



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

"Think Act Speak Well"

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community

"Strength through Collaboration"

Week 9 Term 4

1 December, 2014

Principal's Report

Staffing News

As parents are already aware, Mrs King has had a long period of long service leave this year. She has decided to retire and two other staff members are about to transition to retirement. Jeannie King has been a much loved teacher over many years at Russell Vale. She has provided a happy and fun classroom for the students in her care. Jeannie has also taken a significant role in the Creative Arts, always being a part of the choir team for the Music Festival and Southern Stars. Her sense of humour, wit and fierce stance on student welfare issues will be missed by all staff

Mrs Debra Carter will go on long service leave at the end of 2014 leading to her retirement date in 2016. Mrs Sue Vorobieff will also go on long service leave at the end of this year leading to her retirement date in September 2015. Both ladies have made outstanding contributions to education over long careers.

Debbie has worked as a Learning and Support Teacher catering superbly for the needs of students with learning difficulties. She has exceptional skills in this area and to replace her expertise and commitment to these students will be very difficult. All staff want to thank Debbie for the contribution she has made, primarily behind the scenes, to so many young lives on their educational journey.

Sue Vorobieff has also made an outstanding contribution to hundreds of students' lives and education over her career. Sue has been a most highly valued member of staff, going about her teaching in a quiet, committed and caring way. She has been a leader in our school of Creative Arts, notably with School Choirs and Music Festivals. Her contribution to these has been outstanding and the esteem our Creative Arts program is held in, is in no small part to her efforts. Again, all staff are extremely appreciative of Sue's contribution to Russell Vale Public School.

Mrs King, Mrs Vorobieff and Mrs Carter will hopefully join us to go through the Guard of Honour with Year 6 on Wednesday 17th December. All staff will join with me in wishing these three fine teachers the very best for their retirement. I hope all parents will take the time to thank these hardworking staff for their contributions.

Mrs Jan Lawson and Mrs Hayley Rejske will work together on Mrs Vorobieff's class, and I am still waiting for news from staffing about the other replacements.

Surveys

Thank you to all parents who completed the surveys this year. All information will be collated and incorporated into our planning for 2015 as well as the Annual School Report for this year.

Cheryl Harrison

Thank you very much to Cheryl who has done a tremendous amount of work organising and distributing Scholastic Book Club for our school.

Cheryl has given up many hours, and we appreciate her efforts very much.

Piano – Free to Good Home!

The RV Hall Committee has an old piano that they would like to donate to any student who is learning the piano. Please contact myself if you are interested.

Mr Mark Grierson
Principal

Upcoming Events

December

Thurs 4	Mufti/Crazy Hat Day
Thurs 11	Presentation Day
Weds 17	Party Day/Movie Day/Jamberoo

Notes & Money Due

December

Overdue	Hip Hop Lessons (Stage 3)
Weds 10	Jamberoo (Year 6) Movie Day \$24.00 (Years 3-5) Party Day \$11.00 (Years K-2)

Congratulations!

BRONZE School Award:

Week 7: Cooper Paterson, Indy Boon, Tyrone Palaniwat-Larson, Bailey Walker, Jackson Gervaise, Charli Whitefield, Fletcher Sutton, Joshua Mellows, Saxon Bell.

Week 8: Clint Walker, Ava Sorensen.

ACADEMIC:

Week 7: Aaron Mills, Jarrah Anderson, Joshua Mellows, Kalani Purdie, Avah Woolridge, Ethan Jacona, Kirsten Owen, Emma Hastie, Brooke Love, Ron Bowen, Coen Stein, Tina Pham, Thomas Robertson, Bailey Walker, Danielle Roberts, Jackson Gervaise, Saxon Bell, Jocelyn Bray, Samantha Hallowell, Katie Ross.

Week 8: Alicia Flood, Brylie Berry, Jahra Tawhai-King, Jiah Zietsch, Jaiden, Luke Harrison, Evie Feld, Kye Smith, Hayley Moygannon, Jocelyn Bray, Caitlin Joy, Olivia Robertson, Amelia Elliott, Jarrah Anderson.

PD/H/PE:

Week 7: Ava Sorensen, Violet Schweigler, Blake Weston.

Week 8: Jahra Tawhai-King, Joshua Goodwin, Cameron Hart, Brylie Berry.

