



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

*Think Act Speak Well*

**Week 2 Term 3**

**22 July, 2013**

## Principal's Report

### Education Week 2013 - 29<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Choral Festival Monday - 29/7 Wollongong Town Hall

Open Day – Wednesday 31/7

Community of Schools Launch – Thursday 1/8/13  
5 pm - 7.30 pm

Our Open Day will consist of:

Assembly	9.15 am – 10 am Public Speaking Citizenship Awards
Open classrooms	10 am – 11 am
Lunch with children	11 am – 11.50 am

### Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool (PLASST) – 2013 Trial

I am pleased to advise that during the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of students. PLASST stands for Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

To assist with the delivery of the trial, the Department of Education and Communities has contracted an independent analytics and program management provider, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). PwC will also analyse the data collected from the trial and recommend adjustments to the tool before it is made available to all NSW public schools in 2014.

The trial will take place between July and September 2013 and involve up to 550 selected schools.

Teachers will complete a questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students and submit

their responses online. All data will be held in a secure web database designed specifically by PwC for the trial. The data supplied to PwC through the trial will not provide any names of individual students.

Students will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed during the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's possible involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school.

### NAIDOC Activities

What a great day was had last Friday with students participating in a range of activities to mark the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee week of activities.

Some of these included boomerang decoration, flag making, Aboriginal games, dance and music as well as artistic pursuits.

I want to thank all our teachers for coming up with such engaging and fun activities and for their dedication to the promotion of Aboriginal culture and lifestyle.

### Enrolments for 2014

Anyone wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten next year should please see the office ladies and complete an enrolment form.

Mark Grierson  
Principal

### Extra Tickets for Choir

Extra tickets for the choir performance are now available and can be purchased at the office. Only a limited number are available so make sure you get in quick.

## COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS LAUNCH

### 2013 Woonona Learning Community Launch Strength Through Collaboration

#### *Invitation*

You are warmly invited to the launch of the Woonona Learning Community.

The Woonona Learning Community unites four schools from Woonona to offer superior education opportunities for all students.

Please join the Principals, staff and students of the Woonona Learning Community as we celebrate our outstanding success and formally launch a new direction for public education in the district.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013**  
**Woonona High School Hall**  
**Nicholson Rd Woonona**  
**5pm – 7.30pm**

#### **RSVP**

26<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

Woonona High School, Nicholson Rd,  
Woonona

*Ph 4284 1513*

Woonona Public School, Gray St,  
Woonona

*Ph 4284 4316*

Woonona East Public School, Royal  
Cres, Woonona

*Ph 4284 1472*

Russell Vale Public School, Terania St,  
Russell Vale

*Ph 4284 4396*

## Upcoming Events

### **July**

Mon 29th

Choir Rehearsal and  
Performance

Mon 29th July  
to Fri 2nd Aug

Education Week

Weds 31st

Open Day

### **August**

Weds 14th, 7 pm

P & C Meeting

Thurs 1st,  
5 pm – 7.30 pm

Community of Schools Launch

## *Congratulations!*



### **BRONZE School Award**



Week 2: Noah McInerney, Callum Sweeny, Kodi Tawhai-King, Ryan Sweeney, Ava Hadfield, Bailey Walker, Jacob Amin, Bailey Walker, Sienna McClafferty

## 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 –

### RESPECTING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS

Everyone has the right to say what they want to say without being put-down

Don'ts	Do's
If you don't agree with what someone says, try to think of anything they said which you can agree with.	Don't just focus on what you <i>disagree</i> with.
Speak in a calm and courteous tone of voice.	Don't use an angry or sarcastic tone of voice.
Firstly say the part you can agree with, and then say what you disagree with (e.g. "I agree with Sam that we should all take turns in using the basketball at recess, but I don't think the best way is to have a roster").	Don't start your sentence with "I don't agree.." or "No ..." or "But surely ..." or "Don't you think ...".
If you <i>can't</i> think of any part you can agree with. Then firstly say something which shows you heard what they said. Then say how you disagree (e.g. "I realise that Sam thinks a roster system would work but I think it's unfair because some people don't <i>want</i> to play with the basketball").	Don't call people names or use put-downs (e.g. That's stupid! You're wrong! How can you think that!).
	Don't just knock other people's ideas and opinions. Come up with an alternative.
	

## Canteen News

### Welcome back to Term 3.

The Movie & Popcorn day at the end of Term 2 was a huge success with \$480 being raised. A BIG thanks to all the volunteers for their time and help.

