



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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"Strength through Collaboration"

Week 9 Term 4

2 December 2013

Principal's Report

Industrial Action

Parents would have received a note last Friday indicating the school will be non-operational tomorrow (Tuesday 6 December) from 9 am to 11 am due to a stopwork meeting to discuss the NSW Public Section Wages Policy.

In particular, teachers have been offered 2.27%, 2% and 2.15% maximum annual increases for the next three years. These figures are a result of the NSW Government not paying the employer's contribution to the increased superannuation guarantee levy.

The Australian inflation rate for the last three quarters has been 2.2%, 2.4% and 2.2% respectively. At a time when all governments and research indicates teaching needs to attract the 'best and brightest', this wage policy would seem incongruous. There are also great concerns by many in the community including the NSW Government, that funding for the promised GONSKI reforms will not be forthcoming.

Staff Thanks

Mrs James, Mrs Body and Mrs Brancourt took our Year 5/6 students to Narrabeen Camp last week leaving their own families at home.

They receive no overtime payments for this nor do any teachers who take students on overnight excursions. I appreciate their commitment to their students' education.

Kinder Orientation 7/12/13

I look forward to speaking with the parents of our 38 new kinder students about life as a new Kindergarten student and what Russell Vale Public School has to offer.

The first of two mornings for these children to have a more formal time in the classroom with Mrs Cleall and Mrs Rafferty.

Mark Grierson
Principal

Congratulations!



Academic MC

Finn Ainsworth, Serena Banasiak, Samantha Richardson, Taya Nye, Jewel Watson, Nikki Taylor, Joshua Paulo-Smith, Ava Sutton, Leah Heaton, Sherneal Henderson-Poole.

Bronze

Jarrah Anderson, Nehemiah Mandranis, Isaac Carter

Creative Arts

Luke Harrison, Ella Lakeman

Upcoming Events

December

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| 2 | Christmas Scripture Assembly 9.30 am |
| 3 | Mufti & Crazy Hat Day |
| 6 | Smiths Hill Performance |
| 9 | Talent Quest Final |
| 9 | Spider Day (Year 6 Fundraiser) |
| 16 | Presentation Day |
| 16 | Carols (Carols, Hip Hop plus Winner of Talent Quest) |
| 17 | Year 6 Farewell Assembly 9.15 am (hall) |
| 17 | Volunteers Morning Tea 11 am |
| 17 | Year 6 Formal 6 pm to 8.30 pm (hall) |
| 18 | Movie Day/ Bowling Stage 2 |
| 18 | Party Day Stage 1 |
| 18 | Year 6 Fun Day at Jamberoo Recreation Park |
| 18 | Last Day of Term |

Notes and Money Due

Overdue Smiths Hill performance \$2.00

Kindy Play and Orientation

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.

Christmas Scripture Assembly

**Monday 2 December from 9.30am til about 10.45am
(come along parents and children!)**

We are very lucky to have Natalie Miller (an internationally recognised ventriloquist puppeteer) perform for us again right here in our school hall. If that's not enough, some of our locally grown Russell Vale talents will also perform for us too! 1 / 2K and 1VL Protestant students are performing items, and a handful of keen Year 6 students from Catholic and Protestant Scripture will perform an item and help host the assembly.

All students have been practising (or will soon) Colin Buchanan's "Christ, The King of Christmas" song so we can all join in for this one.

Come and join us for some Christmas fun where we celebrate the birth of Jesus, sing and laugh together.

Thanks very much.
Carinya Barkley


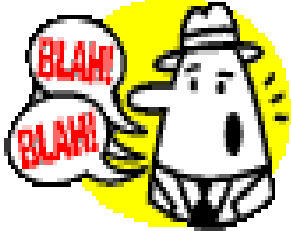
Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms

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

TELLING AN INTERESTING STORY

Tell the right story to the right person and keep it brief.

Do's	Don'ts
Only tell the story if that particular listener is interested in that kind of thing (e.g. you wouldn't describe a cricket game to someone who didn't like cricket).	Don't tell a story that your listener has no interest in.
Get to the main point of the story fairly quickly.	Don't ramble on so that no-one can work out what the main point of your story is.
Leave out any small details which are not vital to the story.	Don't give unnecessary detail.
Look in their eyes to check if your listener is still interested. If they're not, finish the story quickly.	Don't assume that your listener is still listening and interested. You must check.
Use an interesting, varied tone of voice and make the story sound interesting e.g. you might use appropriate facial expressions, voices and gestures.	Don't use a flat, boring tone of voice.
	In your story, don't boast about yourself or try to make yourself sound "wonderful". Don't tell stories just to make yourself look good.
	

