



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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Week 11 Term 4

15 December, 2014

Principal's Report

Parents and Carers

Another successful year has come to a close, and I was so proud of all students who received awards at last Thursday's Presentation Day as well as their dancing performances which were of a wonderfully professional nature. The inclusion of Talent Quest winners also added to the day. I look forward to tomorrow's Year Six Assembly and Farewell in the evening.

School Development Days

On Thursday and Friday of this week, staff will work on the scope and sequence of the new Mathematics Curriculum as well as on the use of information technology in our school during 2015.

Volunteers' Morning Tea

We hope to see lots of volunteers at the staffroom tomorrow to recognise the work parents do for our school.

School Start Dates 2015

Students in Years 1-6 commence school on Wednesday 28th January, 2015, and our new Kindergarten students commence on Wednesday 4th February, 2015, at 9.30 am.

Leave

Next year, I have decided to take one day per week (Friday) on leave without pay. Currently, there is an expression of interest for who will relieve as Principal on a Friday. This will be finalised before the end of term, and I have no doubt the role can be effectively done by any of our Assistant Principals. I am unsure how long I will be taking this leave but six months would be the minimum.

Farewell Mrs King, Mrs Vorobieff and Mrs Carter

I hope many parents will come to farewell these fine staff on Wednesday afternoon as they walk through the Guard of Honour along with our Year Six students. This will take place at approximately 2.45 pm.

In closing, I would like to wish all parents and carers and of course, our students, a wonderful Christmas and New Year full of peace and happiness with your families.

Mr Mark Grierson
Principal

Upcoming Events

December

Tues 16	Year 6 Assembly (Parents welcome) 9.15am
Tues 16	Volunteers Morning Tea 11.10 am in the staffroom
Tues 16	Year 6 Farewell 6.00pm
Weds 17	Party Day/Movie Day/Jamberoo

Notes & Money Due

December

Overdue

Jamberoo (Year 6)

Movie Day \$24.00 (Years 3-5)

Party Day \$11.00 (Years K-2)

Congratulations!

BRONZE School Award:

Week 9: Jahra Tawhai-King, Tom Cambridge, Dayna Evans, Sienna Broers, Charlotte Basham, Blake Weston, Alex.

Week 10: Cameron Hart, Thomas Feld, Dominic De Carli, Luke Harrison, Joshua Paulo-Smith, Coen Stein, Liam Barkley, Charli Whitefield, Saxon Bell, Jarrah Anderson, Fletcher Sutton, Joshua Mellows, Jordan Barker, Serena Banasiak, Violet Schweigler, Kye MacDonald, Tyler Weston, Imogen Clarke, Anakin Hughes, Riley Elliott, Jessica George.

ACADEMIC:

Week 9: Lylah Ficker, Harrison Ritchie, Jackson Ritchie, Mitch Walker, Mason Barker, Beth O'Brien, Adelaide Davis-Soar, Jeremy Armour, Dayna Evans, Bradley Lawson, Travis Lee, Charlotte McIntyre, Jenna Owen, Kye MacDonald, Violet Schweigler, Lillian Joy, Samantha Hallowell, Avah Anderson.

Week 10: Jessica George, Lily Hastie, Kyah Richardson, Jasmyn Little, Mia Walsh, Katie Ross, Crystal Atkinson, Jack Deale, Ella Lakeman, Kai Horsey, Jye Collins-Firkin, Anakin Hughes, Jessica George, Riley Elliott, Ryan Harlen.

PD/H/PE:

Week 9: Thomas Joy, Clint Walker, Jackson Armstrong, Mathew Armour, Zephyr Sinton-Scott, Mark Harrison.

Week 10: Finlay Smart, Heath Barkley, Lily Anderson.

CREATIVE ARTS:

Week 9: Nyasha Khan, Alyssa Barkley.

Week 10: Darby Walsh, Ava Hadfield, Savannah Skipp.

P&C News

PNC NEWS

Thank You

To everyone for supporting the P & C with our fundraising in 2014 and for your continued assistance within our school. Please refer to the following year in review summary for further details.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supplied items for our hamper raffle and who purchased tickets in our raffle. Congratulations to all of the winners - we hope you enjoy your lovely hampers over the festive season. It was a very successful day with an amount of over \$2,000 raised from the sausage sizzle, raffle ticket sales and tea and coffee.

Baskets

If you have no use for the baskets won in the raffle you can donate them back to the P & C for re-use for our Christmas Raffle next year, please leave them in the Uniform Shop.

Facebook Page

The Russell Vale Public School Community Facebook page has been created for parents, carers, friends and family of Russell Vale Public School, and is to be used as another way to communicate information about upcoming events and reminders. It is important that you also refer to all notes and newsletters issued by the school for information. Please "Like" and share the page amongst our school community.

Next P & C General Meeting – 9th February 2015

There will not be another meeting for 2014, so our next P & C Meeting will take place on Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.00pm. Any items for discussion may be noted in the Agenda Item Book which is at the office. All welcome. Thank you to all our members who attended our meetings in 2014.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone - see you all in 2015.

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

Russell Vale P & C Association - 2014

It is time to acknowledge the efforts of some hard working individuals within our school community. These are the quiet achievers who freely give their time to be involved in the many activities that form an integral part of Russell Vale School.

THANK YOU Karan, Larissa, Donna, Astrid & Mel - our past and present Canteen Committee Members. Thank you also to all Canteen Helpers - you raised over \$6,000 this year!

THANK YOU Irma, Julie, & Ros for your management and care of the Russell Vale Community Hall. You provide a great service to our school and the Community.

THANK YOU Megan & Lara & Darren for taking care of the Parkview Tennis Court. You give our students and the local community a special place for recreation.

