



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 10 Term 1

26th March 2012

Principal's Report

Harmony Day

As a proud advocate of Public Education, recent events reminded me of one of the best things about Public Education - that Public Schools accept students from all backgrounds regardless of race, religion, academic performance or socio-economic status. On days like Harmony Day we celebrate that, even though we are all different, everyone deserves a fair go. Our learning places reflect real life which involves a mix of everybody, working together...in harmony. And if problems arise, rather than let it divide, we work through TOGETHER with dignity and respect for the good of all.

It was wonderful to see so much 'orange' and 'sporting' gear as students embraced the theme of Harmony Day: Sport. Play, Engage. Inspire. And, that's exactly what we did. Teachers organised activities for students to participate in requiring teamwork and having a go – celebrating success and dealing with losing.

The day concluded with a cricket match where TEACHERS versed STUDENTS. Mr Shepherd hit a few 6's, Noah McClafferty took a fantastic catch, Mrs King had her rubber duck (which she used!) Mrs Cleall made some tough calls without the aid of the third umpire!) and Mr Chin freely signed autographs!

Thanks to Mrs King and Mrs Cleall who decorated for the occasion. A great day everyone!

School Sign

Last year Sue Bartlett kindly changed our school sign **once a week**. This position requires someone as Sue no longer has children here. Interested? Please see Michelle Rafferty – although there are no payments for this position, a Freddo Frog could be arranged!

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is scheduled for Wednesday, 4 April at 2pm under the C.O.L.A. (weather permitting). If it is raining on the day, we will use the hall.

As part of Year 6 fundraising, they will:

- hold a cake stall on the day of the parade
- coordinate the Easter bun drive (notes have been distributed)
- run an Easter raffle (tickets on sale from 8.30 each morning up until the raffle is drawn at the Easter Hat Parade)

Although the parade commences at 2pm, celebrations will start earlier with the cake stall. More details soon.

Please support their efforts to fundraise for their farewell and a gift to the school.

Cross Country

Students 3-6 have already started preparing for our Cross Country early next term. A reminder that students, who require asthma sprays, come prepared each Friday.

Some students report to the office with asthma symptoms at which point, office staff have no record of that student requiring an asthma spray. Asthma can occur at any time. It is IMPORTANT that parents of those students who have asthma sprays at home but have not told the office NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY so we are equipped to deal with incidents. ALL students who suffer with asthma require a detailed Student Asthma Record stating their Management Plan.

Welcome Back Mr Grierson

Today we welcome back Mr Grierson after three weeks long service leave. We trust that he'll be rejuvenated and refreshed ready for a busy end to the term.

Michelle Rafferty
Relieving Principal

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Ethan Johnson, Jackson Armstrong

Academic MC

Levi McCorkell, Jenna Owen, Dominic De Carli, Noah Baroudi, Chase Davy, Tyla Funnell, Sage Horsey, Taisa Ridgeway, Kira Small, Jack Donnelly, Keeley Nethercott, Zephyr Sinton-Scott, Liam Evans, Danyon Costanzo

Creative Art MC

Brody Armour, Thomas Joy, Jackson Armstrong, Tyrone McCrystal, Kieran Fowler

PDH/PE MC

Wallace Gervaise, Callum Sweeny, Mitch Walker, Danielle Roberts

Upcoming Events

March Gymsports
May 9 P&C Meeting

Notes and Money Due

ASAP School Contributions
\$20 each
\$50 family (3 or more)

Sibling Photos

These photos are available from the front office.

Bunnings Easter Colouring Competition

Students 12 years and under who are interested in entering the Bunnings colouring competition can obtain entries from the office for the chance to win \$50 worth of product or a \$50 gift card. Entries are due at your local Bunnings by 6pm on Saturday, April 7.

Prohibited Declaration Forms - School Volunteers

These forms need to be done each year by all volunteers within the school (canteen, readers, sport etc).

This is a department policy. The forms can be obtained from the office. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

We are doing a Long Sleeve Polo Shirt order to be ready in time for winter.

A hard copy of the order form is available from the front office if needed. Orders must be in by Wednesday 4th April 2012 by 9:00am No late orders will be accepted.

We currently have a great selection of second hand clothing at \$2.50 per piece. We also have a few pairs of size 16 girls green pants. Brand new for \$5.00 each.

Uniform shop is open Thursday mornings 8:30-9:00am..

Thank You

Jodie & Megan

Uniform Volunteers

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

YEAR 6 EASTER BUN FUNDRAISER is being held to raise money for the year 6 farewell.

Order forms and notes were sent home on Monday.

Closing date is **Wednesday 28TH MARCH**. (NOT MANY DAYS LEFT)
Delivery date is 2nd April.

The buns are \$7.00 for 1/2 doz.

Please support our Year 6 and their fund raising efforts.

