



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

"Think Act Speak Well"

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community

"Strength through Collaboration"

Week 2 Term 1

3 February 2014

Principal's Report

Welcome back to 2014 – all staff are looking forward to a great year.

Classes have been formed and are as follows:

KR	Mrs Michelle Rafferty & Mrs Hayley Rejske (Fri)
KC	Mrs Jeanette Cleall
1VL	Mrs Sue Vorobieff & Mrs Jan Lawson (Thur, Fri)
1/2K	Mrs Jeannie King
2S	Mr Andrew Shepherd
3W	Mrs Kerry Wrice & Mrs Danielle Bryant (Thur, Fri)
3/4C	Mr Paul Cuthbertson
4/5J	Mr Gavin Jones
5/6B	Mrs Dianne Body
5/6J	Mrs Leesa James

We have 41 kindergarten students – an extremely healthy intake and the largest in my five years at Russell Vale. Teachers will be in contact with parents regarding student requisites and Week 3 (Monday 10 – Friday 14 Feb) has been set aside for 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons. A note regarding these meetings will be sent home this week.

Other staff include:

Mrs Debra Rosa - Teacher/Librarian

Mrs Debra Carter (Mon, Tues), Mrs Judy Markham (Weds) - Support Teachers Learning
M/s Jennifer Coote – School Counsellor
Mrs Jodie Dunning, Mrs Alison Hand, Mrs Joy Della Vosca and Mrs Natalie Phillips – School Learning Support Officers.

Staff Meetings

School Executive Meeting - Mr Cuthbertson, Mrs Rafferty, Mrs James (Assistant Principals) and myself meet each Tuesday morning from 8.15 to plan professional development, policy development and organisation directions for the school.

Staff meet each Tuesday afternoon 3 – 4.30 pm for professional development. This year will primarily see staff working on the new Maths curriculum to be fully implemented in 2015.

Wednesday morning 8.30 am to 9 am – organisation and communication meeting – all staff.

School Uniform

Please be aware that every child requires a hat each day to be able to play outside. Of late, a number of students have been wearing multi-coloured shoes, socks and shoe laces. The school policy states 'Boys – black shoes and grey socks. Girls – Black shoes and white socks'.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents supported this policy which we will be monitoring closely this year.

When children attend high school, footwear will be fully enforced so wearing the correct uniform now will also help later.

School Photos

These will be taken on Wednesday, 19 February, 2014. Note to come.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

Any Year 6 student who wishes to apply for entry to the above school in 2015 can collect an application package from me.

Applications close Wednesday 19 March, 2014 and auditions include Dance, Drama, Instrumental, Vocal and Visual Arts.

School Contribution

It would be greatly appreciated if these could be paid immediately.

\$20 each for the first two children, \$10 for every child thereafter

Mark Grierson

Principal

Upcoming Events

February

10 – 14
19

Meet the teacher afternoons
School Photos

Notes and Money Due

Overdue	Swimming Carnival
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.

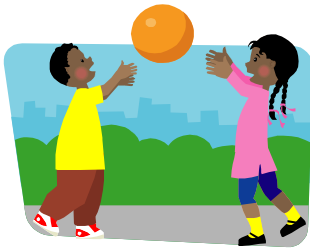

If you have any questions please call.

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

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great Christmas & start to the New Year. The next 3 weeks of canteen are listed below. Thanks to all who have volunteered. Please remember that we are not limited to Mum's volunteering, Dad's, Grandparent's etc are more than welcome. Also it is really important to check the newsletter for Canteen closures & also with your children as they can be announced at assembly. If children turn up to school with a lunch order & the Canteen is closed it can create difficulties in contacting parents to organise lunch for a child. If you have any queries please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au and for volunteering please contact Astrid Jackson astyjack@hotmail.com

Many Thanks

The Canteen Committee

WK	Mon 3 Feb	Tues 4 Feb	Wed 5 Feb	Thurs 6 Feb	Fri 7 Feb
2	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan	Sharon Rigby Mel Boon	Megan Spence Wayne Regan	Volunteers Needed	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan
WK	Mon 10 Feb	Tues 11 Feb	Wed 12 Feb	Thurs 13 Feb	Fri 14 Feb
3	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Karan Cambridge Volunteer Needed	Lara Sinton Jenine Trim	Volunteers Needed
WK	Mon 17 Feb	Tues 18 Feb	Wed 19 Feb	Thurs 20 Feb	Fri 21 Feb
4		Sharon Rigby Mel Boon	Karan Cambridge Volunteer Needed		

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**

P&C News

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

As you may remember our 2013 End of Year Presentation Day and Party Day was a wonderful success, and congratulations to all the students and staff for an entertaining day.

The Christmas Raffle, Sausage Sizzle Barbecue and the Tea, Coffee, Cake Stall were all well supported and we raised over \$ 2,000 which will assist towards our fundraising goals for 2014. A huge Thank You to all of the people who sold raffle tickets and to everyone who helped out on the day.

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

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

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Community News

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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

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



DANCE WORLD

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- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Tap

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