



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 8 Term 1

12th March 2012

Principal's Report

Woonona High School Visit

Some Year 7 students from Woonona High School (Phoebe Basham, Jarrod Turcato, Mitchell Begley and Sam Luyten) visited our Year 6 students on Thursday morning to talk about life at Woonona High School and all of the opportunities offered there.

The Principal, Belinda Wall, and the Transition Co-ordinator, Amy Packer, along with our ex-students, spoke to our students in the hall and answered an array of questions.

They also informed students of the Information Evening at the high school (Monday night, March 12) at 6.15pm for a 6.30 start. More details would be available on the school website for those parents and students who might be interested in attending.

Congratulations - Creative Arts

Congratulations to the talented Gemma O'Brien and her brother Liam who performed so well on Young Talent Time (Sunday, March 4) with their hip hop item. For those who missed the performance it can be viewed via the YTT website.

Sport

Our school has enjoyed some wonderful sporting success recently with many District and Regional trials being conducted:

Swimming - Pipah Grubb, Zara Sharman, Caitlin Joy, Isabelle Wright, Lauren Morgan, Billy Sargent-Wilson and Ryan Sweeney will swim at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, March 14 at Dapto Pool.

Tennis – Alexei Rosser and Hayley Walker have proceeded to the Regional Tennis Trials.

Netball – Olivia Smith was selected for the District Netball Team.

Australian Rules Football – Kaleb Hocking and Aaron Schoupp have been selected to attend the SSA Primary Regional AFL Trials in Batemans Bay.

Basketball – Erin Kaynak was successful in securing a position in the District Basketball Team.

We wish all of you the best of luck knowing you will represent our school in an exemplary manner.

Harmony Day

Each year, our school celebrates Harmony Day. This year the SRC was asked to access student voice by holding class meetings to generate ideas for HOW to celebrate the theme: Sport - Play, Engage, Inspire.

The SRC certainly performed their duties well and after voting on a multitude of suggestions it was decided that students at Russell Vale would:

- * come dressed as their favourite sports star (or wear orange).
- * participate in a series of 'active' & 'harmonious' activities.
- * conclude the day with a game of cricket consisting of "The Principal's Eleven" – made up of staff and students.

It looks to be an exciting event and is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 March.

Easter Hat Parade

Unfortunately, we did not have an Easter Hat Parade last year because, due to the school holidays, Easter was too far away from the end of term one.

This year term one ends on Thursday and the next day is Good Friday so we will hold our Easter Hat Parade on 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.

Year 6 are planning a cake stall on the day to fundraise for their Year 6 Farewell and their gift to the school.

Students will make hats at school with buddy classes. More details coming soon.

Michelle Rafferty
Relieving Principal

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Jack Hadfield, Blake Sweeny, Skye Steele, Angus Spence, Noah McClafferty, Cassielee Pratt-Johnston, Ethan Larnach, Madison McDonald, Caleb Walker.

Academic MC

Janaya Baroudi, Jordan Barker, Cindy Pham, Jacqueline Holliday, Madison Hughes, Ryan Mills, Shanaye Jones, Clayton Walker, Amy Todd.

Creative Art MC

Brianna Roberts, Dayna Evans

PDH/PE MC

Tom Feld, Leah Taylor, Keiran Fowler, Amy Regan, Kate Luyten, Jet Tane

well, and now we have to re-develop it, bigger and better.

If you know anything of this vandalism, please report it to either the Police Assistance Line (131444) or Council's Law Enforcement Unit (42277111) as they are both keen to stop anti-social behaviour such as this – especially near our school, to a school project.

Patsy Ross
(RVPS Parent)

Congratulations

Russell Vale 'Green Machines' Indoor Soccer Team won the 2011/12 summer season Grand Final on Tuesday 6 March. They played an undefeated all season Corrimal side to win the game 4 -3.

The team consisted of: Jordan Errington, Blair Dunn, Ethan Johnson, Clayton Walker, Christian Mortimer and Bailey Mortimer.

Lets hope it is a great sign for Russell Vale's outdoor season which kicks off shortly. Great effort boys!

Upcoming Events

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| March | Gymsports |
| 14 March | P&C Meeting |

Notes and Money Due

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

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.

Yr 6 Wetland Project

When the rain waters recede from our wetland project site across the road from school (John Parker Reserve), our new crop of Yr 6 students will nurture the existing plantings and add new ones to it.

Gumboots or old sandshoes are a must, if they can be brought in and left at school for our Tuesday afternoon sessions.

Vandalism

For the third time in six years we have had some upsetting vandalism at the site - 20 trees and shrubs were roughly pulled out and dumped last weekend. We won't let this mindless violence to the environment stop us though – next week we'll plant 40 more!!! The habitat for birds, frogs and lizards was developing

Canteen News

An order form is attached to this newsletter for our first meal deal fundraiser for the year – it's just over one week until orders have to be in at the office.

