



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 2 Term 2

30 April 2012

Principal's Report

NAPLAN 2012

The tests for Years 3 and 5 will take place on 15, 16 and 17 May.

Students are tested in Literacy and Numeracy skills.

There has been some media comment recently about the usefulness of these tests and the fact that they can promote fear and concern in students about participating and in their achievement in the exams.

Our view is that the NAPLAN is a tool that can be utilised along with the regular class assessments done by your child's teacher. Without doubt, we believe the class assessments will always hold more weight than very long exams held over three days. We also accept that some very useful diagnostic data comes from the tests.

If any parent feels the sitting of these exams will be detrimental they can apply for an exemption. Please see me if this is the case.

Cross Country

Two excellent carnivals were held last Friday. Thanks to Mrs Cleall and Mrs Rafferty for their organisation.

I was very pleased with the participation rate of the primary carnival as well as the effort put in by the individual runners and the determination to finish, whether first or last.

The school has worked hard to promote team spirit over the past couple of years and certainly this was outstanding at both carnivals with house members rallying together with cheers and support.

Well done to all competitors!

Relieving Assistant Principal

Until these positions have been selected by merit, the following will be in operation:

Mrs Jeanette Cleal,
Assistant Principal Primary (5 days)

Mr Andrew Shepherd,
Assistant Principal Primary/Infants (4 days)

Mr Gavin Jones,
Assistant Principal Primary (2 days)

Please note: One of Mr Shepherd's relieving days is on Friday for Mrs Rafferty, who works four days permanent part-time.

The positions will go to interview in Week 5 of this term.

Mark Grierson
Principal

Upcoming Events

May

Wed 9 May

Thurs 10 May

Tues 29 May

P&C Meeting (7.00pm)

Stewart House clothing
bags collection

Musica Viva

Notes and Money Due

May

Fri 11 May

Fri 18 May

Stewart House Donation
envelopes

Musica Viva notes and
money

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Payton Brown, Brianna Roberts, Emma Hastie,
Jayden Lea, Mark Harrison, Samantha Richardson

Academic MC

Ebony McCrystal, Hayley Moygannon

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

NEGOTIATING

You are more likely to get what you want and keep friends if the other person gets something too.

DO'S

Decide what you want.

Think about what the other person might want in return (e.g. they might want to be sure that something they lend you will be looked after).

Pick a good time to ask.

Make your request, pointing out how the other person will get something that they want too.

Use a friendly tone of voice.

If you can't work out what they want in return, ask them directly.

If the other person won't agree to what you want, accept that. You won't always get what you want.

Keep your side of the bargain.



DON'TS

Don't ask at an inconvenient time (e.g. when the other person is busy or talking to someone else).

Don't use a grizzly, whingeing or demanding voice.

Don't threaten, sulk, insult or get angry if you don't get what you want.



Canteen News

Canteen Roster 2012:

DAY	DATE	NAME
Mon	30 Apr	Nicole Jones, Julie Speechley
Tue	1 May	Nicole Ficker, Patsy Ross
Wed	2 May	Closed
Thur	3 May	Julie Hardy, Vanessa Bowler
Fri	4 May	Tanya Love

Thank You.

Canteen Committee.

P&C News

Mothers' Day Stalls – Term 2

Class stalls will be held towards the end of next week. Each class will be notified of the actual day by their own teacher.

Children are invited to bring along a gift suitable for sale to the value of AT LEAST \$5. The gift should be wrapped in CLEAR CELLOPHANE and handed to your child's teacher. The teacher will mark the student's name off on a class list and only those children who bring in a gift will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for \$3 on stall day. More than one gift may be sent in if desired and the corresponding number of gifts may then be purchased (at \$3 each). Please assist teachers by providing the exact money on stall day and gifts should be appropriate. This fundraising activity is NOT COMPULSORY so please make an effort to send in a worthwhile gift.

Gifts must be handed in before Tuesday 8 May 2012.

Next P & C Meeting – Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 May. We are thrilled to have Ms. Belinda Wall, Principal of Woonona High School attend to talk about Woonona High. Invitations to parents and carers of Stage 3 have been handed out. Please return the RSVP Slip to the office by Monday 7 May to assist with seating arrangements. The evening will start at 7 pm sharp. All welcome.

For those parents who wish to stay at the conclusion of Ms. Wall's talk, a quick general meeting will follow (time permitting).

P & C Enquiries: Contact Julie Hardy 42 854095

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