



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

Think Act Speak Well

Week 3 Term 2

13 May 2013

Principal's Report

I hope all mums had a great day yesterday and were well looked after by their child/ren.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 sit the Naplan tests this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please make sure your child is well rested and has a nutritious breakfast and lunch on these days as the tests are taxing both mentally and physically.

Encouraging your child to "do their best" is the best advice. High pressure statements will not help in the lead up.

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| 14.5 | Language Conventions |
| 15.5 | Reading |
| 16.5 | Numeracy |

English K-10 New Curriculum

Teachers will continue their learning prior to implementing the new curriculum in 2014. This will take the form of half day professional learning meetings with Woonona and Woonona East teachers every fortnight this term.

Early Stage One and Stage One teachers - Weeks 3, 5, 7.
Stage Two and Stage Three teachers - Weeks 4, 6, 8.

Through collegial interaction it is hoped knowledge and understanding will be developed to a high degree leading to a smooth implementation of the new curriculum in 2014.

Community of Schools

Selected students in Year 6 will participate in a Science day and Languages day on 20/05 and 23/05 respectively.

Up to eight students will experience a "taste" of these subjects delivered by high school staff from Woonona High.

District Cross Country

51 students represented our school at Bulli last Friday. We were pleased with their effort and behaviour and they did Russell Vale proud.

Congratulations to all who participated. We had some great results with numerous placings in the top ten.

Amy Joy came in first in her age division and will be representing the district at the Regional Cross Country. Well done Amy!

Mark Grierson
Principal

School Volunteers

Prohibited Declaration Forms - these forms need to be done each year by all volunteers within the school (canteen, readers, sport etc).

This is a Departmental policy. The forms can be obtained from the office.

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Josh Burton, Samantha Richardson, Blair Dunn, Ginger Little

Academic MC

Thomas Robertson, Samantha Richardson, Taya Nye, Sienna McClafferty, Sean Corrick, Annabelle Smith, Keeley Nethercott, evi McCorkell, Daniel Crimston, Kyah Richardson, Cameron hart, Zyah Jones, Joshua Goodwin, Saxon Bell, Caleb Sharman, Angel Watson, Lauren Morgan

Creative Art MC

Leah Heaton

PD/H/PE MC

Lucie Squires, Janaye Baroudi, Joshua Paulo-Smith

Band Practice/Appointments/Leaving early

Students being picked up by anyone other than their own family or emergency contacts will need to provide a letter from their own parent giving permission to go home or to an appointment with someone else. The name of the pick-up person/s will need to be listed. Students will leave at the 1.25 pm bell for band practice.

Upcoming Events

Mon 13th

Stewart House clothing bags



Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 6: School Community

Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.

Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.

Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Missing school lessons puts in your education

Environment Committee

The Environment Committee had its first meeting on Thursday. We are currently researching some equipment to make picking up litter more hygienic as well as brainstorming ideas to raise money. Each class will also have a particular area of garden to tend and keep tidy. Our plan is to meeting every two weeks.

Georgia Green

PSSA Sport Term 2

The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be invited to participate in three weeks of PSSA sport. This involves your child travelling to a venue and playing games against children from other schools in rugby league for boys, touch football for girls and boys or soccer for girls. The dates are Friday 31st May, Friday 7th June and Friday 14th June.

The cost for soccer and rugby league will be \$4.50 each week, as they travel by bus and for touch football nil, as the children will walk to Hollymount Park.

Your child will be asked to decide on Friday (17th May) what sport they will be participating in, for those three

weeks. Please discuss with your child which activity they would like to do. It is hoped that all children will participate in one of these activities. A school sport program will also be provided. If your child is required to pay for the bus, they will need to bring in \$4.50 on the day of PSSA.

Di Body

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 –

DEALING WITH FIGHTS AND ARGUMENTS

Don't let fights create enemies

DO'S

Try to stay calm and talk through the problem using a respectful voice.

If you or the other person are getting angry or out of control say: "We're getting too angry. Let's talk about it later" and walk away.

