



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

"Think Act Speak Well"

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community

"Strength through Collaboration"

Week 3 Term 1

10 February 2014

Principal's Report

School Contributions

Thank you to all those parents who have sent these in already! If you haven't yet, please do so as soon as possible - \$20 first two children and \$10 each child thereafter.

Maths Groups

Students in Years 3 - 6 (Stages 2 & 3) will commence maths groups this week. Students have been assessed and placed into ability groups and will be taught the number strand of mathematics in three 45 minute sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Spelling Groups 3 – 6

Over the last few years, students have also been placed in ability groups for spelling with some outstanding results. These will continue in 2014 and will also commence this week.

Meet the Teacher

All staff look forward to meeting as many parents as possible tomorrow afternoon. Please take the time to attend these meetings.

I am a firm believer that parents who show their child that they value education by attending school for some of the myriad of opportunities possible, instil in their child a respect for and acknowledgement of the importance of education and that as a consequence, these children perform better.

Office Staff

The office ladies do a wonderful job and greatly appreciate those parents who send notes and money in by the due date. Also, please remember if a child is absent, a **written** note is a lawful requirement.

Thank you to all those parents supporting the school uniform code of black shoes and either grey socks (boys) or white socks (girls).

Mark Grierson
Principal

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Anakin Hughes, Olivia Green, Starr Larnach, Ethan Jacona.

PD/H/PE MC

Anakin Hughes, Dane Deece.

Upcoming Events

February

10 – 14	Meet the teacher afternoons
12	P & C Meeting
19	School Photos
28	Sausage Sizzle

Notes and Money Due

February

14	K, Yr 1 & 2 Log, Workbooks & Dictionary (\$26.50 K & Yr 2) (\$34.00 Year 1)
14	Yr 3 & 4 Workbook, School Magazine (\$20.50)
14	Yr 5 & 6 Workbook, School Magazine (\$20.50)

Student Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition that the school is not aware of, please see the office to collect a form.

The forms will help us collect your child's important medical information, and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

If you have any questions please call.

Parent/Guardian Volunteers

Could all parent/guardian volunteers including reading helpers and canteen helpers, please fill in a pink Appendix 4 Declaration enabling you to work with children.

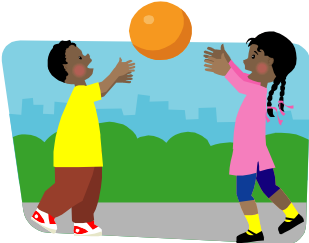

The school requires a new form every year. Forms are available at the office.

Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms

Students will be learning about positive behaviours. Please take time to read the information below and discuss it with your child.

Thank You.

PLAY FAIRLY – PLAY GAMES WELL.

DO'S	DON'TS
Comment on the other players' good moves	Don't comment on other people's bad moves or bad luck.
Wait for your turn	Don't play when it's not your turn.
Get started and pay attention.	Don't muck around before start.
Have your go reasonably quickly when it's your turn.	Don't put unfair pressure on people to hurry when it's their turn.
Allow other players to have a reasonable amount of time for their turn.	Don't cheat.
Play by the rules	Don't grizzle or complain if you have bad luck.
If you have bad luck, just accept it, e.g. if you keep getting a "one" on the dice or if the ball bounces unevenly.	
<i>"That's a good Catch"</i>	
	

Canteen News

Thanks to all who have volunteered over the last week. It's nice to see some new faces on board and it is greatly appreciated.

We are holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 28 February (week 5) and the canteen will be closed. If anyone would like to help out with the sausage sizzle could you please contact Astrid Jackson 0434 524 950 or astyjack@hotmail.com. The sausage sizzle days are relaxed, easy and a great fundraiser for the school.

We are also holding a canteen meeting on Friday 14 February. If anyone has any ideas/input for the canteen, we would love to have you along. It's always helpful to hear new points of view. If you would like to attend please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au

The canteen roster for the next two weeks is listed below. If anyone has any queries regarding the canteen please contact Karan Cambridge (details above) and for volunteering please contact Astrid Jackson (details above). Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

W K	Mon 10 Feb	Tues 11 Feb	Wed 12 Feb	Thurs 13 Feb	Fri 14 Feb
3	Bronwyn Anderson <u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Patsy Ross <u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Karan Cambridge Kerryn Kieffer	Lara Sinton Jenine Trim	Tracey Brown Neville Denham
W K	Mon 17 Feb	Tues 18 Feb	Wed 19 Feb	Thurs 20 Feb	Fri 21 Feb
4	Simone Owen Tracey Goyen	Sharon Rigby Mel Boon	Karan Cambridge Patsy Ross	<u>Volunteer s Needed</u>	Nicole Sorensen <u>Volunteer Needed</u>

P&C News

P & C News

The Russell Vale Public School P & C extends a warm welcome to all parents, carers, staff and students for 2014.

