply – Year 7 Entry into Selective High Schools in 2014

Last week, parents of Year 5 students should have received information relating to the application process for this. Families are asked to complete the reply slip and return it to school. The preferred option for submitting applications is online.

Online applications

Online applications close November 19, 2012.

Paper applications

If families do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms are available from October 23. Paper application must be returned to the school by November 16, 2012.

Selective High School Placement Tests are on March 14, 2013.

Performing Arts

Within the Illawarra and South East Region, there are two major performing groups - the Regional Performing Ensemble and the Regional Performing Company. Applications are open to any and all talented performers of instruments, drama, vocals and dance. The Information Package which outlines the details for how to apply were distributed to interested students by Mrs Vorobieff and must be returned to the coordinator (details on note) by October 25. Please note these forms must be signed by the Principal.

Cheerleading

Russell Vale have 7 students competing in the Australian National Championships at Homebush on the 26,27 & 28 October.

Congratulations and best wishes to Charlotte Basham, Lilian Joy, Summer Cook, Brinley Smart, Jewel Watson, Hayley Schoupp and Angel Watson.

Michelle Rafferty
Relieving Principal

Dates

Nov

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| Fri 9 th | Grandparents Day |
| Fri 9 th | Meal Deal |
| 14/15/16 | Stage 3 Camp |
| Wed 14 | P&C AGM |

Notes & Money Due

Nov

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| Tues 6 th | Meal Deal \$5.00 |
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Congratulations!

BRONZE School Award

Blake Sweeny, Aiesha Auieda, Darby Walsh, Amelia Elliott, Kate Luyten, Ebony McCrystal, Jasmin Deece, Solomon Little, Beth O'Brien

Academic MC

Amy Regan, Jaydemn Perry, Danielle Roberts, Adelaide Davis-Soar, Caleb Walker, Haley Walker, Pipah Grubb, Tom Feld, Charlotte Basham, Joshua Mellows, Samuel Adnum, Penny Small, Harrison Wright

PD/H/PE MC

Mark Harrison, Finn Keifer, Thomas Joy, Austin McDonagh, Bryson Barker, Elinya Collins

Creative Arts MC

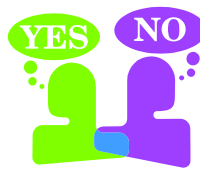

Ebony McCrystal, Kodi Tawhai-King, Olivia Smith, Jasmine Owen

Students have been learning about positive tracking. Please take time to read the information below and discuss it with your child.

Thank You – G Jones

SAYING “NO”

Cool people can say “no” if they don’t want to do it.

| Do's | Don'ts |
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| Look in their eyes. | Don't look away or down at the ground. |
| Tell them you don't want to do it. | Don't say yes just so they'll like you. |
| Briefly say why (e.g. “No, I want to do something else after school”). | Don't say yes because you're scared that they'll say bad thing about you. |
| OR | If what they asked you to do was mean, dangerous, or against the rules, don't give them a lecture about it. |
| If it's a mean thing or against the rules or dangerous, point out the consequences (e.g. “No, it's too risky” or “No that's mean”). | Don't get angry or upset. |
| Sometimes you may want to thank them for including you (e.g. “Thanks anyway”). | |
| Keep your tone of voice and expression friendly and calm. | |
| Continue to calmly say no if they keep asking you. Try not to get angry. | |
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St Vincent De Paul Can Drive

Collected from students



All packed up ready to go



Canteen News

Canteen will be **CLOSED ON THURSDAY 25/10/12**, due to no volunteers coming forward.

Pizza Meal Deal notes went home last week. Please get all notes and money before **TUESDAY 6th NOV**. No late orders will be accepted.

Thanks to those who have already put their names down on the roster, we still have plenty of vacancies, so if you can help it would be much appreciated. The position of Roster Coordinator is still vacant, so if you are interested please contact Tamara Johnson on 0412 173 192 or tamarajohnson@live.com.au OR Kelly Mills on 0414 851 914 (after 5pm) or kellymills5@bigpond.com.

Many thanks, from the Canteen Committee

Canteen Roster

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| Mon | 22 Oct | Debbi Reali, Karen Sweeny |
| Tue | 23 Oct | Karen Dunn, Megan Spence |
| Wed | | Closed |
| Thu | | Closed No Helpers |
| Fri | 26 Oct | Heidi Luyten, Sarah Crimston |
| Mon | 29 Oct | Lynette Hando, Lynne Holmes |
| Tues | 30 Oct | Patsy Ross, Nicole Ficker |
| Wed | | Closed |
| Thu | 1 Nov | Sue Joy, Katrina McDonagh |
| Fri | 2 Nov | Lara Jones, Ann Wallis |

P&C News

P & C Meeting

Thank you to all those members who attended last Wednesday's P & C Meeting. We have decided to organize a Christmas Hamper Raffle for December. The success of this fundraiser will rely on donations of non-perishable foods and items from our whole school community. A list will shortly appear in the Newsletter as a guide for each class so that we don't end up with an over-supply of the same items. Raffle tickets will be sold under the COLA in the lead up to our end of year celebrations and we are hoping to have enough products to make several large hampers. All funds raised will go towards the new Playground.

