



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 11 Term 1

8 April 2013

Principal's Report

CROSS COUNTRY START TIMES

Thursday 11 April

Please note, reverse order running this year

**12/13 years – 9:15 am followed by 11 years,
10 years and then 8/9 years**

Community of Schools Days

Twelve students from Russell Vale, Woonona and Woonona East joined together last Thursday with teachers from Woonona High School for an engineering day experience.

Our Year 6 students will all have the opportunity to participate in a day like this before years' end.

Already there has been a language day and numeracy day with another language day, TAS, sport and science days to come.

These excellent initiatives between our Community of Schools ensure that students arrive in Year 7 not only familiar with the physical aspects of the high school and an idea how lessons will occur, but knowing lots of students and teachers as well.

Anzac Day

I will be taking our school leaders to Woonona Bulli RSL for their ANZAC ceremony next Thursday at 10:30am and students here will commemorate the day in a ceremony on Friday 12th April commencing at 10:40am. Parents are welcome to attend this ceremony.

School Development Days

In Term 2 the first two days have been set aside to introduce staff to the new English curriculum.

Teachers from Woonona, Woonona East and Russell Vale will join together on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April here at Russell Vale to work through two modules of professional learning and other associated materials relevant to the English curriculum. This curriculum is to be implemented in 2014 with mathematics the next year.

Students will commence Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

Newsletter

There will be no newsletter the first week back Term 2.

Thank You ...

To the Spence family for the donation of a table tennis table. I am sure the students will get a lot of fun and enjoyment playing table tennis.

I hope all students have a relaxing and happy holiday and return refreshed for Term 2 2013.

Upcoming Events

April 10-12 Russell Vale Public School Show
Thurs 11 Cross Country Carnival 9:15am
May
Wed 8 P&C meeting 7:00pm

Congratulations!

BRONZE School Award

Wk 9: Corey Snelson, Ella Paterson, Riley Walker, Zane Leadbitter, Fletcher Bowler, Ben Luyten, Cameron Lloyd,

Wk 10: Caleb Sharman, Jack Deale, Mason Barker, Harrison Benn

Academic MC

Wk 9: Jeremy Armour, Jake Smith, Leila Maddox, Ben Charlesworth, Stuart Logan, Sean Donnelly, Ryan Harlen, Caitlin Joy, Lily Hastie, Ron Bowen, Alyssa Barkley

Wk 10: Caleb Sharman, Zane Leadbitter, Ella Dunn, Mitchell Armour, Brinley Smart, Nikki Taylor, Samantha Richardson, Hayley Schoupp, Ebony McCrystal, Jaiden Nethercott, Kai Johnson, Olivia Vale, Luke Crimston, Ava Sutton, Angus Sorensen

Creative Art MC

Wk 9: Taya Nye, Jada Barker, Finlay Smart, Sierra McDonagh, Angus Spence, Nikki Taylor, Samantha Richardson

Wk 10: Ryan Sweeny, Kane Barker

PD/H/PE MC

Wk 9: Olivia Robertson, Jack Bowen, Ava Hadfield, Chad Moore, Harrison Benn, Ethan Jacona, Chris Roche, Mason Barker, Luke Harrison

Wk 10: Jackson Addo, Lily Anderson

Mark Grierson

Principal

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Canteen News

Canteen will be closed on FRIDAY 12th April.

A big thank you to Kelly Mills, Donna McCrystal, Kristy Elliott, Paula Phelan, Angie Taylor and Debbie Phippen for helping out with the Easter Sausage Sizzle - \$437 was raised for the school - a great effort for a great day!

As the term draws to a close, it is time for the canteen to get ready for next term. If you can help out in the school canteen next term the roster will be under the COLA or you can let either of us know. Thanks again to all the volunteers who have helped out this term.

We are always after new and friendly faces to help out in the canteen. Any new parent or friend wishing to volunteer in anyway please contact Tamara Johnson on 0412 173 192 or tamarajohnson@live.com.au OR Paula Paulo on 0405 064 250 or paulaandallan@gmail.com

Many thanks, from the Canteen Committee

Canteen Roster

Mon	8 Apr	Lynette Hando, Lynne Holmes
Tues	9 Apr	Patsy Ross, Michelle Graham
Wed	10 Apr	Karen Cambridge, Simone Owen
Thur	11 Apr	Neville Denham, Tracey Brown
Fri	12 Apr	CLOSED – LAST DAY OF TERM

P&C News

P & C

Our **next P & C Meeting** has been postponed until Term 2 on **Wednesday 8th May at 7 pm**; meetings are held in the staffroom so come along to find out about the great things happening at our school.

Mothers' Day Stalls – Term 2

Class stalls will be held in the second week of Term 2 just prior to Mother's Day on Sunday May 12th.

Each class will be notified of the actual day by their own teacher towards the end of Week 2.

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 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 on stall day.

Gifts must be handed in before **Tuesday 7 May 2012**.

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Hints and Tips No. 3: Writing notes



Parents or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the principal to say why their child was absent from school.

A note of explanation should contain:

1. Date that the note was written;
2. Child's name;
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school;
4. The reason the child was absent;
5. The signature of the child's parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be written.

A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. Your school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.

Did your child give the note to their teacher? This can sometimes be a problem with younger children.



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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 broken and are unfit for sale which results in a lack of gifts available on stall day. 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. Children who are fortunate to select first are always happy with their choice. but those who choose last can feel disappointed with the few remaining gifts. Please follow the above guidelines to ensure all participating children can present their mum with a great gift.

Gift 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! Happy shopping in the school holidays!

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

P&C MEMBERSHIP

PARENT NAME / Child's Name / Class - \$5 enclosed

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Please return to P&C Letter box located in office foyer

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

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.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS APRIL HOLIDAY CLINICS

LOOKING FOR A FUN DAY OUT THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? WHY NOT EXPERIENCE RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST HAND AND MEET SOME DRAGONS AT THE SAME TIME.

THE DRAGONS AND NRL ARE CONDUCTING THREE CLINICS THIS APRIL; HEAD TO DRAGONS.COM.AU/CLINICS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

APRIL 16 – BOMADERRY SPORTING COMPLEX

APRIL 17 – WIN STADIUM, WOLLONGONG

APRIL 18 – WIN JUBILEE OVAL, KOGARAH



This year do something different...



do RHEE TAEKWONDO!
Self Defence, Fitness & Fun
for all ages and levels



Classes: Woonona SLSC
Wed 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 6.00-7.00pm

Contact: Pushkin Rahman
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1st week & uniform

FREE

this month only



