



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

*Think Act Speak Well*

**Week 11 Term 1**

**2 April 2012**

## Principal's Report

### Band Members

A group of students in Year 5 and 6 have been accepted into the Band Music Program run by a teacher (Miss Sharp) from Woonona High School.

They will meet with students from our partner schools each Wednesday afternoon for tuition. This is a wonderful initiative and great opportunity to learn an instrument.

The group will not attend lessons when activities are occurring here at Russell Vale. For example, next week's Easter Hat Parade will mean they miss that week's tuition.

### Annual School Report 2011

You will find this report on our school website. I encourage all parents to read the report which outlines achievements for 2011 as well as goals and priorities for this year.

### Review of Funding for Schooling

The review of Funding for Schooling was released a few weeks ago. The panel was chaired by David Gonski AC, an eminent businessman and philanthropist who is also the Chancellor of the University of NSW and Chairman of the Australian Securities Exchange, Coca-Cola Amatil and Investec Bank. The panel also included Ken Boston AO, the former Director-General of the NSW Department of Education and Training; Kathryn Greiner AO, Chairman of Australian Hearing and former Deputy Chancellor at Bond University; Carmen Lawrence, Director of the Centre for the Study of Social Change, School of Psychology, University of Western Australia and former Federal Minister and Premier of WA; Bill Scales AO, Chancellor of Swinburne University and Chairman of the Port of Melbourne Corporation; and Peter Tannock AM, noted international educationalist and former Vice-Chancellor at University of Notre Dame Australia.

This landmark review into Australian schools' funding is the most rigorous since 1973. One major recommendation is an immediate \$5 billion investment into Australia's government and non-government schools.

The review panel found that the funding between government and non-government schools should be better balanced, recommending a new 'schools resources standard' (SRS), which would allocate a base funding

rate for each student, with additional loadings for areas of disadvantage. Under this model, schools with a high proportion of indigenous, low-income or disabled students would be funded at a higher rate.

Rather than commit to any of the recommendations or findings in the review, the government will instead embark on another round of consultation. This is in addition to the more than 7000 submissions received, 39 schools visited and 71 education groups visited as part of the 18 month review process to date.

As this report will become the road map for all future schools' funding across Australia, I urge every parent to be aware of the implications for your own children and Australia's educational future.

Mark Grierson  
Principal

## Congratulations!



### BRONZE School Award

Noah Baroudi, Chase Davy, Sean Corrick, Jordan Errington

### Academic MC

Samantha Richardson, Paige Elliot, Finn Kiefer, Jacqueline Holliday, Gemma O'Brien, Olivia Green, Kaleb Hocking, Jordan Errington, Bowen Tawhai-King, Charlotte McIntyre, Brylie Berry, Josh Burton, Ron Bowen, Payton Brown

### Creative Art MC

James Klein-Essink

### PDH/PE MC

Penny Small, Ella Paterson, Evie McLarnen, Danyon Costanzo, Tara Scott, Bronsen Rostirolla, Eva Maddox

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## Upcoming Events

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**May 9** P&C Meeting  
**May 9** 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment for Camp

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## Notes and Money Due

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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Canteen News

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Terms 2 and 3 we have a winter menu. It includes some warm, hearty winter meals for those colder days. The new winter menu is attached. We will be re-opening first Thursday back in Term 2.

Thank you to everyone who made the meal deal day happen. We raised over \$300 in one day! Thanks to all the families who supported this meal deal and a huge thanks to those who volunteered on the day to put the meals together. It wouldn't happen without you.

We are aiming to fill in the Term 2 roster as much as possible prior to school returning.

Please contact Kelly Mills, roster co-ordinator 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](mailto:kellymills5@bigpond.com)

The canteen roster is below:

Mon	2 April	Patsy Ross, Tony Maddox
Tues	3 April	Scott Taylor, Vee Baroudi
		<b>Closed for the rest of the week</b>

Canteen Committee

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## P&C News

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### Mother's Day Stalls – Term 2

Russell Vale School will once again be holding Mother's Day Class Stalls towards the end of Week 3 (just prior to Mother's Day on Sunday 13 May). Each class will be notified of the actual day by their own Class 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 own 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 amount on stall day.

