



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

"Think Act Speak Well"

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community

"Strength through Collaboration"

Week 8 Term 2

16 June 2014

Principal's Report

Reports

Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 24 June. I hope all parents will take the time to meet with their child's teacher. Teachers will specifically request an interview on the report if they believe it necessary, but all parents are able to seek an interview. Staff will send a note home today with the times that they are available.

Also included this year is the number of partial absences a student has had - for some students these can be quite substantial and have significant impacts on student learning and progress.

Should your child's absences be high due to factors other than illness, please put in place remedial measures to address this potentially very negative impact.

As a guide I would suggest more than 10 days per semester has the potential for a significant negative impact to your child's learning.

Congratulations to ..

Darby Walsh and Maddie McPherson who represented our school at the NAIDOC Public Speaking last Tuesday at Figtree High School.

Our school was one of only 10 local schools represented, and I am very proud of the girls' efforts. The topic 'Aboriginal Australians in War Time' was a difficult one, but the girls spoke beautifully in the team event.

Farewell Mr Jones

Mr Jones has decided to seek a work and lifestyle change on the mid north coast of New South Wales with his wife, Lara, daughter Eden and son, Zyah.

Gavin has been a teacher at Russell Vale for 13 years and during that time has earned a deserved reputation as an excellent teacher who really cares about the students in his classes and those across the wider school.

A highly respected and well-liked staff member by students and parents alike, Gavin leaves Russell Vale with the best wishes of all his colleagues for a wonderful future.

Gavin will be leaving Russell Vale Public School at the end of this term.

I know that lots of parents will want to wish him well for the future before he leaves.

This decision has come about quite suddenly, but we have been fortunate to gain the continued services of Mrs Joanne Rann who will teach 4/5J Monday through to Thursday and Mr Ben Kirk who will teach on Fridays. Both of these teachers are excellent practitioners, and we are very fortunate to have enlisted their services.

Mark Grierson

Principal

Congratulations!



BRONZE School Award

Week 6

Mathew Armour, Ryan Sweeney, Ebony McCrystal

Week 7

Darby Walsh, Christopher Roche, Jet Tane, Indy Boon, Jaiden.

ACADEMIC MC

Week 6

Olivia Vale, Jye Collins-Firkin, Kalani Purdie, Emma Hastie, Sierra McDonagh, Evie McLaren, Jordan Broers, Savannah Skipp, Ryan Insley-Hasiuk, Bradley Trimboli, Finlay Smart, Avah Anderson, Noah Baroudi, Jake Taylor, Serena Banasiak, Jordan Phelan, Maddie McPherson.

Week 7

Tara Mandranis.

PD/H/PE MC

Week 7

Nate Gardiner, Jeremy Armour.

Creative Art MC

Week 6

Thomas Joy, Indy Boon, Kaito Nagai.

Week 7

Kirsten Owen.

Notes & Money Due

June

Tues 17 Meal Deal (\$5.00 due)
Book Club due

Thurs 26 Aboriginal for a Day (\$10 due)

Upcoming Events

June

Fri 20 Meal Deal Day
Tue 24 Pyjama/Onesie Day

July

Thurs 31 Aboriginal for a Day

August

Frid 15 P & C Meeting 10 am (after assembly)

October

Sat 18 Canivale Day - 60th Birthday Celebration

'Call for Native Plants

Can parents please consider donating native plants to the Saturday 18 October RVPS Canivale plant stall?

Plants are available through the Wollongong Council's Botanic Gardens from their Greenplan Nursery. See the flyer at the back of this newsletter for the **four dates** between now and Oct to do this and a location map on how to find them.

As a rate payer you are eligible to 25 CHEAP native plants and FREE botanical advice each year - so maybe you only need 10 plants in your yard and the rest you could donate to the school?

Prices are \$6.70 for 6" pots and \$9.30 for 8" pots.

Council is fine for us to re-sell them or to simply give them away if we wish.

Donated native plants can be delivered to the school and placed in the grassy area behind the canteen from early October. Alternatively, Patsy Nagle will care for them if you want her to collect them from you earlier (M 0448 294 498).

Thank you.



Pyjama/Onesie Day

On Tuesday 24th June (next week) we will be having a pyjama/onesie day. Students can wear their sleeping attire to school but must make sure they wear suitable foot wear (and if wearing a onesie – appropriate clothing underneath). Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and proceeds will be going towards purchasing soap dispensers for the classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your support.



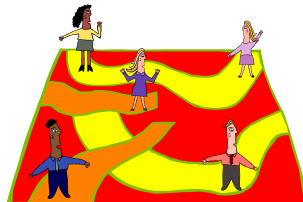



Mrs. James and SRC

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.

MAKING DECISIONS IN A GROUP

Make sure everyone has been heard and check for agreement before the group decides.

Do's	Don'ts
Someone in the group makes a suggestion and gives good reasons.	Don't just ask one or two people how they feel about an idea. Check with everyone.
Ask each person in the group, one by one, how they feel about the idea.	Don't see it as "losing" if your idea isn't accepted by other people.
If there is complete agreement, you have a decision.	
If there isn't agreement, ask for another idea and then check how everyone feels about this one.	
Keep doing this until you get a decision that everyone feels they can live with. You may have to negotiate.	
	

P&C News

P & C News

Our next P & C meeting will be on **Friday 15th August at 10 am in the hall** after the week 5 (Term 3) morning assembly. All parents and carers are welcome. It is a great place to find out about the great things happening in our school.