P & C Annual General Meeting 14 November

This is an important night for the ongoing work of the P & C which will take place on Wednesday 14 November at 7pm. All Committee positions within the P & C will be declared vacant then re-filled by nomination and election. Positions include the P & C President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. We also require members to form sub-committees for the Canteen, Uniform Shop and Tennis Court. If these committees and positions are not filled:

- the P & C can no longer function at RVPS
- no more fundraising = no more new resources

- the canteen will be closed
- school uniforms will be out-sourced to a local retailer (costing more)
- the use and management of the Tennis Court will be handed back to Wollongong Council

While some of our members are happy to be re-nominated for their positions, Julie Hardy will be stepping down from the Secretary's role and we urgently need a Canteen Roster Person and more help on the Canteen Committee. We ask all parents and carers to consider being actively involved in the P & C for 2013. We average only 2 Wednesday night meetings per term and you decide how your time and talents are given.

All nominees for positions must be current financial members (ie. you have previously paid the \$5 annual membership fee). Please contact Julie H. or a current committee member if you have any questions or would like to express an interest in being nominated for a position. If more than one person is nominated, a secret ballot election will be conducted to ensure privacy during the election process. A brief General Meeting will follow the AGM after a short break.

P & C Enquiries: Contact Julie Hardy 42 854095

Community News

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RUSSELL VALE TENNIS COACHING

By David Macquire

At the adjoining Parkview Tennis Court

Bookings available for hourly lessons (\$10) conducted before or after school.

Phone David's mobile 0422 576 306 or

Email: davidmacquire@hotmail.com

PARKVIEW TENNIS COURT

Available for Hire

\$5 per hour or \$15 half day

Phone: Megan 0420 287 521

Court is managed by Russell Vale P & C

All hire moneys received are used to improve the Court for the benefit of our school and the local community.

RUSSELL VALE COMMUNITY HALL

Available for Hire

Phone: **42 84 2799** (business hours) or
42 84 3742 (after hours)

The Hall is managed by Russell Vale P & C and a discount is available to all P & C Financial Members

Looking for something to do after Soccer season?



Look at Rhee Taekwondo!

**Self Defence, Fitness & Fun
for all ages and levels.**

**Classes: Wed 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 6.00-7.00pm**

**Contact: Pushkin Rahman
0467727134
42847853**



First 2 lessons FREE!

BUSH RANGERS FUNDRAISER TO SYDNEY'S FACTORY OUTLETS

Ladies come & have some fun as we are going to Sydney Factory Outlets for a big day of shopping.

Lots of raffles & prizes.

When: 17th November

Meet: We are meeting at Hollymount Park at 6:45am bus leaves at 7:00am.

Price: \$45.00 this includes bus trip, morning and afternoon tea.

Call: Nicole Jones 0423 220 274

**Special People
Deserve A
Special Day...**



RVPS would like to invite all nans, pops, grandmas and grandpas
to our own

Grandparents Day

on Friday 9th November.

We will hold a K-6 assembly in the hall, in honour of our grandparents, at 10.15, where students in K-2 will entertain us with some singing. Then Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren's classrooms, where they might assist with some work, or just read a book together.

At 11am a free morning tea will be provided to nourish our seniors!
Normal classes will recommence at 11.50am.

We look forward to seeing many of our "elders" at this event!

Many Thanks
Staff of RVPS



Pizza Meal Deal



Friday 9th Nov 2012
\$5.00

Orders & Money must
 Be at the office by
3pm Tues 6th Nov

**NO LATE ORDERS
 ACCEPTED**

1 x Pizza (5 inch, classic crust)
 1 x Jelly Cup
 1 x Popper OR Bottle of Water 300ml

| Child 1 | | Child 2 | | Child 3 | |
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| Class | | Class | | Class | |
| Please Tick 1 | | Please Tick 1 | | Please Tick 1 | |
| Cheese | | Cheese | | Cheese | |
| Supreme | | Supreme | | Supreme | |
| BBQ Meat lovers | | BBQ Meat lovers | | BBQ Meat lovers | |
| Ham & Pineapple | | Ham & Pineapple | | Ham & Pineapple | |
| Please Tick 1 | | Please Tick 1 | | Please Tick 1 | |
| Orange | | Orange | | Orange | |
| Apple | | Apple | | Apple | |
| Water | | Water | | Water | |