



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 9 Term 1

19th March 2012

Principal's Report

P&C Meeting

It was wonderful to meet with our friendly and welcoming P&C last Wednesday night. The sharing of ideas, laughter and multitude of things they efficiently 'get done' is a credit to them. This includes their continued financial support of Literacy. Their commitment to the purchase of Stage 3 readers and texts for Accelerated Literacy in this, 'The National Year of Reading' is greatly appreciated.

'Many hands make light work.' It would be great to see more parents and carers at these meetings to offer new ideas or opinions as they play an active role in their child's education. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 9 @ 7pm. If you are interested but feel a little unsure coming by yourself, why not invite a friend?

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.

Congratulations - Creative Arts

Congratulations **AGAIN** 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. Granted a WILD CARD in the competition this means they will perform again. Great stuff and best wishes.

Sport

Our school has achieved some amazing sporting success recently and now... Zara Sharman is competing at STATE level in swimming! Congratulations to Zara who will swim at the State Swimming Championships in the following events: 50m backstroke and 200m individual medley. Outstanding success, Zara!

School Crossing

STUDENT SAFETY is one of our highest priorities. Some concerns have been raised about a number of drivers double parking, dropping children off in unmarked areas and making illegal u-turns. Aside from the fines that such infringements carry, CHILD SAFETY is PARAMOUNT. Please don't compromise students' safety for a short cut.

The Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature

At last Friday's morning assembly, Olivia Green (Year 3) shared the text she authored and entered in The Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature Short Story Competition.

The school received a letter stating that Olivia's text had been selected in the short listed entries and will be on display at the festival on Sunday, March 25 at which time the winner will be announced.

We're all very proud of you, Olivia!

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

March 16 was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students spoke about what this means at the mid-morning assembly, some classes visited the website (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to examine the fact sheet and others coloured the worksheet titled, 'Take a Stand Together. BULLYING. NO WAY!'

It was a great opportunity to reinforce what bullying IS (not an incident that occurs once even though it may be upsetting) and to remember that every child has the right to feel safe and happy at school – including going to and from school.

Students were encouraged to reflect on their own behaviours, remembering that at Russell Vale PS we are expected to:

- keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- speak nicely to one another

Much of what was discussed is reflected in our motto: Think well, Speak well, Act well and reinforced via our Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms Program. Congratulations to all students who showed great maturity in discussions.

Harmony Day

A reminder that Russell Vale will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday, March 20. Students have been asked to:

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



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 distributed on March 19)

* run an Easter raffle (tickets go on sale Tuesday March 20 and will be sold from 8.30 each morning up until the raffle is drawn at the Easter Hat Parade)

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

Russell Vale PS...what a wonderful place to work!

Michelle Rafferty
Relieving Principal

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Brinley Smart, Liam Evans, Gemma O'Brien, Katie Ross

Academic MC

Jack Bowen, Elinya Collins, Brooke Love, Chloe Real, Angus Cross, Samuel Adnum, Christopher Roche, Tara Scott, Anastarcia Larnach, Jasmyn Little

Creative Art MC

Avah Anderson, Eden Jones, Liam Evans, Tyrone McCrystal

PDH/PE MC

Jayden Lea, Katie Ross, Luke Harrison, Kyra Owens, Alexei Rosser, Ethan Johnson, Teliah Court

Sports News

Our school has more good news to report on the sporting front. We have had students selected to represent us in the soccer and rugby league.

Soccer: Alexei Roser, Samuel Adnum, Zara Sharman, Hayley Waller.

League: Kieran Fowler, Bryson Barker, Kaleb Hocking, Aaron Schoupp, Noah McClafferty.

Congratulations to Zara Sharman who will be attending State Swimming after a successful Regional Carnival.



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.

Upcoming Events

March	Gymsports
May 9	P&C Meeting

Notes and Money Due

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

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

Just a reminder that all pizza meal deal orders need to be in by Tuesday 20 March (tomorrow). No late orders will be accepted. Thank you.

The Canteen Roster is below:

Mon	19 Mar	Patsy Ross, Karen Linsley
Tues	20 Mar	Jodi Burton, Rachel Armour
Wed	21 Mar	Closed
Thurs	22 Mar	Cindy Hart, Michelle Corrick
Fri	23 Mar	Bronwyn Horsey, Kelly Mills, Debbi Phippen, Linda Armstrong, Kristy Elliott, Emily McLarnen, Cheryl Harrison, Lara Jones
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

Thank you to those parents who attended last Wednesday's meeting. It has been decided that our major fundraiser for the year will be a Cadbury Chocolate Drive in Term 2. Each family will be asked to sell one box of chocolates (or more if able) and participation is not compulsory. More details soon.

We only have 39 financial members out of 172 families. We desperately need more 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

Due to the school holidays, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday **9 May at 7pm**.

We have invited the Principal of Woonona High School, Ms Belinda Wall, to attend one of our meetings in Term 2. Parents of Year 5 & 6 students will be invited to attend which will give them an opportunity to hear Ms Wall speak

about Woonona High, and to ask questions. More details shortly.

Changes to insurance requirements now mean that Year 6 students will no longer be able to help in the canteen when we are short of helpers. Please consider becoming a helper for once or twice a term. Hours are 8.30am to 12 noon and your support will allow the canteen to continue throughout the year. Please contact Kelly Mills if you can help out:

0414 851 914 or kellymills5@bigpond.com.

P & C Enquiries: Contact Julie Hardy 42 854095

Parent Name

.....

Child's Name

.....

Class

Community News

Disclaimer: Russell Vale Public School advertises in this column as a service to parents. Russell Vale Public School does not endorse, sponsor or accept responsibility for the management or organisation of the advertised events or services.

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



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

Child 1	Child 2	Child 3
Name	Name	Name
Class	Class	Class
<i>Please Tick ✓/1</i>	<i>Please Tick ✓/1</i>	<i>Please Tick ✓/1</i>
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"/>
Apple <input type="checkbox"/>	Apple <input type="checkbox"/>	Apple <input type="checkbox"/>
Orange <input type="checkbox"/>	Orange <input type="checkbox"/>	Orange <input type="checkbox"/>