Carnivale Day

A Carnivale Day to celebrate our school's **60th Anniversary** will be held on **Saturday 15th October, 2014**. They group organising the day is having another meeting on *Tuesday 24 June at 9 am*. If you would like to contribute some ideas and assist with planning the day, please come along and we will meet in the staffroom.

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

Canteen News

Just a reminder that ***tomorrow is the last day that we will take orders for the hotdog and jelly frog meal deal***. Please be mindful of this as we don't want anyone to be disappointed - 50 cents from each Meal Deal will also go to the Red Nose Appeal, which is a wonderful charity.

Please remember that the Canteen is also closed every Thursday this term and ***from next term the Canteen will be closed every Tuesday and Thursday***. This is due to the difficulty in filling the roster five days a week and some days there are minimal orders. Hopefully three days will work well for everybody.

The roster for Term 3 is also up on the canteen board at school. If anyone knows that they will be able to volunteer can you please put your name down or contact Astrid Jackson - details below.

The roster for the last two weeks of term is listed below, if anyone would like to volunteer please contact Astrid Jackson 0434 524 950 or astyjack@hotmail.com. If you have any questions/queries regarding the canteen, please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au. Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

W K	Mon 16 June	Tues 17 June	Wed 18 June	Thurs 19 June	Fri 20 June
8	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan	Mel Boon Sharon Rigby	Tracey Johnson Simone Owen	CLOSED	Meal Deal
W K	Mon 23 June	Tues 24 June	Wed 25 June	Thurs 26 June	Fri 27 June
9	Wayne Regan Volunteer Needed	Volunteer s Needed	Karan Cambridge	CLOSED	Neville Denham Tracey Brown

Community News

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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 Members

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 Public School and the local community

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

Ray White

The difference is in the detail.....



Ray White Woonona is a long established local business; who are proud of their achievements winning numerous awards for sales & services. Led by principals Rick Taylor & Troy Johnson who boast over 40 years of combined real estate experience. We support numerous local sporting teams, surf life saving clubs & local schools. Our aim is to achieve the highest possible price for your home with the minimum of fuss.

Rick Taylor 0404 305 315 rick.taylor@raywhite.com Troy Johnson 0411 969 656 troy.johnson@raywhite.com

Wollongong Botanic Garden Greenplan Nursery Native Plant Sales

The Wollongong Botanic Garden
Greenplan Nursery is located on
Northfields Avenue, Keiraville.

When travelling from the north or south, take the F6 Freeway and
exit at the Keiraville exit, then travel down Northfields Avenue,
Keiraville. You will see the Botanic Garden on your left and the
University of Wollongong on your right.

After the second roundabout turn left into the Nursery
carpark indicated with the Greenplan flags, just before the
Kooloobong Oval soccer fields.



Wollongong Botanic Garden - Greenplan Nursery
Northfields Avenue Keiraville (next to soccer fields)
p 0227 7567 | e botanicgarden@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
w wollongong.nsw.gov.au/botanicgarden
f Wollongong Botanic Garden | gowollongong

Wollongong Botanic Garden Greenplan Nursery Native Plant Sales

The Botanic Garden Greenplan Nursery
has an extensive range of trees, shrubs,
ground covers and grasses, as well as
worm farms and compost bins for sale.

Nursery Open Days

The Greenplan Nursery is open on the third Friday of
every month (excluding Dec) between 9.30am and 2.39pm

Friday 18 Jul | 15 Aug | 19 Sep | 17 Oct | 21 Nov 2014
16 Jan | 20 Feb | 20 Mar | 17 Apr | 15 May | 19 Jun 2015

Sale Days

Friday 31 Oct | 12 Dec | 6 Feb
7.30am to 2.30pm

The Friends of Wollongong Botanic Garden will be raising funds
to support Botanic Garden projects with the sale of exotic species
that have been propagated throughout the year.

Our qualified horticulturists and Friends of Wollongong
Botanic Garden volunteers will be on site during the sales to
give you advice on your plant selection for your garden.

Visit our website a week prior to each sale for listed species available and their
corresponding prices. A current Wollongong City Council rates notice is required and a
proof of residency. Payment with cheque or debit/credit card (except Amex) only.

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cyberparenting

#RAISING YOUR KIDS IN AN ONLINE WORLD

Seminar for Parents & Carers in the Northern Illawarra

...with Author's James & Simone Boswell

When: Saturday, June 21, 3-5:30pm

Where: Waniora Primary School, Ursula Rd, Bulli 4284 3021

Cost: \$5 includes sausage sizzle + kids outdoor movie

RSVP

Kids outdoor movie & popcorn during parent presentation.
Bring a blanket/beanbag/cushion to sit on + uggs & beanie!

👍 Presented by Bulli Anglican Church 😊



How is technology impacting your family? Do you understand the always connected world of your teen? How are you managing technology with your little ones?

The technology changes of the last decade have been immense, bringing with them new challenges for today's parents.

Where do parents look for wisdom in handling issues of the digital millennium—how to handle social media, cyber-bullying, gaming and easy access to porn? James and Simone Boswell will explore these issues and help parents in thinking about parenting within a technological culture. Everyone is welcome to attend this practical and helpful seminar.

For further information please contact Bulli Anglican Church office on 4284 3021 or by email bullianglican@bigpond.com.au.