Our first **P & C Meeting for 2014** will be held on **Wednesday 12 February at 7.00 pm**, in the staffroom (eastern end of main building). Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and we aim to finish by 9.00pm. We will be discussing fundraising goals for the year so please join us for a cuppa and help make 2014 a great year to improve our school.

- The P & C requires as many financial members as possible so it can represent the whole school community. Individual membership is also a legal requirement under the P & C Constitution.

- Annual P & C Membership fee of \$5 covers you for insurance purposes in the event of any accident while volunteering for school based activities (eg Canteen, Sports & Reading Groups).
- P & C Membership entitles you to voting rights at general meetings to decide how fund-raised money should be spent and other important issues concerning the school.
- You may raise any relevant topic for discussion at P & C Meetings by making a brief note in the Agenda Item Book available at the Office (at least 3 days prior to the meeting).

P & C Membership

Please support our P & C Association by becoming a "Financial Member" for only \$5. Also, if you wish to help out with Canteen, Classroom or Sport Groups, then we recommend you join which will automatically cover you for insurance purposes in the event of an accident.

Membership does not mean that you must attend P & C Meetings, but if you wish to do so, you will be entitled to Voting Rights on important issues. Please complete the payment slip below, enclose \$5 and return to the Office.

A receipt will be returned to the child and class noted on the payment slip. A compulsory insurance premium (\$650) is paid each year by the P & C to cover parent volunteers and all events organized by the P & C. This premium is not paid by the school and your membership fees help to cover this substantial amount each year.

If you have any enquiries regarding the P & C, please contact **Kelly Mills, Ph 0414851914 P & C Secretary.**

PARENT NAME / Child's Name / Class - \$5 enclosed

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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

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



FREE Children's Dance Classes Term 1 2014

Dance World is offering one term of free dance classes. Select from:

- **Jazz**
- **Ballet**
- **Hip Hop**
- **Tap**

www.danceworld.com.au

2014 Swimming Carnival Results

What a fantastic day!

Congratulations to all participants on their sportsmanship and effort!

Thank you to the all parents and grandparents who helped to run our carnival. It was great to see so many family members there to cheer on the children.

The children who finished 1st or 2nd in most events will progress to North Wollongong PSSA Carnival to be held at Corrimal Pool on Thursday 20th February. (Notes to be sent separately.)

Events were timed finals, if there was more than 1 heat in the event, the overall winner was determined by the best time from all heats.

Open 100m Freestyle - Boys

1st (equal) Ryan Sweeney
Caleb Sharman

3rd: Anakin Hughes

4th: Luke Sweeney

Open 100m Freestyle - Girls

1st: Kyah Richardson

2nd: Payton Brown

3rd: Darby Walsh

4th: Rachel Denham

8 Years Freestyle - Boys

1st: Luke Harrison

2nd: Riley Dunn

8 Years Freestyle - Girls

1st: Amelia Elliott

2nd: Leila Maddox

3rd: Leah Taylor

4th: Jenna Owen

9 Years Freestyle - Boys

1st: Blake Sweeny

2nd: Saxon Bell

3rd: Aaron Mills

4th: Austin McDonough

9 Years Freestyle - Girls

1st: Madison Hughes

2nd: Leah Heaton

3rd: Charlotte Basham

4th: Nikki Taylor

10 Years Freestyle - Boys

1st: Caleb Sharman

2nd: Luke Sweeney

3rd: Maxim Protsenko

4th: Jordan Poole

10 Years Freestyle - Girls

1st: Amy Joy

2nd: Sienna McClafferty

3rd: Darby Walsh

4th: Finlay Smart

11 Years Freestyle - Boys

1st: Anakin Hughes

2nd: Thomas Joy

3rd: Joshua Crimston

4th: Clint Walker

11 Years Freestyle - Girls

1st: Payton Brown

2nd: Olivia Green

3rd: Taya Nye

4th: Rachel Denham

12 Years Freestyle - Boys

1st: Ryan Sweeney

2nd: Corey Snelson

3rd: Riley Elliott

4th: Ryan Mills

12 Years Freestyle - Girls

1st: Kyah Richardson

2nd: Caitlin Joy

3rd: Olivia Vale

4th: Star Larnach

Junior Breaststroke 50m - Boys

- 1st: Caleb Sharman
- 2nd: Luke Sweeney
- 3rd: Maxim Protsenko
- 4th: Blake Sweeny