SPARE ORDER FORMS ARE LOCATED IN THE OFFICE

Thank you
Mrs Cleall & Miss Love



Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms

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

SPEAKING IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE

Taking risks is the way to succeed

Do's	Don'ts
Make a plan of what you are going to say and try to keep it to 5 main points.	Don't fidget.
Write the 5 main points on a card or overhead transparency to remind you.	Don't give too much uninteresting detail.
Before you start, take some very deep breaths and say to yourself "This will be okay".	Don't look at the floor or up to the sky.
When you start your talk, smile and stand tall and say what you're going to talk about.	Don't read your notes.
Then ask your audience to do something e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look at an overhead transparency• Look at a poster or interesting item you have brought along• Answer a question or fill in a quiz	Don't mumble or speak in a very soft voice.
Now you'll be feeling more relaxed. Give your talk. Use humour if you can.	Don't go very far beyond the time limit.
Speak clearly and in a reasonably loud voice.	Don't be silly and show off.
While you're giving your talk, look in the eyes of several different people.	
Show lots of things for your audience to look at.	
Talk naturally about your topic using your card with the 5 main points as a reminder.	
Keep to the time limit.	



Canteen News

Thank you to everyone for volunteering on the committee and in the canteen during Term 1 to raise funds for our school & students. It's been a great success; if you would like to help out even once a term in the canteen it would be appreciated. Please contact Kelly mills, roster coordinator to let her know your choice of date/s for term 2. Kelly's contact details are mobile; 0414 851 914 (after 5:00pm) or email kellymills5@bigpond.com

The canteen roster is below; please note we will be closed Wednesday 4 April and Thursday 5 April (the last week of term 1)

Mon	26 Mar	Julie Speechley, Nicole Jones
Tues	27 Mar	Karen Dunn, Donna McCrystal
Wed	28 Mar	Closed
Thurs	29 Mar	Susan Joy, Patricia Woollacott
Fri	30 Mar	Tracey Brown, Bronwyn Horsey
Mon	2 April	Patsy Ross, Tony Maddox
Tues	3 April	Scott Taylor, Vee Baroudi
		Closed for the rest of the week

Canteen Committee

P&C News

P & C News – Special Guest

Due to the school holidays, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 May at 7pm. We are thrilled to have Ms Belinda Wall, Principal of Woonona High School attend this meeting which will give RV parents the perfect opportunity to meet with Ms Wall in a more personalised setting and to ask any questions. In particular, we encourage all parents and carers of Year 5 & 6 students to attend. Please arrive early so the evening can start promptly at 7pm. Depending on numbers, we will either meet in the Staffroom or the Hall. For those who wish to stay at the conclusion of Ms Wall's talk, a quick general meeting will take place afterwards if time permits.

Bunnings Warehouse Wollongong has been a faithful supporter to our fundraising efforts over the years and will be holding a free Easter Family Night on Thursday 29 March from 6pm-8pm. There will be kids D.I.Y workshops, face-painting, refreshments, Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Bookings essential by contacting the store 42 207 700 or visit www.bunnings.com.au.

Diary Date - Our one and only Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for the year will take place on Saturday 20 October. Please keep this date free as we will need about 20 volunteers to make the day successful. More details in Term 3.

We desperately need more P & C financial members to represent the whole school community and to allow our volunteer work to continue within the school. Membership is only \$5 and all you have to do is write the following on an envelope and place it in the P & C Wall box in the office:

- Your name
- "P & C Membership
- Enclose \$5
- Name & Class of child so a receipt can be given

P & C Enquiries: Contact Julie Hardy 42 854095

Parent Name

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Child's Name

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Class

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



Free Trial Lesson

All Aboard! The Music Bus is holding an open day and offering a FREE trial lesson.

Date: Tuesday 27th March

Time: Keyboard 3.15pm 1 spot

Guitar 3.45pm 3 spots



To book your place call 1300 168 742

Corrimal Junior Surf Life Saving Club AGM & PRESENTATION

31/03/2012

Woonona-Bulli RSL Auditorium

AGM 1:30PM

Presentation 3:00pm

Winter Uniform Orders

Orders for Long Sleeve Polo Shirts are now being taken. (See attached order form).

Final date for orders Wednesday 4th April 2012 by 9am.

Please note we are doing this order now so you will have your orders prior to the weather cooling off. We will be placing our order on this day and will expect delivery between 6-8 weeks from our supplier. **Please note no late orders will be accepted.**

Russell Vale Public School Winter Uniform Order Form.

NAME:- _____ **CLASS:-** _____

Long Sleeve Polo Shirt \$35.00

Size 4 _____

Size 6 _____

Size 8 _____

Size 10 _____

Size 12 _____

Size 14 _____

Size 16 _____

Adults (S-XL) _____ **Total Cost \$** _____

Please return order form and full payment to school by **Wednesday 4th April 2012 by 9am** to enable us to place orders prior to the cooler months.

If paying by cheque please make cheque payable to **Russell Vale Public School P & C Uniform Account.**