Canteen News

The Canteen Roster is filled for the remainder of the year. Thanks greatly to all who have volunteered throughout 2013. We are lucky to have so many people who have come forward and volunteered their time, which has made the Canteen a success.

A special shout out to Julie Hardy and Vanessa Bowler who worked their last Canteen shift together on Friday after a very successful ten year run! Your commemorative mug, plate and slinky apple maker will be presented to you shortly!! Thanks for all the time you've donated to Canteen over the years.

If you have any queries please contact Karan Cambridge on 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au If you need to cancel or make any changes to a day you have volunteered for please contact Astrid Jackson on 0434 524 950 or astyjack@hotmail.com

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

WK	Mon 2 Dec	Tues 3 Dec	Wed 4 Dec	Thurs 5 Dec	Fri 6 Dec
9	Donna McCrystal Val Thurston	Steve Joy Sharon Rigby	Karan Cambridge Wayne Regan	CLOSED	Tracey Brown Neville Denham
WK	Mon 9 Dec	Tues 10 Dec	Wed 11 Dec	Thurs 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
10	Lynette Hando Lynne Holmes	Mel Boon Sharon Rigby	Karan Cambridge Lara Sinton	CLOSED	Donna McCrystal

P&C News

P & C NEWS

Thank you – Camp

Thank you from all the parents and carers of Year and Year 6 to Mrs James, Mrs Body and Mrs Brancourt for taking the students to Narrabeen last week. The children all had a wonderful time, and we appreciate you giving up time with your families to take our children.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets will be sold for 50c each under the COLA starting next week, Monday 2nd December.

Please refer to the green sheet handed out last week for a guide as to what to donate to the hamper on Tuesday 3rd December, for the Mufti & Crazy Hat Day.

If you would like to assist the P & C with the packing of the hampers on Tuesday 3rd December please come to the Hall after 9 am.

Baskets needed

If you have any large baskets you can donate for our Christmas Raffle, please leave them in the Uniform Shop. Last year we made up 36 hamper baskets filled with goodies !

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

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

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JUNIOR BOXING FOR FITNESS DAY

13th January 2014

10am – 2pm

7yr old -14yr old

BBQ Lunch

\$30 members/\$40 non-members

Please pre register as limited spaces

PH. 42 84 3878 or

Email: bulli@pcycnsw.org.au



JUNIOR BASKETBALL TRAINING DAY

15th January 2014

10am – 2pm

7yr old -14yr old

BBQ Lunch

\$30 members/\$40 non-members

Please pre register as limited spaces

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Talent Quest Finalists

Thank you to all students K-6 who auditioned for the 2013 Talent Quest. We were inundated with amazing acts and enthusiastic performances and enjoyed seeing all our talented students.

We wish to congratulate the following acts for making it through to the Talent Quest Grand Final:

KINDERGARTEN

1. Boys Gangnam Dancers
2. TEAM Girls (Pom Poms)
3. Josh and Lucas (Soccer)

STAGE ONE

1. Onesies Group – ‘What does the Fox Say’
2. Ava S (Singing)
3. Tigers Group (Dancing)
4. Leah, Skye and Amelia
5. Ava and Kate (Dancing)
6. Zane, Austin, Aaron, James and Mitch
7. Lillian J (Dancing)
8. Leah, Charlotte and Amelia
9. Evie McL

STAGE TWO

1. Thomas J (Guitar)
2. Darby, Eva, Nikki and Finlay (Dancing)
3. Brinley, Brooke, Eva, Ginger (Singing)
4. Payton B (Piano)
5. Angel (Singing)
6. Angel and Crystal (Dancing)

STAGE THREE

1. Matthew and Fletcher (Guitar/Singing)
2. Georgia G (Singing)
3. Lauren M (Singing)
4. Kyah R (Singing)
5. Annabelle S (Singing)
6. Taisa R (Singing)

The final of the Talent Quest will be held on Monday 9th December and the winners will be performing at our Christmas Carols. In order to prepare for this event could all students please take their music to **MR Cuthbertson** this week so we can make a copy of all music.

Have fun practicing over the next two weeks!

Mrs Leesa James (on behalf of SRC)

MUFTI & CRAZY HAT DAY!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - 2013

Tuesday 3 December

Please support the P & C in our final fundraiser for the year - a huge Christmas Raffle! All money raised will go towards upgrading the schools facilities.