Make sure you do talk about it later. When you've calmed down, recognize that allowing the bad feelings to continue is not a good thing. You are responsible for dealing with them.

When you feel calm, go and talk to the other person.

Put your point of view and tell about your feelings (e.g. "I felt bad when you didn't include me in the game you organised")

Let them put their point of view. Listen without interrupting until they're finished.

Try to find a way to be friends again.

NEXT DAY



DON'TS

Don't call the other person insulting names.

Don't say blaming things.

Don't try to shame the other person.

Don't hit or kick or use any kind of violence.

Don't be big-headed and assume that you are the only one who is right.



LATER THAT DAY



Canteen News

Canteen will be closed on Monday 13th May.

The new menu is attached with some winter favorites on it and some new options for those children with special dietary needs. There is now a gluten free option and a soy option. If there are any other special dietary requests, I would be happy to hear from you and try to accommodate any other needs.

There is also a meal deal coming up for red nose day - please see attached email sheet.

Canteen committee will be having a meeting on Thursday 16th May at 9.30am. All are welcome, and as I will be resigning as Canteen secretary the committee would love to see some new faces. If you are interested in coming along, or the secretary positions please contact Tamara Johnson 0412 173 192.

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

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| Mon | 13 May | CLOSED |
| Tue | 14 May | Sharon Rigby, Mel Boon |
| Wed | 15 May | Karan Cambridge, Simone Owen |
| Thur | 16 May | Julie Hardy, Vanessa Bowler |
| Fri | 17 May | Katrina McDonagh, Tanya Love |
| Mon | 20 May | Lynette Hando, Lynne Holmes |
| Tues | 21 May | Patsy Ross, Donna McCrystal |
| Wed | 22 May | Karan Cambridge, Sharon Rigby |
| Thur | 23 May | Sue Furlong, VOLUNTEER NEEDED |
| Fri | 24 May | Paula Paulo, VOLUNTEER NEEDED |

P&C News

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Mothers' Day Stalls

Thank you staff and to all those families who took part in Mothers' Day stalls last week. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of new school resources in the coming months.

We hope all of our mum's had a HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.

P & C Meeting

It was wonderful to see some new faces at our last P & C Meeting, since it's an opportunity to have as many families as possible involved in making decisions and to hear about the great things happening in our school.

The next P & C meeting to put in your diary will take place on **Wednesday 12 June at 7 pm** in the staffroom. All welcome and tea and coffee provided.

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





Operation Art is a statewide competition initiated by the NSW Department of Education and Communities and The Children's Hospital at Westmead. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

The works selected for the Hospital will tour Regional Art Galleries for 12 months. A framed colour copy of the submitted artwork will be returned to school in Term 4.

This year Russell Vale is entering four artworks from our student body.

We congratulate the following students whose work have been chosen, and wish them well in the competition:

Lucas Hunter (KR); Tylah Funnell (1VL); Sierra McDonagh (3WB)
Finlae Watson (6J).



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

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 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

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

This year do something different...



do RHEE TAEKWONDO!

Self Defence, Fitness & Fun
for all ages and levels

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

Contact: Pushkin Rahman
0467727134
42847853

1st week & uniform

FREE

this month only



**Hey, if you are aged 5- 10, then
Shamrocks Rugby Club
Wants YOU!**

We are seeking interested kids – boys and girls to boost numbers in our under 7's, under 8's, under 9's and under 10's age groups.

Registration \$80 – includes socks, shorts. New players also get a t-shirt and Rugby sample bag (while stocks last)

Training on Wednesdays at Ocean Park Woonona. Games on Sundays. For more info, contact Megan or Andrew Cracknell – acrackers@westnet.com.au or phone 0432944543

HURRY! 10% discount on rego fees for the first 10 new rego's

Woonona High School 30 Year School Reunion

Yr 10 of 1983/Yr 12 of 1985

A reunion is being held on Saturday 25th May
Woonona Bulli RSL from 6.30pm
Come along and catch up with old school
friends.

Details contact Cindy on 0417651387