THANK YOU Jodie, Bronwyn & Megan for running our school uniform shop. This is a great service to parents and without you, we would all be paying more for our uniforms.

THANK YOU Patsy for your ongoing commitment towards conservation and creek restoration.

THANK YOU All the Carnival Day helpers who on a Saturday assisted in raising \$9,000 to go towards the technology purchases in the school, and to Kelly and all who assisted with organizing a successful well enjoyed community fun day

THANK YOU Cheryl for your time and work in conducting the Scholastic Book Club with Mrs Rosa

THANK YOU Mrs James & Mrs Body for taking Years 5 & 6 students to Canberra for three days

Students adore you and a great time was had by all !

THANK YOU to all staff members for volunteering and helping out with P & C fundraising activities.

THANK YOU to all regular parent helpers who are involved with canteen, sport groups and class

activities. You make a *big difference* and your children all love seeing you involved!

THANK YOU to all parents, carers and students for supporting all of our fundraising activities.

YOUR SUPPORT has enabled P & C to raise \$16,000 this year!

Following consultation with staff, this money was used for:

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| • Creative Art subsidy (Southern Stars) | \$1,000 |
| • Technology - laptop computers (30) | \$8,000 |
| • End of Year Presentation Awards, Book Vouchers & Trophies | \$1,000 |

FINALLY THANK YOU to Mark Grierson, Kathy, Margaret, Jenni, Narelle and all of the other school support staff for your help and assistance **AND** to our reliable team of mums, dads & carers who form the foundation of Russell Vale P & C.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Steve Joy *Natalie Walker* *Darren Broers* *Kelly Mills*
 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

Canteen News

Thank you to all who volunteered last Thursday for Presentation Day. It was a wonderful day and on top of a very special assembly we also raised \$742. On that note, we would also again like to thank all the people who have volunteered in the canteen in 2014. Due to your generosity with your time the canteen has again been successful in raising funds for RVPS.

Please be mindful that the canteen will be closed the first week back at school 2015 for spring-cleaning and re-stocking but we will be up and running week 2. Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to all.

Many thanks.

W K	Mon 26 th Jan	Tues 27 th Jan	Weds 28 th Jan	Thurs 29 th Jan	Friday 30 th Jan
1	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
W K	Mon 2 nd Feb	Tues 3 rd Feb	Weds 4 th Feb	Thurs 5 th Feb	Friday 6 th Feb
2	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan	<u>CLOSED</u>	Sharon Rigby Mel Boon	<u>CLOSED</u>	Wayne Regan Karan Cambridge
W K	Mon 9 th Feb	Tues 10 th Feb	Weds 11 th Feb	Thurs 12 th Feb	Friday 13 th Feb
3	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	Karan Cambridge Wayne Regan	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>

Community News

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PARKVIEW TENNIS COURT

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

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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

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SATURDAYS TERM 1 2015

COMMENCING 7th FEBRUARY 2015

11am—12pm

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**JANUARY
2015
ACTIVITIES**

**BOOK
EARLY
TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Don't go crazy trying to entertain the kids over the Christmas school holidays - book them in now!

Wed 7th January 2015

Time: 10.00am & 12.00pm
KIDS LETS COOK CLASSES



Kids love cooking! Why not treat them to their very own cooking class. Cost: \$10 per child per class. Book early to avoid disappointment. Limited spaces available.

Fri 9th January 2015

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
FREE Junior Groovers Disco



Kids Disco with age appropriate music, games and bubble machine. Now taking party bookings. Call 4284 1577 or email functions@wbrsl.com.au

Wed 14th January 2015

Time: 11.30am - 1 Class ONLY
CIRCUS MONOXIDE WORKSHOP



CIRCUS MONOXIDE will be conducting a 1 hour circus workshop for kids 4-12 years. Tickets \$10 per child. Book early to avoid disappointment. Limited spaces available.

Wed 21st January 2015

Time: 11.30am - 1 Show ONLY
PRINCESSES OF POP SHOW



A Tribute to Lady Gaga, Katy Perry & Rihanna. A Celebration of Girl Power in a 1-hour School Holiday All Family Show. Tickets \$18 per child / Adult.*

Fri 23rd January 2015

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
FREE Junior Groovers Disco



Kids Disco with age appropriate music, games and bubble machine. Now taking party bookings. Call 4284 1577 or email functions@wbrsl.com.au

Wed 28th January 2015

Time: 11.30am
KIDS CLUB CUPCAKE DAY



Back by popular demand! Cupcake decorating day. Lots of sprinkles, icing & lollies to decorate your cupcakes. Then eat them! Cupcakes \$1.00 each

* All children must be accompanied by an adult.



**FUN FOR
THE
WHOLE
FAMILY**

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City of Wollongong Giving Tree 2014

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNG CHILD'S CHRISTMAS!

City of Wollongong Giving Tree supports two Wollongong agencies, St Vincent de Paul Society and Anglicare.

The Giving Tree Appeal plays an essential part in helping the agencies to make Christmas a special day for all children.

Unwrapped gifts or **gift cards** for children 0-16 years can be received until 19 December at:

- Council's Customer Service area
- Council libraries

Until 16 December at:

- Wests Illawarra
- Novotel Northbeach
- Wollongong Central Customer Service Centre
- iHub Visitors Information Centre
- ic Management Office, City of Innovation
- UniShop@UOW
- WAVE FM Warrawong
- Customer Service desks at both Westfield Figtree and Westfield Warrawong
- ATO (Australian Tax Office) Kembla St

Alternatively, cash donations can be made through Wollongong City Council.

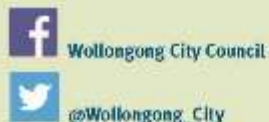
THANK YOU

*City of Wollongong
Giving Tree Appeal 2014*

Merry Christmas!



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