Hamper

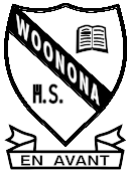
Children are encouraged to be involved in a special Mufti & Crazy Hat Day on Tuesday 3 December 2013, in exchange for the donation of food items.

- All donated products need to be properly sealed, packaged, bottled or tinned.
- Please **NO** fresh foods, out-of-date products, dented/rusty cans and items requiring refrigeration.
- If every family could donate **one or two items**, we will have enough stock to make several large hampers.

So that we do not have an over-supply of the same items, a guideline for each class is listed below. This is a suggestion only, so please feel free to make your own choice.

- KR** Christmas Novelties - Decorations, Christmas Cards, Christmas Crackers, Serviettes, Paper Plates & Cups
- KC** Christmas Goodies - Fruit Cake, Puddings, Shortbread, Chocolate Coated Nuts & Sultanas
- 1VL** Chocolates - Bars, Boxed Assortments, Mint Creams, Family Blocks & Share Packs
- 1-2K** Sweets & Confectionery - Minties, Fantails, Sherbies, Lollipops, Jubes & Jelly Lollies
- 2-3S** Desserts – Cake/Dessert/Pancake Mixes, Ice-cream Cones, Wafers, Toppings & Sprinkles
- 3W** Snacks & Munchies - Chips, Twisties, Pringles, CC's, Pretzels, Nuts & Popcorn
- 4C** Tinned Fruit – Tins and Snack-Packs of Peaches, Apricots, Diced fruit, Berries, Apples, etc.
- 4-5B** Jams/Spreads/Sauces - Tomato/BBQ/Sweet-Chilli sauces, Marinades, Salad Dressings, Vegemite, Honey, Peanut butter, Jams & Marmalades
- 5-6B** Biscuits & Crackers –Sweet, Cream & Savory Biscuits, Shapes, Cream Wafers & Water/Rice Crackers
- 6J** Drinks & Beverages – Soft Drink, Juices, Cordials, Milo, Coffee, Tea, Mineral & Soda Water

Hampers will then be prepared by our volunteers and raffle tickets will be sold under the COLA for 50c in the weeks leading up to the *End of Year Concert*.



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Dear Parents / Caregivers

BOOK PACK FOR YEAR 7 2014

This year at Woonona High School we have decided to put together a book pack for Year 7 2014 which will contain books and other necessary items that students will need for the start of the 2014 academic year. The book pack will cost \$55.00 which can be paid for and collected on Orientation Day. We strongly recommend that all Year 7 students purchase these book packs as they contain the equipment recommended by each individual Faculty at the school.

Included in the book pack will be:

- Music book
- Visual Arts Diary
- Maths Grid book, Maths set and scientific calculator
- 4 x 128p exercise books
- 2 x 198 p exercise books
- Pens
- Pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Sharpener
- USB stick for use in all subjects

We expect to have the book packs here to be picked up on 4th December, during Orientation Day. The preferred method of payment is cash, but eftpos facilities will be available on the day.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

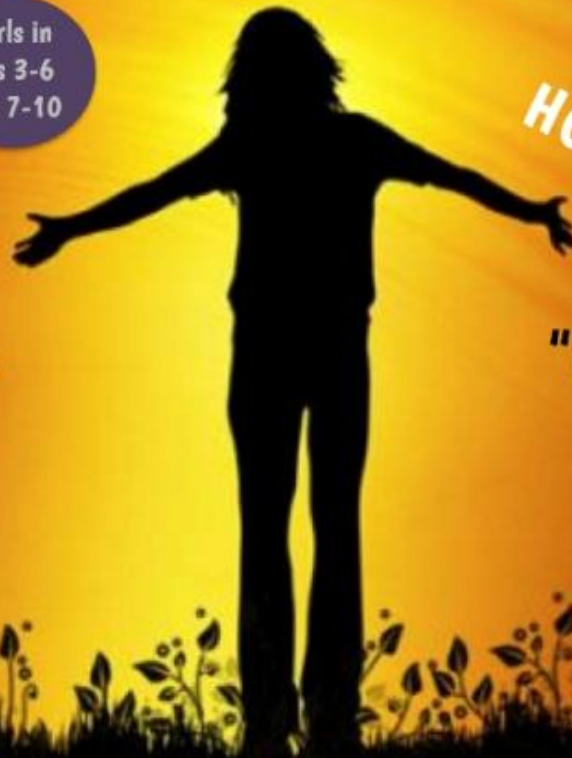
Mr M de Main
Year 7 Student Adviser 2014



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