We need helpers on the following dates for this term:

Tuesday 13 March – 1 helper
Tuesday 20 March – 1 helper
Thursday 22 March – 2 helpers
Friday 23 March – 1 helper
Tuesday 27 March – 1 helper
Monday 2 April – 1 helper

Contact Kelly Mills (roster coordinator) on 0414 851914 (after 5 pm) or email:
kellymills5@bigpond.com

The Canteen Roster for the following two weeks is below:

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| Mon | 12 Mar | Kylie Elliott, Heidi Luyten |
| Tues | 13 Mar | Paula Paulo, 1 HELPER NEEDED |
| Wed | 14 Mar | Closed |
| Thurs | 15 Mar | Paula Phelan, Scott Taylor |
| Fri | 16 Mar | Kym Broers, Lynne Holmes |
| Mon | 19 Mar | Patsy Ross, Karen Linsley |
| Tues | 20 Mar | Stacey Spence, 1 HELPER NEEDED |
| Wed | 21 Mar | Closed |
| Thurs | 22 Mar | 2 HELPERS NEEDED |
| Fri | 23 Mar | Bronwyn Horsey, Kelly Mills, Debbi Phippen, Linda Armstrong, Kristy Elliott 1 MORE HELPER NEEDED |

Canteen Committee

P&C News

P & C – This Week

Our next meeting will take place this **Wednesday 14 March** at 7pm. Meetings take place in the Staff Room (eastern end of main building) and we aim to finish by 8.30pm. Coffee and tea is provided and new parents are always welcome. We will be planning fundraising activities to raise \$5,000 to complete the upgrade of the Guided Reader library and to purchase Accelerated Literacy Texts (student books). A decision will be made whether to hold a major activity (such as a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising Drive) or several smaller activities. All suggestions and opinions would be appreciated as we are mindful of the financial burden placed on parents. Guided Readers are used within the classroom to improve reading skills. Once the Guided Reader upgrade is completed, the new books will cater for all stages from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Another way to support the P & C is to become a financial member which is only \$5 per year. We rely on memberships to continue our volunteer work within the school.

P & C Membership

Please support our P & C Association by becoming a "Financial Member" for only \$5. Also, if you wish to help out with Canteen, Classroom or Sport Groups, then we recommend you join which will automatically cover you for insurance purposes in the event of an accident. Membership does not mean that you must attend P & C Meetings, but if you wish to do so, you will be entitled to Voting Rights on important issues. Membership also entitled you to a discount when booking the RV Community Hall. Please complete the payment slip below, enclose \$5 and return to the Office. A receipt will be returned to the child and class noted on the payment slip. A compulsory insurance premium (\$650) is paid each year by the P & C to cover parent volunteers and all events organized by the P & C. This premium is not paid by the School and your membership fees help to cover this substantial amount each year.

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 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

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

Woonona East Public School Twilight Fete

When: Friday 23 March 2012

Time: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

**Come along for rides, showbags and
great food.**

We are also running stalls and are currently looking for anyone who is interested in having a stall on the night. Cost is \$15.00 per stall – merchandise/goods & services only (no second hand stalls please). If you are interested in having a stall on the night please contact Kate on 0468 968 064 or Michelle on 0448 813 595 or email michellemac39@gmail.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.

**Caresouth - Aunties & Uncles Program
(Volunteer Carers needed)**

"It takes a village to raise a child". There are children in all communities of the Illawarra who are extremely vulnerable due to the difficult circumstances their families are experiencing. There are currently children within the Illawarra region who need support from their community to help build a better life. The Aunties & Uncles program links community volunteers over the age of 21 with children who could benefit from your support. If you can embrace such a challenge or for more information phone Mary on (02) 4225-7588.

Bollywood in Wollongong Festival being held at the University of Wollongong from 19-25 March 2012. The week-long festival will finish with a Family Festival Day on Sunday 25 March.

There is plenty of free entertainment including music, dancing, craft demonstrations, food and market stalls. Free activities for kids include:

- Jumping Castle
- Face painting
- Matilda's Farmyard Nursery
- Craft Workshops
- Kids Yoga class

I can be contacted on the below numbers for further information.

Evelyne Raymond

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Easter Hope Market

**Stalls and car boot sale
Jumping Castle and kids craft activity**

**Sat 31st march
10am – 2.00pm
Bulli Anglican Church**

**To book a stall contact church office
42843021
bullianglican@bigponc.com**

Proceeds to local high school SRE ministry



Pizza Meal Deal

Friday 23rd March 2012

\$ 5.00



Choice of 1x Pizza 5 inch, classic crust
Cheese- Supreme - BBQ Meatlovers - Ham & Pineapple
1x Plain OR Honey Soy Chips
1x Apple OR Orange popper,
Or Bottle of Water 300 ml

Orders and money must be at office by 3pm

Tuesday 20th March 2012

No Late orders will be accepted

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| Name | Name | Name |
| Class | Class | Class |
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| Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supreme <input type="checkbox"/> | Supreme <input type="checkbox"/> | Supreme <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BBQ Meatlovers <input type="checkbox"/> | BBQ Meatlovers <input type="checkbox"/> | BBQ Meatlovers <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ham & Pineapple <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham & Pineapple <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham & Pineapple <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Please Tick ✓/1</i> | <i>Please Tick ✓/1</i> | <i>Please Tick ✓/1</i> |
| Plain <input type="checkbox"/> | Plain <input type="checkbox"/> | Plain <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Honey Soy <input type="checkbox"/> | Honey Soy <input type="checkbox"/> | Honey Soy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Please Tick ✓/1</i> | <i>Please Tick ✓/1</i> | <i>Please Tick ✓/1</i> |
| Water <input type="checkbox"/> | Water <input type="checkbox"/> | Water <input type="checkbox"/> |
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