



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 4 Term 3

6 August 2012

Principal's Report

Open Day

I was very proud of all students on our Open Day last Thursday.

Mrs Cleall's class performed a great item about the Olympics and our public speaking representatives from each stage all gave flawless performances.

It was great to have so many parents and friends visit the classrooms and then be able to stay for the Russell Vale Olympics.

This turned out to be a wonderful event with teachers creating some fun activities and students participating with gusto. My thanks to the parents who made the sausage sizzle sandwiches – they worked from early till late and gave up a chance to see their own children.

Overall it was a highly successful Education Week Open Day.

The week 5 assembly has been moved to week 6, 24 August, due to District Athletics.

Mark Grierson
Principal



The Opening Ceremony

Upcoming Events

Aug

Wed 8	P&C Meeting 7PM
Mon 13	District Athletics
Fri 17	District Athletics
Fri 24	Assembly
Fri 31	Regional Athletics

Sep

Fri 14	School Disco (RSL)
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Olympic Games fun

Notes & Money Due

Aug

Mon 13	District Athletics notes & money
Fri 17	District Athletics notes & money

Kindergarten Enrolments 2013

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2013. If you know of anyone needing to enrol for 2013 or you have a sibling due to start school please call in and pick up enrolment forms.

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Luke Crimston, Darcy Rathbone, Angus Smart, Finlae Watson, Zara Sharman, Olivia Vale, Joshua Crimston, Jesse McCorkell, Ella Dunn, Jackson Addo, Chloe Reali, Lauren Morgan, Leah Heaton.

Academic MC

Jordan Broers, Eden Jones, Ella Paterson, Jordan Court, Olivia Green, Stuart Logan, Lily Hastie, Bailey leadbitter, Kayla Prokopovich, Lauren Morgan, Olivia Smith, Fletcher Bowler, Jack Bell, Finlae Watson, Mitch Walker, Christopher Roche

Creative Art MC

Jasmin Deece, Tyrone McCrystal, Alexei Rosser, Noah McClafferty

PD/H/PE MC

Isabelle Elliott, Sage Horsey, Amy Regan, Pipah Grubb

Lost Dog

16 year old female white maltese last seen on Friday morning 27 August 2012. If found please call 4285 6969.

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

SHARING

It's fair to share

Interesting people show interest in others

Do's

Put away or use privately anything that you can't share or really don't want to share because it's special to you, e.g. one icy pole, something a relative brought you back from a trip.

Offer to share your things when you feel that other people would enjoy them too.

If someone asks to use something of yours, say yes and show them how to use and take care of it properly, and tell them where you want it to be used.

If you and another person both want to use something that neither of you own, take turns at using it for an equal amount of time. You may need to negotiate about this.

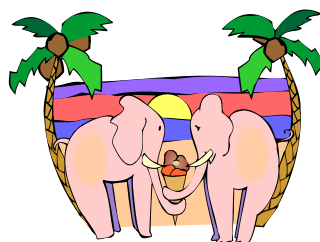
Remember to tell people that you allow to use your things if there are special ways to care for these things.

Don'ts

Don't show off things that you are not willing to share with others.

Don't refuse to share any of your things which you show in public.

Don't hog things which don't belong to you and which other people are wanting to have a turn at.



Canteen News

A huge thank you for the many volunteers for the sausage sizzle day during education week at the BBQ or in the canteen. Your assistance was greatly appreciated & helped raise \$1,253 - wow!!! Such a great effort.

The canteen has a news sheet attached please read carefully & see the roster for any day/s help is required & contact Kelly Mills ASAP if you can help.

Kind regards,
Canteen committee

Thank you so much,
Kristy

Mon	6 Aug	Steve Joy
Tues	7 Aug	Patsy Ross, Nicole Ficker
Wed	8 Aug	CANTEEN CLOSED
Thurs	9 Aug	Julie Sweeney
Fri	10 Aug	Lara Jones, Ann Wallis

Thank You.
Canteen Committee.

P&C News

P & C Meeting

Next P & C Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 August at 7pm. Thank you to everybody who supported the recent Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser. The final amount raised will be announced shortly and we will be discussing how these funds should be allocated. We will also be finalising our plans for the School Disco on Friday 14 September. Come and learn about the wonderful things happening at Russell Vale School. Coffee & tea is provided and new members always welcome.

Education Week Celebrations

Great to see so many parents and carers attend RV school last Thursday. Many thanks to Staff for organising such a great day. Students had a fantastic time participating in the Olympics.

Our P & C helpers also appreciate the patience shown by those who were forced to wait for their sausage sizzle. We were overwhelmed by the huge numbers who attended the day and will learn from this experience for next year.

P & C Enquiries: Contact Julie Hardy 42 854095

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

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 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

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS!

The school canteen is run by the canteen committee which is a subcommittee of the P & C Association and the canteen itself is a major source of fundraising for resources for our school.

The school canteen has been running for 30 years now sadly we are looking to close more days each week due to an ongoing need for more canteen helpers to step forward & be pro-active in picking a date or dates each term to volunteer just a few hours to be a part of this major fundraiser for the school & great service for our families.

We understand of the 168 families in our school that there's many that work full-time or have little ones still at home & can't physically volunteer – we also know we currently have 64 families are on our list that have said they could help in the canteen. As of last week we have had only 18 people come forward of those 64 to put their names down on the Term 3 roster. If we don't get more people coming forward we will have to close the canteen another day through the week & close extra days if volunteers do not come forward to put their names on the roster under the COLA or alternatively (and more advisable) email or call our roster coordinator, Kelly Mills (contacted details below).

If we had 40 of the 68 individuals commit to 2 dates per term we would cover the canteen easily. If we had 80 individuals it would only be once a term commitment.

