



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

*"Think Act Speak Well"*

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community

*"Strength through Collaboration"*

**Week 5 Term 4**

**4 November 2013**

## Principal's Report

### 'A better way of funding our school'

On the school website homepage is an explanation of the new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) that is coming to 229 trial schools next year and all schools from 2015.

A video and link to more explanatory information is included. Also included on the link page is a list of all NSW schools and the funding they will receive next year. Russell Vale will receive \$15,244 as part of socio-economic loading as well as \$8,608 Aboriginal loading. These two components will come to our school in 2014.

### Oaks Heritage Centre

Some excellent photographs have been uploaded to the school website from this excellent excursion. You might like to have a look at them.

### Operation Art

Likewise, four photos of the entries for the initiative are also on display on the website.

### Mr & Mrs Fallo

Thank you to Margaret and Joe Fallo who have donated a number of plants to our school and who went last weekend to the Wollongong Council sales and purchased approximately 30 plants for our school.

### Grandparents Day

We look forward to seeing lots of people on Grandparents Day on Friday. As well, I have some gold and silver awards and some certificates for students who performed exceptionally well in the University of NSW Competitions.

### Dogs at School

A number of parents bring dogs to school (either before or after school) and wait outside the school grounds – thank you.

Many students see a dog and immediately think it is safe to pat – so far so good but children should be taught that ANY dog could be a danger and they should ALWAYS ask the owner before patting any dog.

**Mark Grierson**  
**Principal**

## Congratulations!



### Academic MC

James Davis-Soar, Lily Anderson, Charlotte McIntyre, Jordan Broers, Stuart Logan, Jack Bell, Dayna Evans, Jake Smith, Caleb Sharman, Coen Stein, Dan Crimston, Jesse McCorkall, Jayden Lea, Tom Heaton, Clayton Walker, Jaiden, Indy Boon.

### PD/H/PE MC

Annabelle Smith.

### Creative Art MC Music/ Art/Drama/Dance

Fletcher Bowler, Riley Elliott, Zali Dunn, Olivia Green.

## Upcoming Events

### November

Friday 8 Grandparents Day  
Wednesday 13 P & C Meeting

### December

16 Presentation Day  
17 Year 6 Farewell  
18 Last Day of Term

## Notes and Money Due

### November

Tuesday 12 Pizza Meal Deal \$5

**Parents of Year 6 Students who will attend Year 7 at Woonona High School in 2014**

Did you know that Woonona High School has its own uniform shop to supply students with the current Year 7 uniform?

We are arranging a morning to do fittings for your children at **Russell Vale Public school hall** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of November 8.30 am** and this will give you the opportunity to fit your child in the correct sizes and also the opportunity to order and pay **(cheque or cash)** for your uniform so that you are able to simply pick up your order on the year 7 orientation day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013.  
**Eftpos is available by phoning the Woonona High School Office on 42841513**

Alternatively you can get your child to try on sizes and take an order form home to pay at a later date as you will know what sizes your child will need.  
  
 However, if this date is inconvenient for you please note that the Uniform Shop at Woonona High School is open every **Thursday morning from 8am till 9.30am** and our friendly volunteers will fit your child out in the uniform.

Please note that Crystal Bears (Corrimal) are not our supplier therefore we are unable to exchange or refund on items bought from them.

Thank you Renae, Jackie & Trish.

**Kindy Play and Orientation**

*Kindy Play*  
 9.15 am to 10.15 am on Wednesday 13 November  
   Wednesday 20 November  
   Wednesday 27 November

*Orientation Dates*  
 9.30 am to 10.45 am on Wednesday 4 December  
   Wednesday 11 December

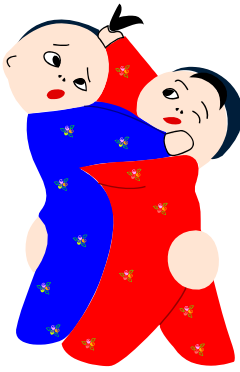

An information day for parents will be held during the Orientation Session on Wednesday 4 December at 9.30 am. Please meet under the COLA.  
  
