



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 9 Term 4

3 December 2012

Principal's Report

Australia Curriculum

New English, Maths, History and Science Curriculums have been published and all teachers will begin familiarising themselves with them over the next few years with a view to implementation over a four year period.

Our focus next year, in this regard, will be English which has an implementation date of 2014. Two school developments days as well as other staff meetings have already been timetabled for staff to do this in 2013. Work on the National Curriculum has taken the Board of Studies a number of years and hopefully will be a galvanising curriculum for all Australian students long into the future.

Yr 7 Orientation

Students attending Woonona High School as well as any other government high school will experience their Orientation Day on Wednesday.

Students will take a tour of the school, learn about timetables and lessons they will experience.

Kinder Orientation

I look forward to speaking with all new Kinder parents on Wednesday in the hall. I will be speaking about what Russell Vale has to offer as well as procedures and practices within the school. There are 36 new Kinder enrolments for 2013.

Captain Speeches

It was wonderful to see the standard of speeches presented last week by hopeful candidates.

Voting was conducted in the hall using electoral procedures as similar as possible to adult voting including electoral officers, polling officials, use of electoral rolls etc.

For Years 5 and 6 who just visited Canberra, this was a wonderful, hands on lesson in the voting system.

Volunteers' Morning Tea

Our school has many wonderful volunteers who do an outstanding job in many and varied ways. Canteen Committee and helpers, P & C, Uniform Shop, Tennis Court Committee and by helping in classrooms and on excursions.

Staff would like to invite all volunteers to a morning tea to be held on Thursday 13 Dec at 11 am in the staffroom.

For our planning, please complete the tear-off slip at the end of this Newsletter and return by Mon 10 Dec.

Mark Grierson
Principal

Upcoming Events

Dec

Tues 4	Mufti & Crazy Hat Day
Thur 6	SRE Christian Scripture Assembly
Fri 7	Smith's Hill Presentation
Thur 13	Volunteers Morning Tea
Mon 17	Presentation Day & Concert
Tue 18	Yr 6 Farewell
Wed 19	Jamberoo, Movies & Party Day

Notes & Money Due

Dec

Wed 12	Jamberoo Yr 6 - \$40.00
Wed 12	Movies & Bowling Yrs 3-5 - \$23.00
Wed 12	Party Day K - 2 - \$11.00

Congratulations!

BRONZE School Award

Thomas Grace, Zali Hawken, Ginger Little, Bradley Lawson, Adelaide Davis-Soar, Michael Anderson, Casey Bray, Brianna Vrtkovski, Sage Horsey, Evie McLaren

Academic MC

Tyla Kirby, Jordan Barker, Ginger Little, Rachel Denham, Jackson Gervaise, Sage Horsey, Evie McLaren, Jordan Poole, Mathew Armour, Zara Sharman, Fletcher Bowler, Casey Bray, Angus Smart, Leila Maddox, Jack Bowen

PD/H/PE MC

Adelaide Davis-Soar, Bronsen Rostirolla, Kira Small, Bronte Sweeny, Madison McDonald, Danyon Costanzo

Creative Arts MC

Finlae Watson, Ryan Mills, Kyah Richardson, Cassie Pratt-Johnson

Student leadership

A few weeks ago, Year 5 students participated in a Leadership Unit which centred around the Pixar animation, 'A Bug's Life'.

Students were given the option to respond to aspects of the film in relation to leadership. Following are a few examples.

M Rafferty

A Bug's Life

by Georgia Green

The Disney Pixar animation "A Bug's Life" teaches the viewer about leadership skills. Although we may perceive the film to simply be a battle between ants and grasshoppers, if you consider it differently you may notice some effective and non-effective leadership qualities.

The first form of leadership in the film is seen through the character of 'Mr Soil' who leads an assembly of ants around 'the leaf'. His strategy is to use patience and to be encouraging. His approach is very effective; the ants in trouble were calmed and assured by his words.

The Queen has a leadership style that is laid back and confident. This manner causes the rest of the colony to feel relaxed. It is quite effective.

On the other hand, Princess Atta is panicked and rushed so nobody believes that she could be trusted to be the Queen. Towards the second half of the film she becomes more confident and the other ants begin to believe in her.

Dot and Flik have very similar strategies of leading other ants and insects around. Both are confident and brave and want to make a difference. Neither of them are in a particular position of leadership. Flik is an ordinary ant who tries (and fails) to make things easier for the colony. After continually being reprimanded by the Queen's official she doubts herself. Dot is a royal ant who has, for her entire life lived in the shadows of her sister (Princess Atta) and her mother (The Queen). When it is time to stand up to the grasshoppers, Dot leads her little gang (The Blueberries) to safety.

