



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 5 Term 3

13 August 2012

Principal's Report

Behaviour Trends

I have done an analysis of detention statistics at Russell Vale since arriving in 2009. There has been a significant and profound improvement during this three and a half year period.

Comparing 2009 to 2010 there was a reduction of 50% in detentions and in 2011 the students on detention reduced a further 30% from 2010 numbers.

So far in 2012 the number of students on detention is 20% of the 2009 figure – a marked improvement.

This has come about through a number of factors:

- * A whole school ethos around Think Act and Speak well
- * Careful and detailed weekly monitoring of behaviour at staff meetings and by welfare co-ordinator
- * Individual students monitored daily to remind them of what is expected
- * All teachers and support staff regularly speaking with students and observing playground behaviour closely whilst on duty
- * Sport equipment available at lunch and recess to allow students to be active and engaged

In terms of suspension statistics the school has an average 2.5 students per year. In 2012 one student has been suspended.

For schools across the Illawarra and indeed NSW the average would be much higher.

Mark Grierson
Principal

Congratulations

To Neim Memedi our school cleaner who has completed 10 years service to Russell Vale Public School.

Neim is an outstanding cleaner and moreover has a real pride in our school which is evidenced each day by the cleanliness of our classrooms and playground areas. Plagued by dust and leaves from our many trees the grounds and rooms are always excellent at 9.00am each day.

Thank you Neim for the work you do!

Upcoming Events

Aug

Mon 13	District Athletics
Fri 17	District Athletics
Fri 24	Assembly
Fri 31	Regional Athletics

Sep

Wed 12	
Fri 14	School Disco (RSL)

Oct

Sat 20	Bunnings BBQ
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Notes & Money Due

Aug

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

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Zali Dunn, Ryan Mills, Thomas Holliday, Corey Snelson

Academic MC

Skye Steele, Luke Harrison, Jayden Lea, Zali Dunn, Aaron Schoupp, Caitlin Weston, Noah McInerney, Ryan Mills, Liam Evans, Kira Small, Hayley Walker, Tara Scott, Kye Linsley, Angus Sorensen, Jack Bowen

Creative Art MC

Brooke Love

PD/H/PE MC

Fletcher Sutton, Mia Walsh, Jayden Perry, Annabelle Smith, Ella Dunn, Ethan Larnach

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

INCLUDING OTHERS Including others makes everyone feel good

Do's	Don'ts
<p>Remember that if you refuse to let people join your games you hurt their feelings.</p> <p>Look around and see if anyone looks as though they would like to be part of a game. They might show this by asking if they can play or by just standing nearby themselves.</p> <p>Smile and say something like "Why don't you play too" in a friendly voice.</p> <p>Find ways to make the game or activity adapt to allow another person to play or take turns.</p>	<p>Don't ignore people who would like to be included in your game or look lonely.</p> <p>Don't think that your group of friends will be wrecked if you invite someone else to join your games sometimes.</p>
	 

Why is breakfast important?

- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

P&C News

P & C Meeting

Next P & C Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12 September at 7pm**. Come and learn about the wonderful things happening at Russell Vale School. Coffee & tea is provided and new members are always welcome.

RVPS Disco

Will be held on **Friday 14 September** at the Woonona Bulli RSL from 6.00pm-8.30pm. This is a whole school event and tickets still only \$7.50 which includes 3 glow bracelets. This is not a fundraiser but a night of fun! Over the past 4 years, ticket prices have not been increased and our only aim is to cover the costs involved. The night is also a great opportunity to catch up with friends in the bistro (Eat Restaurant) while children are at the disco. Over 200 students attended last year and they all had a great noisy time. A limited number of tickets will also be made available to children of close family and friends. All details on the Ticket Order & Consent Form which will be handed out very shortly.

PSSA Sport - Football (Soccer)

Our PSSA Football Teams looked REALLY smart last Friday all fitted out in the new RV Team Shirts. To complete the team spirit, dark green RV Footy Socks are still available from the Uniform Shop for \$10.

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

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