



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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**Week 5 Term 4**

**3 November, 2014**

## **Principal's Report**

### **Annual School Report**

It is that time again when we ask parents and carers to complete a *School Satisfaction Survey* and in 2014, a *School Planning Survey*. I appreciate the responses parents make and they are discussed at a whole staff level as well as reported in the Annual School Report published early next year.

For 2015-2017 a new planning template is being introduced in all NSW public schools. Its focus will be three Strategic Directions rather than the previous focus on targets.

Staff have carefully considered these subtle changes and feel that our Strategic Directions should include:

Literacy and Numeracy – New Curriculum implementation and Assessment

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning – Fostering creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking as well as developing information, media and technology skills suitable for a future as global citizens.

Leadership at all Levels - Including student leadership and maintaining a culture of high expectations for all.

It is hoped that all parents will take this opportunity to give the input into planning for 2015 via these surveys.

### **2015 Classes**

When deciding on the classes for any year, we attempt to obtain as much information as possible to ensure that, given the resources of the school, (number of teachers, classroom availability, number of children, etc.), we place the children as best we can. With this in mind, we would like to know of any factors which could affect the placement of your child in the 2015 classes.

Whilst I cannot assure you that we will be able to meet your requests, I can guarantee you that I will listen to what you have to say and if possible, find a satisfactory solution.

Please write a note to the Principal via the front office staff and have your envelope marked 'Mr Grierson – CONFIDENTIAL.' I will be able to accept your notes until Friday 21st November. Please be aware that requesting particular teachers for your child is very flattering, but rarely appropriate.

**If you are leaving the school or know of someone coming in 2015, please let us know as soon as possible.**

### **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*

### **November**

Fri 12 Hip Hop Lessons (Stage 3)

Overdue Year 6 Camp to Canberra

## *Congratulations!*

### **BRONZE** School Award:

**Week 3:** Finn Davy, Jayden Lea, Corey Snelson, Samantha Richardson.

**Week 4:** Jake Smith, Sherneal Henderson-Poole, Jayden Trang, Carrie Walker, Jasmyn Little, Avah Anderson, Brooke Love.

### **ACADEMIC:**

**Week 3:** Ryan Sweeney, Cameron Hart, Jahra Tawhai-King, Kiara Funnell, Ryan Insley-Hasiuk, Cooper Paterson, Caitlynn Goyen, Jayden Lea, Keeley, Mitchell Armour, Jordan Phelan, Jess Burton, Jordan Broers, Taya Nye, Angel Atkinson, Zephyr Sinton-Scott, Liam Barkley, Zane Leadbitter, Joshua Mellows, Tyla Kirby, Jordan Barker.

**Week 4:** Ethan Lea, Scott Harrison, Kyra Owens, Blake Sweeney, Savannah Skipp, Heath Barkley, Cooper Rigby, Charlotte McIntyre, Finn Kiefer, Anakin Hughes, Jasmyn Little, Amelia Elliott, Aaron Mills.

### **PD/H/PE:**

**Week 3:** Jake Taylor.

### **CREATIVE ARTS:**

**Week 3:** Jayden Trang, Corey Snelson, Pearl Peters.

**Week 4:** Crystal Atkinson, Avah Anderson.

## *Upcoming Events*

### *November*

Wed 5 Year 6 Camp

Mon 10 P & C Annual General Meeting 7 pm

Tues 11 NRMA Road Safety Show

Thurs 13 Book Fair (8.30 am – 9 am & 3 pm – 3.30 pm)

Fri 14 Book Fair (8.30 am – 3.30 pm )Open All Day

Fri 21 Talent Quest

### *December*

Thurs 11 Presentation Day

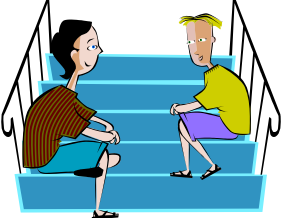

## Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms

Students have been learning about positive tracking. Please take time to read the information below and discuss it with your child.

Thank You.

### HAVING AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION

Take turns and talk about something you are both interested in.