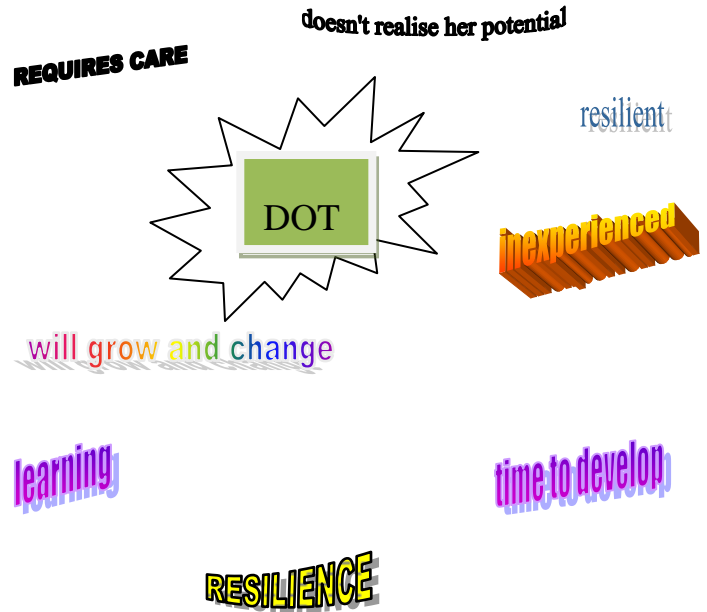
Hopper is a vicious grasshopper who has a thirst for power and governs by making others fear him. Although he achieves what he wants it only takes one ant (person) to realise how unfair this style of leadership is.

Overall, these characters obviously show different forms of leadership. There is no doubt that this film has excellent lessons for all.



Metaphor Dot is a Seed

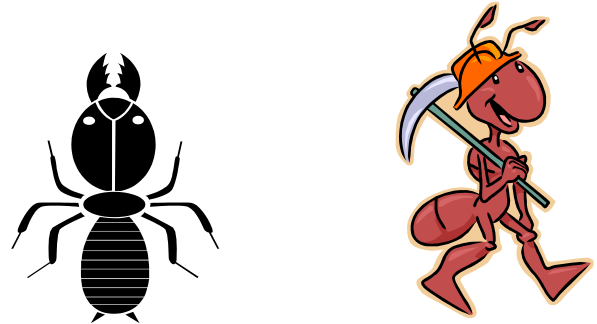
by Bronte Sweeny



Flick

by Zara and Chloe

Flick is a balloon, he can fly high when he believes in himself, but when people are abrupt and mean to him he won't believe in himself and will deflate like a balloon.



SRE Christian Scripture Assembly

Thursday 6 Dec 1.50 – 2.10 pm

This Thursday the students attending Christian (Protestant & Catholic) Special Religious Education (SRE/Scripture) will attend a combined assembly in the hall to celebrate their participation in scripture during 2012. Students from classrooms 1RL, 2/3S, 5B and Catholicism have been practising so that can present their items. The amazing Natalie Miller Puppet Show will also star. Parents are very welcome. The assembly will commence after the Afternoon Tea bell which rings at 1.50pm

Carinya Barkley

RVPS Protestant Scripture Supervisor

Canteen News

As you may know, the canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle on presentation day. Due to an unexpected amount of people at the last sausage sizzle, we have decided to offer pre-paid tokens for the sausage sizzle, (see attached note) as a chance to get your order in early. We will also be selling sausage sandwiches on the day, as well as drinks. Please note orders must be in by **THURSDAY 13th December**.

Thanks to all the volunteers that have put their names down for the canteen roster. It is now full until the end of the year. We could still use a few more helpers for presentation day and party day.

Please if you can help in anyway please contact Tamara Johnson on 0412 173 192 or tamarajohnson@live.com.au
OR Paula Paulo on 0405 064 250 or paulaandallan@gmail.com

Canteen Roster

Mon	3 Dec	Lara Jones, Ann Wallis
Tue	4 Dec	Wayne Regan Patsy Ross or Nicole Ficker
Wed	5 Dec	CLOSED
Thur	6 Dec	Julie Hardy, Vanessa Bowler
Fri	7 Dec	Tracey Brown, Neville Denham
Mon	10 Dec	Lynette Hando, Lynne Holmes
Tue	11 Dec	Patsy Ross, Nicole Ficker
Wed	12 Dec	CLOSED
Thurs	13 Dec	Susie & Gail Anderson
Fri	14 Dec	Paula Paulo, Tanya Love
Last Day		

Presentation Day Helpers Monday 17th December - MORE NEEDED:

Kelly Mills, Kristy Elliott, Kym Broers, Larissa Barter, Tamara Hadfield, Julie Hardy, Cheryl Harrison, Karen Linsley, Lara Jones, Megan Spence.

Party Day Helpers Wednesday 19th December – MORE NEEDED

Kelly Mills, Karen Sweeney, Sarah Crimston, Debbi Phippen, Linda Armstrong, Tamara Hadfield, Julie Hardy, Karen Linsley, Megan Spence, Lynne Holmes.

Thank you
Canteen Committee

UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder to all K-2 Parents/Carers that Sports Uniform orders together with payment need to be in by 5th December, 2012.

Sports Shirts are \$28.00 and Sports Shorts are \$18.00. The sports shorts are NOT Russell Vale Soccer Club Shorts. Order forms are available from the front office. This uniform is not compulsory for students K-2. Delivery for sports uniforms will be Mid February, 2013 ready for Friday Morning Sports.

