



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

*"Think Act Speak Well"*

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community  
*"Strength through Collaboration"*

**Week 3 Term 4**

**20th October 2014**

## **Principal's Report**

### **Carnivale!**

The celebration was an outstanding success with everyone enjoying the day and having a wonderful time eating and drinking, looking at stalls and participating in rides. The day had a great community feel to it and we were blessed with perfect weather.

My immense gratitude to Kelly Mills for her co-ordination of this massive event. Kelly has worked tirelessly over the past terms to ensure the success of the day. I am also indebted to all staff who assisted on the day and all parents who helped on the day or on some of the organisation for individual events and stalls. Around 60 parents contributed as well as all those wonderful people who donated cakes and slices.

We can now look forward to the next decade of teaching and learning at Russell Vale Public School.

### **NRMA Road Safety Science Show**

Much has been done in the school this year in regards to educating students about safety on the roads in and around the school.

We have been very lucky to secure a whole day show – the NRMA Road Safety Science Show, free of charge. Whilst not happening until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, it is hoped many parents will come along as there is a session for you – hence the advance notice.

The program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick.

The shows combine important road safety messages with science. Messages such as 'Wear their seatbelt' have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash. In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

### **Selective High Schools**

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 are now open until 17<sup>th</sup> November, to parents of students in Year 5. Application information booklets are available at the office. The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit's website at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

Mr Mark Grierson  
Principal

## *Notes & Money Due*

Overdue      Year 6 Camp to Canberra

### ***Congratulations!***

**BRONZE** School Award:

**Week 1:** Noah McInerney, Jasmin Deece, Nikki Taylor, Kai Horsey, Jackson Ritchie, Harrison Ritchie, Lonhro Tweddle, Brinley Smart.

**Week 2:** Harrison Ritchie, Jackson Ritchie, Kai Horsey.

**ACADEMIC:**

**Week 1:** Jahra Tawhai-King, Cameron Hart, Noah McInerney, Dane Deece, Nate Gardiner, Lucy Dash, Lonhro Tweddle, Zarah Coltman, Oliver Goode, Anakin Hughes, Jessica George, Sean Corrick, Nehemiah Mandranis, Cameron Bengé, Angus Sorenson.

**PD/H/PE:**

**Week 1:** Benny Levy, Jaiden.

### ***Upcoming Events***

***October***

Fri 31      Grandparents' Day 9.15 am

***November***

Mon 3      Year 6 fitting of uniforms for Woonona High  
(8.30 am in hall)

Wed 5      Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Camp

Mon 10     P & C Annual General Meeting 7 pm

Tues 11    NRMA Road Safety Science Show

***December***

Thurs 11   Presentation Day

## 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.

### ASKING AN ADULT FOR SUPPORT

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

#### Do's

Make sure you haven't tried other ways to deal with being given a hard time, *before* you ask an adult for support.

Make sure you really want to stop the annoying behaviour, not just get them into trouble.

Say "If you don't stop, I'll go and ask Mr Brown for support".

Approach a teacher, look in their eyes and stand tall.

In a firm voice, tell them what the problem is and what you have already tried to do to deal with it.



#### Don'ts

Don't ask for adult support until after you've tried to deal with it yourself.

Don't just try to get the other person into trouble.

Don't choose an inconvenient time to talk to the teacher (unless it's an emergency).

Don't look up in the air or down at the ground.

Don't use a whingeing or complaining tone of voice.

Don't keep threatening to ask for support.

Just say it once and then do it.



### Kindergarten 2015

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2015, or know of anyone who is, enrolment forms are now available for collection from the school office

**RVPS Carnival Day – Thanks**

The Carnival Day that was held on Saturday was a great success and was lots of fun for our students and the whole community. A huge thank you to all of the parents, teachers and students who helped out on the day and who helped with organising such a great day. Please read our separate Carnival Day summary at the end of the newsletter.

**P & C Meeting ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Thank you** to all the P & C members who made the effort last Monday night during the storm to attend the P & C meeting. It was great to see some new faces, and we managed to achieve a quorum and therefore we were able to pass important business.

Our next **P & C Meeting and our Annual AGM** will be held on **MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7 pm** in the staffroom. This is an important night for the ongoing work of the P & C. All Committee positions within the P & C will be declared vacant then re-filled by nomination and election. Positions include the P & C President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. We also require members to form sub-committees for the Canteen, Uniform Shop and Tennis Court. If these committees and positions are not filled:

- the P & C can no longer function
- no more fundraising = no more new resources
- the canteen will be closed
- school uniforms will be out-sourced to a local retailer (costing more)
- the use and management of the Tennis Court will be handed back to Wollongong City Council

We ask all parents and carers to consider being actively involved in the P & C for 2015. We average only two Monday night meetings per term.