 New enrolments who have been notified of missing information on their enrolment forms, please bring to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**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

**ASKING AN ADULT FOR SUPPORT**

**Stay cool.**  
**When all else fails**  
**You can ask for help.**

Do's	Don'ts
<p>Make sure you haven't tried other ways to deal with being given a hard time, <i>before</i> you ask an adult for support.</p> <p>Make sure you really want to stop the annoying behaviour, not just get them into trouble.</p> <p>Say "If you don't stop, I'll go and ask Mr Brown for support".</p> <p>Approach a teacher, look in their eyes and stand tall.</p> <p>In a firm voice, tell them what the problem is and what you have already tried to do to deal with it.</p>	<p>Don't ask for adult support until after you've tried to deal with it yourself.</p> <p>Don't just try to get the other person into trouble.</p> <p>Don't choose an inconvenient time t talk to the teacher (unless it's an emergency).</p> <p>Don't look up in the air or down at the ground.</p> <p>Don't use a whingeing or complaining tone of voice.</p> <p>Don't keep threatening to ask for support. Just say it once and then do it.</p>
	

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## Canteen News

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Thanks to all who have put their names down over the last week for canteen. It has made a huge difference – THANKS!

The days left to fill this year are:

19 November – 2 volunteers  
20 November – 1 volunteer  
25 November – 1 volunteer  
29 November – 1 volunteer  
2 December – 2 volunteers  
3 December – 2 volunteers  
13 December – 2 volunteers

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Grandparents and friends are more than welcome. Please remember that all Meal Deal forms need to be handed in at the office no later than Monday 11 November.

If anyone would like to volunteer or if you need to change or cancel a morning, please contact Karan Cambridge on 0437 868 509 or [akcambo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:akcambo@yahoo.com.au).

Many thanks.  
The Canteen Committee

W K	Mon 4 Nov	Tues 5 Nov	Wed 6 Nov	Thurs 7 Nov	Fri 8 Nov
5	Lynette Hando Lynne Holmes	Astrid & Stu Jackson	Karan Cambridge Megan Spence	Closed	Troy Keifer Andrew Cambridge
W K	Mon 11 Nov	Tues 12 Nov	Wed 13 Nov	Thurs 14 Nov	Fri 15 Nov
6	Lynette Hando Lynne Holmes	Mel Boon Sharon Rigby	Karan Cambridge Lara Sinton	Closed	MEAL DEAL

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## P&C News

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### P & C Meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The next P & C meeting and our Annual AGM will be on **Wednesday 13 November at 7 pm** in the staffroom. A full listing of the P & C positions are in this newsletter if you would like to consider nominating for one of these roles.

Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee are provided. An Agenda Book is in the office if you would like to have a matter discussed but cannot make it to our meeting.

### Christmas Raffle – Baskets needed

If you have any large baskets you can donate for our Christmas Raffle, please leave them in the Uniform Shop.

If you have any enquiries regarding the P & C please contact Kelly Mills, Ph 42851914 P & C Secretary

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## 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

### 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)

### Opportunity for Year 6 students to enrol in Year 7 2014 at the Saturday School of Community Languages (SSCL)

The Saturday School of Community Languages offers high school students the opportunity to study their background community language if it is not available at their weekday school. It is a public secondary school and students from Years 7 – 12



from both public and non-government schools can enrol.

The SSCL provides continuity of study from the Community Languages Program K-6 or from study of the language through the

NSW Community Languages Schools Program at a community school.

Students with a background in the language can also enrol if they have not studied the language at a community school.

There are 16 Saturday School centres in NSW, with the Wollongong lessons being at **Smiths Hill High School** where classes will be formed in the following languages based on student demand: **Arabic, Chinese, Macedonian, Serbian, Spanish and Turkish.**

Other languages taught at centres in Sydney are: Armenian, Bengali (Bangla), Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Modern Greek, Maltese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.

The 2014 enrolment forms are now available to download from the website: <http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol>  
Enrolment application forms must be signed and forwarded by

**the student's 2014 secondary school principal.** If possible, applications should be made this year to enable students to start their language course at the beginning of Term 1 in 2014.

For further information about the classes and languages offered in Wollongong, please email Margaret Uitterlinden, Supervisor of the SSCL Smiths Hill High School centre, on [margaret.uitterlinden@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:margaret.uitterlinden@det.nsw.edu.au)

For all other enquiries, please contact the head office of the Saturday School of Community Languages in Sydney on 9244 5315 or email [saturdaycl-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:saturdaycl-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## THE LIONS CLUB OF WOONONA FESTIVAL OF MAGIC SHOW

**Free entry – all welcome.**

**Date** - 11 November 2013

**Show Time Choices** – 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm or 7:30 pm

**Location** Woonona Bulli RSL Auditorium

Tickets are not required.

The show has been paid for by local business houses and the funds raised support children's charities.

Entry is FREE to all children, parents/carers and anyone wanting to enjoy the show.

## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Thanks and Kind Regards

**Genevieve Eyre**

Program Coordinator

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

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Toll-free: 1-800-500-501

Email: [liaison@scce.com.au](mailto:liaison@scce.com.au)

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Russell Vale Public School would like to invite all Nans, Pops, Grandmas  
Grandpas and Grandfriends to our own



on Friday 8th November.