Gifts should be appropriate (ie. NO breakables, adult magazines, alcohol or used & second hand items). Breakables such as ceramics, candle holders and picture frames often arrive at school broken and are unfit for sale which results in a lack of gifts available for that particular class. This fundraising activity is *NOT COMPULSORY* so please make an effort to send in a worthwhile gift. *EVERY* student who participates is entitled to surprise their Mum with something special. Those children who are fortunate enough to go first are usually very happy with their choice but sadly those children who choose last often feel disappointed with the remaining few gifts. Please follow the above guidelines to ensure all participating children can present their mum with a great gift. Gifts must be handed in before Tuesday 8 May 2012 and ideas include:

Pen sets, organisers, note books, gardening items, cosmetic bags, picnic items, boxed chocolates & confectionary, scarves, hankies, hand cream, face washers, soaps, hand-towels, tea-towels & throw rugs.

As well as Bargain Outlets, remember to check out stores such as Coles, Franklins and Woolworths who also stock up with great gift ideas in the lead up to Mother's Day. Other parents in past years have donated items that support Breast Cancer Research – a wonderful gesture!

**NEXT MEETING** - Due to the school holidays, our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9 May**. The evening will be a little different from usual and we are thrilled to have Ms. Belinda Wall, Principal of Woonona High School attend to talk about Woonona High. The evening will give our P & C members and those parents and carers of Years 5 & 6 students the perfect opportunity to meet in a more personalised setting and to ask Ms. Wall questions. Please aim to arrive 15 minutes early so the evening can start promptly at 7pm. Depending on numbers, we will either meet in the Staffroom or the School Hall. For those who wish to stay at the conclusion of Ms Wall's talk, a quick general meeting will take place afterwards, time permitting.

**BUNNINGS WOLLONGONG** - has been a faithful supporter of 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 on 42 207 700 or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://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.

**Membership** - We still need more P & C financial members to represent the whole school community and to allow our volunteer work to continue within the school. Membership gives insurance cover to all of our volunteers, grants voting rights at meetings and a discount is available for booking the RV Community Hall. Membership is only \$5 for the year 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

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## 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](mailto: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

## **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.**



# HEALTHY BITES CANTEEN MENU

## Russell Vale Primary School – Term 2 & 3 Winter Menu

### SANDWICHES & WRAPS

*It will automatically be a sandwich made with low GI bread unless otherwise stated on order.*

Vegemite	\$1.00
Strawberry Jam	\$1.00
Cheese	\$1.50
Cheese and Tomato	\$1.80
Tuna	\$2.20
Ham	\$2.20
Ham and Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese and Pineapple	\$1.80
Chicken	\$2.20
Salad Sandwich	\$2.20
Extras: Salad	.60c
Ham	.70c
Cheese	.30c

### HOT FOOD

Cup Of Soup – Chicken Noodle	.80c
Vegemite Scrolls	\$1.20
Cheese & Bacon Rolls	\$1.20
Fried Rice	\$2.60
Schnitzel Sandwich	\$2.80
w. lettuce and mayonnaise	
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Cheese	\$1.80
Ham & cheese	\$2.80
Ham, cheese & pineapple	\$3.00
Raisin toast 2 slices	\$1.20
Banana Bread 1slice	\$1.00
Potato Pie	\$2.40
Party Meat Pie	.80c
Sausage Roll	\$1.80
Potato Smile	.15c
Chicken Wedges	.70c
Fish Cocktails	.70c
Extras: Tomato Sauce	.20c
BBQ Sauce	.20c

### DRINKS

Bottled Water 350ml	\$1.00
Juice Popper	\$1.20
Apple / Orange / Apple & Blackcurrant	
Small Milk 300ml	\$1.20
w. Sippa Straw Choc / Strawberry	

Fruit Juice Slushies \$1.20

LOL Drinks \$1.50

Raspberry, Mango, Tropical, Blackcurrant

### SNACKS

Snack Pack	\$1.60
w. Sultana box, Carrot Sticks, Cheese & 6 Rice Crackers	
Slinky Apples	.50c
Tiny Teddies	.40c
Air Popped Popcorn	.20c
Frozen OJ / Blackcurrant	.50c
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.20
Quelch Ice blocks	.40c
Jelly Joys	.20c
Billabong Rainbow or Chocolate	\$1.20
Chips Honey Soy / Plain	\$1.00
Yoghurt Lollies	.20c
Lunch Bag	.10c

### WEEK DAY SPECIALS

**Tuesdays** Pikelet day 3 pikelets .50c

**Fridays** Jelly cup day .50c

Canteen is CLOSED Wednesdays

All orders must be in by 9:00am

Child's Name & Class on bag

*If you can help in the canteen please contact  
Kelly Mills on 0414 851 914 (after 5pm)  
Or email [kellymills@bigpond.com](mailto:kellymills@bigpond.com)*