Junior Breaststroke 50m - Girls

- 1st: Eva Maddox
- 2nd: Amy Joy
- 3rd: Darby Walsh
- 4th: Madison Hughes

11 Years Breaststroke 50m - Boys

- 1st: Anakin Hughes
- 2nd: Thomas Joy
- 3rd: Clint Walker
- 4th: Mark Harrison

11 Years Breaststroke 50m - Girls

- 1st: Payton Brown
- 2nd: Olivia Green
- 3rd: Taya Nye
- 4th: Angel Atkinson

Senior Breaststroke 50m - Boys

- 1st: Ryan Sweeney
- 2nd: Stuart Logan
- 3rd: Riley Elliott
- 4th: Riley Walker

Senior Breaststroke 50m - Girls

- 1st: Kyah Richardson
- 2nd: Olivia Vale
- 3rd: Lily Hastie
- 4th: Caitlin Joy

Junior Backstroke 50m - Boys

- 1st: Caleb Sharman
- 2nd: Luke Sweeney
- 3rd: Blake Sweeny
- 4th: Maxim Protsenko

Junior Backstroke 50m - Girls

- 1st: Darby Walsh
- 2nd: Madison Hughes
- 3rd: Amy Joy
- 4th: Sienna McClafferty

11 Years Backstroke 50m - Boys

- 1st: Anakin Hughes
- 2nd: Thomas Joy
- 3rd: Joshua Crimston
- 4th: Clint Walker

11 Years Backstroke 50m - Girls

- 1st: Payton Brown
- 2nd: Olivia Green
- 2nd: Taya Nye
- 4th: Zali Dunn

Senior Backstroke 50m - Boys

- 1st: Ryan Sweeney
- 2nd: Corey Snelson
- 3rd: Ryan Mills
- 4th: Josh Burton

Senior Backstroke 50m - Girls

- 1st: Caitlin Joy
- 2nd: Kyah Richardson
- 3rd: Lily Hastie
- 4th: Olivia Vale

Junior Butterfly 50m - Boys

- 1st: Caleb Sharman
- 2nd: Luke Sweeney
- 3rd: Blake Sweeny
- 4th: Saxon Bell

Junior Butterfly 50m - Girls

- 1st: Darby Walsh
- 2nd: Madison Hughes
- 3rd: Charlotte Basham
- 4th: Brooke Love

11 Years Butterfly 50m - Boys

- 1st: Anakin Hughes
- 2nd: Thomas Joy

11 Years Butterfly 50m - Girls

- 1st: Payton Brown
- 2nd: Imogen Clarke

Senior Butterfly 50m - Boys

1st: Ryan Sweeney

2nd: Riley walker

Senior Butterfly 50m - Girls

1st: Kyah Richardson

2nd: Caitlin Joy

3rd: Lily Hastie

4th: Star Larnach

Junior Medley 200m - Boys

1st: Caleb Sharman

2nd: Luke Sweeney

3rd: Blake Sweeny

4th: Bradley Lawson

Junior Medley 200m - Girls

1st: Darby Walsh

2nd: Madison Hughes

3rd: Eva Maddox

4th: Jocelyn Bray

Senior Medley 200m - Boys

1st: Ryan Sweeny

2nd: Anakin Hughes

3rd: Riley Elliott

4th: Corey Snelson

Senior Medley 200m - Girls

1st: Kyah Richardson

2nd: Payton Brown

3rd: Caitlin Joy

4th: Star Larnach

Our School Relay Teams will be:

Junior Boys

Caleb Sharman

Luke Sweeny

Maxim Protsenko

Saxon Bell

Reserve: Jordan Poole

Junior Girls

Amy Joy

Sienna McClafferty

Darby Walsh

Finlay Smart

Reserve: Madison Hughes

Senior Boys

Ryan Sweeny

Anakin Hughes

Corey Snelson

Riley Elliott

Reserve: Thomas Joy

Senior Girls

Kyah Richardson

Caitlin Joy

Olivia Green

Taya Nye

Reserve: Olivia Vale

Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded at the assembly in Week 5, Friday 28th February.

2014 House Leaders

Congratulations to our house leaders for 2014, they will receive their badges during our Week 5 Assembly on Friday 28th February.

Brokers

Captains:	Imogen Clarke & Ryan Mills
Vice Captains:	Sienna McClafferty & Bailey Walker
Junior Captains:	Kate Luyten & Gary Bowen

Pacific

Captains:	Anastarcia Larnach & Corey Snelson
Vice Captains:	Zali Dunn & Jake Smith
Junior Captains:	Leila Maddox & Bowen Tawhai-King

Terania

Captains:	Anakin Hughes & Caitlin Joy
Vice Captains:	Angel Atkinson & Jordan Phelan
Junior Captains:	Ava Hadfield & Dominic De Carli