CREATIVE ARTS:

Week 8: Tara Mandranis, Jack Harrison, Riley Elliott, Imogen Clarke.

2014 Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair was a huge success with valuable funds being raised for the Library. I would like to thank Mrs Cleall, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Body for their help and all the families, grandparents and staff who supported the Fair. A special thanks to Clifford the Big Red Dog (Anakin Hughes and Lily Hastie) for making an appearance.

I would also like to acknowledge the following families for purchasing and donating book/s to the Library.

Colby Barter – 3/4C

Cameron Bengé – 2S

Daniel Crimston – 3/4C

Joshua Crimston – 5/6B

Bailey Leadbitter – 4/5RK

Zane Leadbitter – 3WB

Ben Luyten – 5/6B

Kate Luyten – 2S

Aaron Mills – 3WB

Ryan Mills – 5/6J

Emily Norman – 1/2H

Angus Sorensen – 2S

Ava Sorensen – KR

Mrs Rosa – Teacher Librarian

VEG O VALE



Russell Vale is starting to sell the free-range eggs from our chickens. These eggs are \$3.00 a dozen. The cost is to cover food, straw and ongoing management of the chickens.

If you wish to buy a dozen eggs bring your money to the office. Your name will be put on a list and you will get your eggs as they are laid. The chickens are laying about a doz a day.

Thank you for your support.

The Green Team

P&C News

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets will be sold for 50c each under the COLA starting Monday 8th December, with the raffle to be **drawn on Presentation Day on Thursday 11th December 2014.**

Helpers are needed to sell raffle tickets mornings and afternoons from 8.30 to 9 am and from 2.45 to 3.15 pm at school each day from Monday 8th December. If you are available to help please put your name on the Christmas Hamper Roster, which is on the board under the COLA.

All donated hamper items are to be brought to the school on Thursday 4th December, for the Mufti & Crazy Hat Day. Please refer to the list of hamper items on the sheet handed out last week which is a guide as to what to donate to make up the Christmas hamper baskets. If you would like to assist the P & C with the packing of the hampers on Thursday 4th December, please come to the Hall after 9 am.

Baskets Needed

If you have any large baskets you can donate for our Christmas Raffle, please leave them in the Uniform Shop. Last year we made over 40 hamper baskets filled with goodies! Currently, we have 11 baskets, so any donation of baskets would be most appreciated.

Facebook Page

The Russell Vale Public School Community Facebook page has been created for parents, carers, friends and family of Russell Vale Public School, it 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. A full summary of the P & C achievements for the year will be in the school's final newsletter for 2014 on 15th December.

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

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Presentation Day - The P & C need to know, for catering purposes, how many sausage sandwiches your family will need. Please complete the slip below and return by Wednesday 3rd December. Thank you.

Names:

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Number Required:

Canteen News

The last three weeks of the canteen roster are listed below. During the last week of school the canteen will be closed. We need three volunteers to finish of the roster this year:

Wednesday 3rd December - 2 volunteers

Wednesday 10th December - 1 volunteer

Many thanks to all the people who have already volunteered this year as without your assistance the canteen would not be able to operate. We also need volunteers for Presentation Day on the 11th December and Party Day on the 17th December. On both days we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle and on Presentation Day we will also open the canteen. If anyone can spare some time please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee

WK	Mon 1 st Dec	Tues 2 nd Dec	Wed 3 rd Dec	Thurs 4 th Dec	Fri 5 th Dec
9	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	Karen Dunne Debbie Reali
WK	Mon 8 th Dec	Tues 9 th Dec	Wed 10 th Dec	Thurs 11 th Dec	Fri 12 th Dec
10	Wayne Regan Karan Cambridge	<u>CLOSED</u>	Sharon Rigby <u>Volunteer Needed</u>	<u>Presentation Day</u>	Tanya Love Katrina McDonagh
WK	Mon 15 th Dec	Tues 16 th Dec	Wed 17 th Dec	Thurs 18 th Dec	Fri 19 th Dec
11	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>Party Day</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	

MUFTI & CRAZY HAT DAY !



IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - 2014

Please support the P & C in our final fundraiser for the year - a huge Christmas Hamper Raffle! All money raised will go towards "Tablets/ipads" for the K-2 age group and we need the whole school community to be involved by donating items to fill the hampers. If every family could donate one or two items, we will have enough stock to make several large hampers. Children are encouraged to be involved in a special Mufti &/or Crazy Hat Day on **Thursday 4 December 2012**, in exchange for the donation of food items. Collection boxes will be placed under the COLA. Hampers will then be prepared by our volunteers and raffle tickets will be sold under the COLA for 50c in the weeks leading up to the *End of Year Concert*.

All donated products need to be properly sealed, packaged, bottled or tinned. Any fresh foods, out-of-date products, dented/rusty cans and items requiring refrigeration **ARE NOT SUITABLE**. The winning families will take home a wonderful supply of treats to enjoy over the festive period. So that we do not have an over-supply of the same items, a guideline for each class is listed below. This is a suggestion only, so please feel free to make your own choice.

- KR **Christmas Novelties** - house & tree decorations, Christmas Cards, novelty items, Christmas crackers, serviettes, melamine dinnerware, paper plates & cups
- KC **Christmas Goodies** - fruit cake, puddings, shortbread, chocolate coated nuts and sultanas
- 1VL **Chocolates** - bars, boxed assortments, mint creams, family blocks, Freddo, Kit Kat etc packs
- 1-2H **Sweets & Confectionery** - packets of Minties, Fantails, Sherbies etc, lollipops, jubes & jellies
- 2S **Desserts** - cake/dessert/pancake mixes, waffles, icecream cones, wafers, toppings & sprinkles
- 3WB **Drinks & Beverages** - soft drink, juices, cordials, Milo, coffee, tea, ciders, mineral & soda water
- 3-4C **Snacks & Munchies** - chips, Twisties, Pringles, CC's , pretzels, nuts, rice crackers & popcorn
- 4/5R **Tinned Fruit** - tins and snack-packs of peaches, apricots, diced fruit, berries, apples, pineapple
- 5/6B **Jams/Spreads/Sauces** - tomato/BBQ/sweet-chilli sauces, BBQ marinades, salad dressings, Vegemite, honey, peanut butter, jams and marmalades
- 5-6L **Biscuits & Crackers** - assortment of sweet, cream & savoury biscuits, Shapes, crisp breads, cheese/water/rice crackers & cream wafers

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



KEEP FIT OFF SEASON

Join **TKMA** martial arts

First 10 students to present this flyer and enrol will receive a new training uniform...**FREE**

10 Gi's Giveaway

www.tkma.com.au Call or txt: 0421 566 312

The flyer features a soccer ball, a Steeden Powerade can, and a young girl in a white martial arts gi. The background is dark with glowing stars and a TKMA logo in the top right corner.

THE TRUTH ABOUT RHEE TAE KWONDO FOR KIDS

Rhee Tae Kwondo kicks and punches are beneficial, life-saving self-defence skills your child *should* learn.

The *truth* is that Rhee Tae Kwondo also teaches character development and leadership.



FREE Uniform

2 FREE Classes

BULLI

Wed 6.30 - 7.30

Fri 6.00 - 7.00

Call Pushkin

0467 727 134

25th Annual City of Wollongong Bikers Toy Run

Saturday
6 December 2014

Lower Crown
Street Mall,
Wollongong

10.30am - 12.30pm



- ★ FREE face painting
- ★ Motorbikes arrive at 11am
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Bring a gift for the Giving Tree
- ★ Support local charities
- ★ Live Entertainment - The Humphreys

Bikers information only

Departs 10.30am sharp opposite
The Shellharbour Club

Limited number of patches available for sale \$10 each
Coordinated by the Leisure Coast Motorcycle Riders

Bike contact: Steve - 0400 377 085

Event contact: Wollongong City Council - 4227 7111

NSW GOVERNMENT



96.5 WAVE FM



Wollongong City Council



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www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas

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.

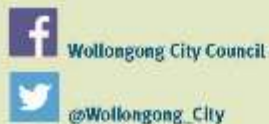
THANK YOU

*City of Wollongong
Giving Tree Appeal 2014*

Merry Christmas!



For further information phone 4227 7111 or
email events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/christmas



CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS DELIGHT

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

6:00PM



OVER 20 STALLS AND FREE TO COME - LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES ...
COME ALONG AND ENJOY AN EASY NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!



Sunday 14th of December - Carols 6:30pm

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