When clearing out your school clothes this year, any unwanted RVPS School clothing would be greatly appreciated for our second hand clothing pool. Clothing can be left in the Uniform Shop on any day.

The Uniform Shop is opened on Thursday mornings 8.30-9am. Alternatively, if you are unable to make this day an order for can be left in the letter box in the front office.

We hope that you all have a Happy and Safe Christmas.

Jodie Whitefield and Megan Spence
Volunteers

P&C News

Mufti & Crazy Hat Day - Tomorrow!

In support of P & C's final fundraiser for the year, students are invited to take part in a Mufti & Crazy Hat day on Tuesday 4 December in exchange for a donation of items to the P & C Christmas Hamper Raffle. Collection boxes will be placed under the COLA and all donations will gratefully be received.

Raffle tickets for 50c will be sold under the COLA during December. All proceeds raised will go towards the new Playground. See all the details in the Notice attached to this Newsletter.

Year 6 Shirts - 2013

Just a quick update for parents of Year 5 students. The order for Year 6 shirts will now be placed as soon as school resumes in January and delivery is expected Mid-March. That means we need to have everything ready to go before the holidays start and order forms with full payment must be returned by **Thursday 13 December 2012**. As a guide to parents for Playmore Sportswear sizing, a "fitting day" will take place tomorrow and students will then be handed their order form with suggested size. Any enquiries please phone Megan Spence 4283 5836 or Julie Hardy 4285 4095.

P & C Enquiries: Contact Julie Hardy 42 854095

I am able to attend the Volunteers' Morning Tea on Thursday 13 December.

Name _____

Community News

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By David Macquire

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Email: davidmacquire@hotmail.com

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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

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MUFTI & CRAZY HAT DAY !

IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - 2012

Please support the P & C in our final fundraiser for the year - a huge Christmas Hamper Raffle! All money raised will go towards the new playground and we need the whole school community to be involved by donating items to fill the hampers. If every family could donate one or two items, we will have enough stock to make several large hampers. Children are encouraged to be involved in a special Mufti & Crazy Hat Day on Tuesday 4 December 2012, in exchange for the donation of food items. Collection boxes will be placed under the COLA. Hampers will then be prepared by our volunteers and raffle tickets will be sold under the COLA for 50c in the weeks leading up to the *End of Year Concert*.



All donated products need to be properly sealed, packaged, bottled or tinned. Any fresh foods, out-of-date products, dented/rusty cans and items requiring refrigeration ARE NOT SUITABLE. The winning families will take home a wonderful supply of treats to enjoy over the festive period. So that we do not have an over-supply of the same items, a guideline for each class is listed below. This is a suggestion only, so please feel free to make your own choice.

- KR** **Christmas Novelties** - house & tree decorations, Christmas Cards, novelty items, Christmas crackers, serviettes, melamine dinnerware, paper plates & cups
- K-1V** **Christmas Goodies** - fruit cake, puddings, shortbread, chocolate coated nuts and sultanas
- 1RL** **Chocolates** - bars, boxed assortments, mint creams, family blocks, Freddo, Kit Kat etc packs
- 1-2K** **Sweets & Confectionery** - packets of Minties, Fantails, Sherbies etc, lollipops, jubes & jellies
- 2-3S** **Desserts** – cake/dessert/pancake mixes, waffles, icecream cones, wafers, toppings & sprinkles
- 3-4C** **Snacks & Munchies** - chips, Twisties, Pringles, CC's , pretzels, nuts, rice crackers & popcorn
- 4J** **Tinned Fruit** – tins and snack-packs of peaches, apricots, diced fruit, berries, apples, pineapple
- 5B** **Jams/Spreads/Sauces** - tomato/BBQ/sweet-chilli sauces, BBQ marinades, salad dressings, Vegemite, honey, peanut butter, jams and marmalades
- 5-6L** **Biscuits & Crackers** – assortment of sweet, cream & savoury biscuits, Shapes, crisp breads, cheese/water/rice crackers & cream wafers
- 6C** **Drinks & Beverages** – soft drink, juices, cordials, Milo, coffee, tea, ciders, mineral & soda water

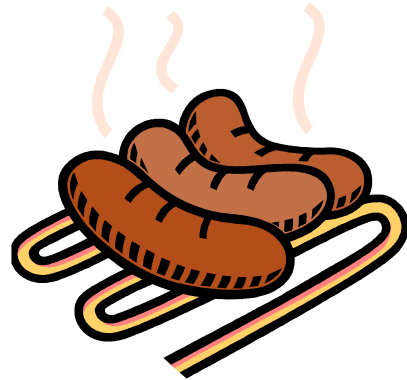


Sausage Sizzle

RVPS Canteen are holding a sausage sizzle on presentation day for all family, friends and students. If you want to jump the queue, why not pre order?? Just fill in the slip below and send in to school with your money, to receive your pre-paid tokens.

Sausage Sandwich
\$2 each
order as many as you want

Orders must
be in by
Thurs 13th
Dec



✂.....

I would like to pre order my sausage sizzle.

Childs Name

Childs Class

Amount of Sausage Sandwiches

Amount enclosed \$