We will hold a K-6 assembly in the hall, with our Grandparents as the guests of honour, at 9.30, where students in Kindergarten will entertain us.

Then Grandparents are invited to visit their Grandchildren's classrooms.

At 11am a free morning tea will be provided to nourish our seniors! Normal classes will recommence at 11.50am.

We look forward to seeing many of our "elders" at this event!

Many Thanks  
Staff of RVPS



**Grandparents**  
are a delightful blend of  
*laughter, caring*  
wonderful *stories,* deeds,  
and  
*Love.*



# Bakes and Cakes for Grandparents Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are asking for donations of cakes, slices, biscuits or other baked goods to offer to our Grandparents on Grandparents Day, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

If you could help in this way, please fill in the slip below, and return to your class teacher or Mrs Lawson by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

I will be sending to the staffroom on the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

☐ A cake

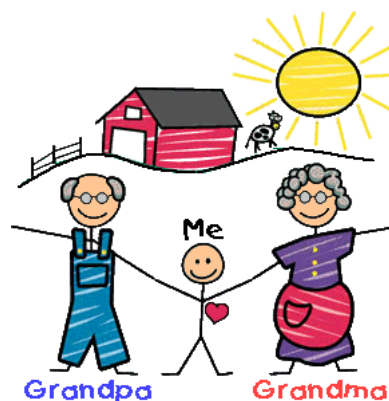
☐ A slice

☐ Muffins

☐ Cupcakes

☐ Biscuits

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



\*For ease of serving please slice any cakes etc prior to bringing in.

# Pizza Meal Deal

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**\$ 5.00**

*1 Pizza 5 inch, classic crust*

**Cheese or Supreme or  
BBQ Meatlovers or Ham & Pineapple**

***Vege Chips - Honey Soy Chips OR  
Salt & Vinegar OR BBQ Cheese***

***Popper – Apple OR Orange,  
Or Bottle of Water 300 ml***



***No Late orders will be accepted***

***Orders and money must be at office by 3pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013***

Name Child 1	Name Child 2	Name Child 3
.....	.....	.....
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"/>
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Salt & Vinegar <input type="checkbox"/>	Salt & Vinegar <input type="checkbox"/>	Salt & Vinegar <input type="checkbox"/>
Honey Soy <input type="checkbox"/>	Honey Soy <input type="checkbox"/>	Honey Soy <input type="checkbox"/>
BBQ Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	BBQ Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	BBQ Cheese <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"/>

# P & C - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 NOVEMBER

The P & C at RVPS have been very successful over many years. Our main purpose is to conduct fundraising to provide additional resources for the school, which benefits the whole school community.

There are many people within our school community who have a lot of knowledge and skills that we would love to have move involved in our school P & C.

Our Annual AGM will be held next month, which is an important night for the ongoing work of the P & C and will take place on **Wednesday 13 November at 7pm.**

It is important that we obtain a quorum of at least 13 financial members, otherwise the meeting cannot proceed.

All Committee positions within the P & C will be declared vacant then re-filled by nomination and election. Positions on the Committee are currently held by the following persons, if you would like to know more about these roles, please see the member or contact Kelly Mills, P & C Secretary.

P & C President - Jill McCorkell

Vice-President - Natalie Walker

Treasurer - Darren Broers

Secretary - Kelly Mills

We also require members to form sub-committees for the following groups, currently held by the following persons.

Canteen - Secretary and Roster Person – Karan Cambridge  
- Food Purchaser Bulk & Perishables – Donna McCrystal  
- Treasurer – Larissa Barter  
- Meal Deals – Kelly Mills

Uniform Shop - Megan Spence and Jodie Whitefield

Tennis Court – Megan Spence and Darren Broers

If these committees and positions are not filled:

- ☐ the P & C can no longer function at RVPS.
- ☐ no more fundraising = no more new resources.
- ☐ the canteen will be closed.
- ☐ school uniforms will be out-sourced to a local retailer (costing more).

Should you wish to nominate for one of our P & C Committee positions, please come along to our AGM or contact Kelly Mills for more information.

We look forward to welcoming our current P & C members and any new members on the night.

Kelly Mills  
P & C Secretary  
Ph: 0414851914 or 42851914





# Twilight Christmas Market

## at Waniora Public School

Homemade, Fairtrade  
and pre-loved gifts.

[wanimarkets@gmail.com](mailto:wanimarkets@gmail.com)

Saturday 9th November

2pm-6pm