<b>Do's</b>	<b>Don'ts</b>
<p>Look at the other person and smile.</p> <p>Ask a question or make a comment about something you have in common. Listen carefully when the other person is speaking.</p> <p>When they stop talking, take your turn, and either ask a good question or say something about the topic. Be positive.</p> <p>While you are speaking, look to see that the other is interested in what you are saying.</p> <p>Let them have a turn by pausing and looking in their eyes.</p> <p>If you run out of thing to say or they seem uninterested, make a comment or ask another question about something else that you have in common.</p>	<p>Don't talk about things that the other person is not interested in.</p> <p>Don't fidget or let you mind wander.</p> <p>Don't expect the other person to do all the work in the conversation.</p> <p>Don't interrupt.</p> <p>Don't assume that the other person is interested in what you are saying. Check!</p> <p>Don't hog the conversation.</p> <p>Don't ask questions all the time. Make some comments.</p>
	

## **P&C News**

We thank you for your continued support of our fundraising events to provide resources to benefit all of the students at our school.

### **Grandparents**

#### **Day – Thanks**

Thank you to all the students who performed in Mary Poppins on Grandparents Day – what a wonderful show. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped the students put on such a professional show. We hope all of the Grandparents enjoyed their morning tea and enjoyed the show also.

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

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

Thank you to all the students who entered the Canteen Menu competition. All the entries were fantastic, and it was very difficult to choose the most outstanding one. Congratulations though are to go to Ryan Mills who designed the winning menu. Well done!

Thank you also to all those who assisted serving morning tea and on the BBQ after the fabulous performance on Grandparents' Day. We raised \$840.00 for our school!

The canteen roster for the following 2 weeks is listed below. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Astrid Jackson 0434 524 905 or [astyjack@hotmail.com](mailto:astyjack@hotmail.com)

If you have any queries/suggestions regarding the Canteen, please contact Karan Cambridge on 0437 868 509 or [akcambo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:akcambo@yahoo.com.au)

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

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	Bronwyn Anderson Wayne Regan	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	Sharon Rigby Karan Cambridge	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	Nicole Sorensen Bronwyn Horsey
WK	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov
6	Wayne Regan Karan Cambridge	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	Sharon Rigby <b><u>Volunteer Needed</u></b>	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	Neville Denham Tracey Brown

# It is time for our Annual Scholastic Book Fair



## BOOK FAIR GARDEN



Catch the reading bug!

**Week 6**

**Opening Times are as follows:**

Thursday 13/11/14 Before School (8.30am-9.00am)

and After School (3.00pm-3.30pm)

Friday 14/11/14 All Day (8.30am-3.30pm)

Parents, Grandparents, family members and friends are welcome

This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.



Please come along and support this fund raiser



The Library earns a percentage of total sales to purchase new books and resources for our School

## 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



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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](mailto:davidmacquire@hotmail.com)

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## 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.

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

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## FUNDRAISING ART SALE

**ART with HEART**

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You're invited to **Opening Night** of our 2 day ART SALE.

Raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation to assist with further research.

*Crazy discounts offered - everything negotiable.  
Discount framing available over the weekend,  
bring along artworks to be framed.*

Massive clearance required to make way for new exciting stock.

**OPENING NIGHT**  
Friday 14th November  
From 5:30pm

@ Impact Art Gallery  
1/5 Finlayson St, Wollongong

\$10 Door Entry Fee & 10% sales direct to Leukaemia Foundation

**SALE CONTINUES 15&16th**  
10am - 4pm

Raffle donations to:  
debbie@impactart.com.au  
0414 012 493

Amazing photography by Joern Rohde, of Whistler Canada

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**IMPACT ART**



Good afternoon,

Here at the Bendigo we strive to put our customers at the very centre of everything that we do. This does not only include offering the best service by the best staff in the Illawarra but also truly listening to what our customers are asking of us.

For this reason I would like to extend the following Home Loan Discounts to all and any of your friends, colleagues, associates or employees.

Application Fee

- Discounted from \$150 **to Nil.**

Variable Rates: -

- Home Loans between \$0 - \$249,999 - **1.1% off the standard variable rate for the life of the loan.** This would mean the rate currently for this loan would be 4.91%.
- Home Loans between \$250,000 and \$499,99 - **1.3% off the standard variable rate for the life of the loan.** This would mean the rate currently for this loan would be 4.71%.
- Home Loans over \$500,000 - **1.5% off the standard variable rate for the life of the loan.** This would mean the rate currently for this loan would be 4.51%.

Fixed Rates

- Any Fixed Rate Home Loan - **0.2% off the applicable Fixed Rate**

It should be noted that the above offer is for a limited time and the rates may change, normal credit application processes, criteria apply and other credit fees and charges may apply. This offer is available only for New and Increasing Home Loans.

To take up this offer all you need to do is mention that you have been offered the "BIGGER FAIRY MEADOW HOME LOAN DEAL" when you come to apply for your new home loan.

**Mark Tyson** | Branch Manager

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