All nominees for positions must be current financial members (ie. you have previously paid the \$5 annual membership fee). Please contact Kelly Mills or a current committee member if you have any questions or would like to express an interest in being nominated for a position. If more than one person is nominated, a secret ballot election will be conducted to ensure privacy during the election process. A brief General Meeting will follow the AGM after a short break.

A Quorum of at least 10 members is required to hold our AGM so again we would love as many members to come along as possible please. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and find out about the great things happening in our school. Full details about the individual Committee Positions within the P & C will be sent in a separate note to all families.

If you have any enquiries regarding the P & C, please contact **Kelly Mills, P & C Secretary** Ph 0414 851 914

## Canteen News

The next 3 weeks of the canteen roster are listed below. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Astrid Jackson 0434 524 950 or [astyjack@hotmail.com](mailto:astyjack@hotmail.com). If you have any queries/suggestions regarding the canteen please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or [akcambo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:akcambo@yahoo.com.au)  
Many Thanks the Canteen Committee.

WK	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct
3	Simone Owen Tracey Johnson	<u>CLOSED</u>	Karan Cambridge <u>Volunteer needed</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Volunteers needed</u>
WK	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct
4	Wayne Regan Karan Cambridge	<u>CLOSED</u>	Sharon Rigby <u>Volunteer needed</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Volunteers needed</u>
WK	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov
5	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>



### The Lions Club of Woonona Inc. World Festival of Magic Show

#### Free entry

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

**Date** Sunday, 9 November 2014

**Show Time Choices** 11:00 am, or 1:30 pm or 4:00 pm

**Location** Woonona Bulli RSL Auditorium

The Lions Club of Woonona requests that your school or organisation be kind enough to advise your students and their families of the Magic Show in the School news-letter please.

Tickets are not required. Entry is FREE.

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

Everyone has fond memories of being at their nan and pop's place – it's where you'd go to get the kind of love that only a grandparent can give. This year Grandparents Day in NSW will celebrate our shared memories of being at home with our grandparents.

Russell Vale Public School would like to invite all nans, pops, grandmas grandpas and grandfriends to our own

An  
Invitation  
for you!

grandparents day

on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



We will hold a K-6 assembly in the hall, with our grandparents as the guests of honour, at **9.15**, featuring Russell Vale's version of "Mary



Poppins!".

At 11am morning tea will be provided, and you are welcome to enjoy the lunch session with your grandchildren. Our P&C will provide a sausage sizzle at a small cost. Normal classes will recommence at 11.50am. Grandparents are welcome to visit their grandchild's classroom during the lunch break. A reminder that students may not enter rooms without an adult supervising.

We look forward to seeing many of our "older" members of our school community at this event!

Many thanks,

Staff and Students of RVPS

### Community News

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### PARKVIEW TENNIS COURT

Available for Hire  
\$5 per hour or \$15 half day

Phone: Megan 0420 287 521  
or Lara 0403 844 484

Court is managed by Russell Vale Public  
School P & C

All hire moneys received are used to improve the Court for  
the benefit of

### RUSSELL VALE COMMUNITY HALL

Available for Hire

Phone: 0487 995 443

(if no answer, please leave a message)

The Hall is managed by Russell Vale P & C and a  
discount is available to all P & C Financial

### 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)

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a new training uniform...**FREE**

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10 Gi's Giveaway

## Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men!

- Adolescent boys – they seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.
- Will they survive to become good men?
- How can parents and schools understand and help them through this difficult and dangerous time?

### Celia Lashlie

After 15 years as the first female prison officer, Celia knows what can happen when boys make the wrong choices. She also knows what it's like to be a parent – she raised a son on her own and feared for his survival. During the recent Good Man Project she talked to 180 classes of boys throughout. The result was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys and what they are feeling in this period of their lives. There are challenging suggestions for parents if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be. Celia is a great speaker and her talk gives parents food for thought and plenty of hints to work with their teenage sons. *All parents will find something valuable in this talk – regardless of whether they have sons or not.*



**FREE**

**Nowra**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Shoalhaven Entertainment  
Centre, Bridge Rd, Nowra

Book Now

**FREE**

**Shellharbour**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
9:30-11:30am  
Centenary Hall, Tongarra rd,  
Albion Park

Book Now

**FREE**

**Wollongong**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Wollongong Hospital  
Auditorium, Level 8 Block C.

Book Now

*Please arrive early to allow workshops to commence on time.*

**Bookings Essential:** Ph. Donna Forknall: (02) 4254 2700  
(Places may be limited) [Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)



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**THE LORD MAYOR'S**

# Picnic in the park

**FOR 2015 SCHOOL  
STARTERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES!**

**FREE** entertainment and giveaways  
for all 2015 school starters. Join  
in the fun while finding out more  
about starting school!

**Sunday 2 November, 10am-12pm**  
@ MacCabe Park (southern end)  
Cnr Church & Ellen Street, Wollongong

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