How can we expand the volunteer base so more people are doing less?

- If each volunteer asked a grandparent, aunty or neighbour to help with them on a day that suited the 2 of you (note: they will have to pay the \$5 membership fee to cover them for insurance) How exciting for your child to not just see you at the school but their grandparent or close friend too!
- If those who have a day or two a week child & work free pick just 1 morning to volunteer in the term it would help A LOT (it's only a 4 hour commitment out of 1 day in the 10 week term, that's not much if you plan it around your schedule & lock it in your diary just once a term!)
- If you have helped before but just forgotten or thought it was covered – please put your name down asap!

Please consider the above thoughtfully, we require volunteers to come forward by the Thursday to fill the roster for the following week so we can accurately communicate in the newsletter if the canteen has to close or not extra days. We don't want to leave it until the morning of for the school to find out we must close – if volunteers don't step forward the week before by the Thursday unfortunately the canteen will be forced to close those days we don't have the roster covered with 2 people.

Many thanks, **Kristy Elliott** (canteen secretary)

Questions & Answers about the School Canteen

Why keep the School Canteen running?

Russell Vale P & C has been running the school canteen for over 30 years which:

- provides a service by providing healthy, nutritional food at very reasonable prices, and
- profits allow P & C to purchase new resources and improvements for our school

How much money does the Canteen make?

During 2011 the canteen has been open from Monday to Thursday and, on average, banks around \$400 to \$500 each week. If more volunteers come forward, the Canteen could easily maintain its low menu prices and still earn over \$10,000 profit each year for our school.

What is the Canteen Committee?

Many people are put off by the word “Committee”. A Committee is simply a group of people working together for a purpose. Decision making should not be left up to 1 or 2 people, and a proper committee should have enough people to share the workload and make good decisions. The only qualifications required for committee people are to be reliable, and have respect for one another. Communication is the essence and a good committee can achieve *a great deal*. The Canteen Committee must keep it's roles filled or the Canteen would have to close.

What are Canteen Helpers?

Canteen volunteers/ helpers make up the Roster. Helpers (usually two) are required to arrive by 8.30am and generally leave around 12 noon. Duties include helping children with their lunch orders, handling money, preparing lunches, abiding by the correct food handling procedures and basic cleaning at finish time. The tasks are not difficult and new helpers will be offered lots of help & assistance.

Can I bring my pre-school children along while I help?

No you cannot. Our Insurance cover is adequate for adults, but does not provide for children. Most parents would agree that a food preparation area is no place for children and safety comes first. Though you can help on our committee with young children!

How many helpers do we need each Term?

We need at least 80 helpers to work two days each term. This may seem like a lot, but there are currently (2011) 168 families in our school, and we have only 18 parents as helpers so far for this term! We do encourage people who can help to take the first step by making contact with the Roster Person each term with their availability. We are always in need of Canteen Helpers & if the roster cannot be filled the canteen can be closed down within a months' notice, so it's very important we can fill the roster ahead of time.

What will happen if the Canteen is closed?

The School Community (not the P & C) may decide whether a tender should go out for an external provider, which is a contractor who will run the canteen as a business and therefore we would have less profit going toward much needed resources for our school and children.

How can I help the canteen stay open & provide fundraising for the school?

- (A) Consider joining the Canteen Committee; or
- (B) Become a regular Canteen Volunteer/ Helper

(A) ROLES & DUTIES OF THE CANTEEN COMMITTEE

Many aspects of each role can be done from home

SECRETARY/CO-ORDINATOR –filled by **Kristy Elliott** (Tamara in Term 4 onwards)

The Secretary's main role is to co-ordinate the Canteen Committee and do administrative procedures, like monthly report to the P & C and weekly update for the school newsletter.

TREASURER – Position filled by **Larissa Barter**

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the canteen

DAILY & MONTHLY STOCK ORDER PERSON – Position filled by **Donna McCrystal**

Monthly Person – checks the state and quantity of fresh foods (perishables) and replacement as needed, places bulk food orders and buys shelf items such as spoons & serviettes

MEAL DEAL ORGANISER – Position filled by **Kelly Mills** (Term 4 onwards) assisted by Lara Jones & Cheryl Harrison

Meal Deals occur once or twice a term (Fridays) and need planning, costing & order forms printed etc

**** ROSTER PERSON – POSITION AVAILABLE – WE NEED SOMEONE TO JOIN COMMITTEE FOR THIS ROLE ****

End of each term (2 wks to go) – begin the process of organising the roster for the next term and complete roster first 2 weeks of the new term. As required - Updates emailed to the Office for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter. The coordinator will NOT be walking around the quad asking people to help – it is up to our school community to put their names down & contact the roster person with availability or we will be closing extra days.

ALL CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS – we also need extra hands to assist in the above roles and help make smooth transitions when committee members return to work or are away etc so if you can help in one of these areas please let us know! We meet once a term to discuss finances, ideas, and any matters relating to the Canteen. This meeting can be arranged at an agreed time and place usually over lunch ☺.

(B) CANTEEN HELPERS – POSITIONS VACANT

You should contact Kelly to register your interest to help. You can then nominate your preferred day/s & date/s. Contact details are; m: 0414 851 914 After 5pm or e: kellymills5@bigpond.com

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE OR VOLUNTEER, PLEASE **contact Kristy Elliott (secretary)**
Mobile: 0425 326 290 or kristyaelliott@gmail.com

We have tried to provide as much information as possible to show that most aspects are fairly basic & lots of help will be provided to new volunteers.

MORE HELP = CANTEEN STAYS OPEN = MORE FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL !

Russell Vale Public School Olympics 2012



Tug O War



Chariot Racing



Rowing



The Torch Arrives!