We are still looking for some volunteers in the canteen for the rest of the Term. If anybody could help, the roster for the next two weeks and also the whole term is below. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

We are always after new and friendly faces to help out in the canteen. It's a great social way to be involved in the school community & an important source of fundraising for our school. Any new parent, grandparent or friend wishing to volunteer in anyway please contact Karan Cambridge on 0437868509 or [akcambo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:akcambo@yahoo.com.au)

Many thanks, from the Canteen Committee

WK	Mon 22 July	Tues 23 July	Wed 24 July	Thurs 25 July	Fri 26 July
2	Lynette Hando Lynne Holmes	Patsy Ross <u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Karan Cambridge Sharon Rigby	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	Karan Cambridge Astrid Jackson
WK	Mon 29 July	Tues 30 July	Wed 31 July	Thurs 1 Aug	Fri 2 Aug
3	Scott Taylor Andrew Cambridge	Sharon Rigby Mel Boon	Karan Cambridge Lara Sinton	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan	Gavin & Lara Jones

## P&C News

The next P & C meeting to put in your diary will take place on **Wednesday 14 August at 7 pm** in the staffroom. All welcome - tea and coffee provided.

### THANK YOU – NAIDOC WEEK

To all who helped out at Friday's Sausage Sizzle for NAIDOC week. Well done to all of the children who participated in all of the fun events.

### Fundraising Goal

The P & C have decided that our fundraising activities will be aimed at "Bringing technology into the Classroom". Stage One will see funds being put towards providing wireless internet in the classrooms with the aim of giving students access to portable technology (eg laptops) at a later date.

Please support our fundraising during the year so we can raise an initial amount of \$5,500 to assist with providing this technology to students.

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

## Community News

Disclaimer: Russell Vale Public School advertises in this column as a service to parents. Russell Vale Public School does not endorse, sponsor or accept responsibility for the management or organisation of the advertised events or services.

### **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)**

### **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



New Basketball Competition starting soon at Bulli PCYC

**WANTED:** Teams and individual players for our new basketball competition all ages from year 2 to adult.

**For more information please contact Bulli PCYC 42843878, after 4pm**

## 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  
0467727134  
42847853

1<sup>st</sup> two lessons

**FREE!**



## Fire Phoenix Martial Arts

**MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!**

Fire Phoenix Martial Arts offers classes in traditional martial arts for children as young as 2 years old through to adults.

Students are taught in a family friendly, supportive environment in age specific classes.

**TWO WEEKS FREE TRIAL OF UNLIMITED CLASSES**

**QUOTE WAPS01FREE**

355 Princes Highway Woonona

Ph 4284 3078

[www.firephoenixmartialarts.com](http://www.firephoenixmartialarts.com)



Registration Days - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
& Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3:30-5pm at  
Bulli High School Math's room

Or

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September "try it / learn what to do" Day is open to all Registered NILAC athletes and their Families.

Starts at 10am -1pm At Bulli High School Oval - Enter Via Alroy Street then stay for the Working Bee 1:30-4pm at the grounds.

Registration Cost: \$100 per athlete (U6-U17)

\$80 per Tiny Tot (U4yrs -U5)

**\*\* New Rego's please bring your Birth Certificate on Rego Day \*\***

**Tiny Tots are required to have supervision at all times.**

**All other Age Groups are required to have 1 parent/ adult per family that is required to help out each Friday afternoon, at a designated job. All children must have adult supervision whilst at NILAC at all times.**

**Competition starts Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

At 4:15pm then every Friday afternoon after that of the School term on the back oval at Bulli High School Access via Alroy Street

2 Week Trials are Available at a cost of

\$20 per athlete

Uniform Shop is Open on Registration Days

Any further info please Call our President

Wanda on 0400 663 943

Or

Email via [www.northernillawarralittleathletics.com.au](http://www.northernillawarralittleathletics.com.au)

Face book: northern illawarra little athletics club

Parent Involvement is essential to the running of any athletics club. Supervision of 1 parent / adult is required per family at all times whilst competing at our club.



# Wollongong Touch Assoc.

2013 JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION – 4<sup>th</sup> TERM

START: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

VENUE: Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow

AGE GROUPS: U8, U10, U12, U14 Boys & Girls

SUBJECT TO TEAM NUMBERS – MUST HAVE 4 TEAMS FOR A COMPETITION

COST: \$65 first child, \$55 every other child

**REGO:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 10am to 12noon

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 20<sup>st</sup> July – 10am to 12noon

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July – 10am to 12noon

ALL ENQUIRIES TO:

Junior Director: Ali Day 0413 012 682

Email: [benalisigns@optusnet.com.au](mailto:benalisigns@optusnet.com.au)

Team sponsors required @ \$200.00 per team

Rego sheet available at [www.wollongongtouch.asn.au](http://www.wollongongtouch.asn.au)

Check out info on facebook – Wollongong Touch

Team or individual nomination accepted

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**U8 & 10's – MAX 8 PER TEAM...U12 to U18 – MAX 10 PER TEAM**

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