

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community "Strength through Collaboration"

Week 2 Term 4

12th October, 2015

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4 – I can't believe we only have 10 school weeks left in 2015! We have a fabulous term organised for all students K-6 and we look forward to helping each of them work towards their full potential for the remainder of the year.

The term began with our annual school disco on Friday night at Woonona Bulli RSL club. Most of our students attended the Disco and it was great to see so many students enjoying themselves. Thanks must go to our hard working and dedicated P and C committee for organising the disco, decorating the hall and organising and selling chocolates and glow sticks on the night (thanks also to Mrs Spence for making the glow stick skipping rope - a great success!!). The P and C were able to raise \$1800 from the Disco - Congratulations!

Side Show Alley

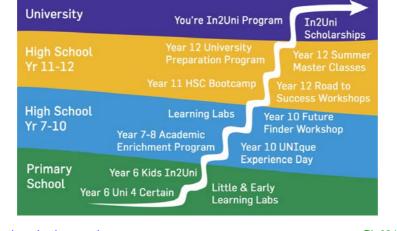
Fun was had by all on the last day of Term 3. Students enjoyed participating in all the fun activities and due to the generous nature of our school community, the sale of side show alley tickets raised approximately \$880 dollars. This money will go towards hiring/purchasing headset microphones for our upcoming Kinder and Yr 6 buddies Lion King Production. A huge thanks must go out to all of our Stage 3 student for their mature and encouraging manner in which they ran their side show alley stalls.

In2uni

Russell Vale Public School is very fortunate to be one of only three schools in the Northern Illawarra who have the chance to take part in the In2Uni program. Many schools wish to join but few get the opportunity. This is our third year in the program.

In2Uni is a program run by Wollongong University and gives students and parents a chance to be a Uni student for the day. It is always a great day and students and parents alike get to participate in a range of activities across faculties at the university campus.

On Thursday 5th November 2015, all Year 6 students and any accompanying parents will have the opportunity to be a University student for a day. Looks set to be an amazing day!



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Year 5 Taster Day at Woonona High School

Woonona High School are holding a Year 5 Taster Lessons Day on Monday26th October (Week 4). All year 5 students from Russell Vale PS, Woonona PS and Woonna East PS will be able to attend the day from 9.30am to 2.30 pm. Students will be split into different class groups and engage in a number of sample lessons from various faculties. Woonona High School has organised a bus to transport us to and from the high school and students will need to bring their own recess and lunch. It is a wonderful day and has been a huge success every year we have attended.

Leave

I will be taking leave from this Wednedsay 14th October until Friday 23rd October, Mrs Leesa James will be principal during this period.

Mr Mark Grierson/ Mrs Leesa James Principal Assistant Principal

Dates for Your Term 4 Diary

Thursday 5th November (Week 5)

Year 6 students will be attending the University of Wollongong to experience life at university through their In2Uni program. More details will be made available early next term.

Thursday 26th November (Week 8)

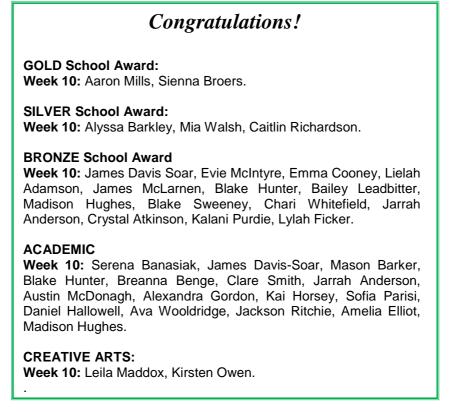
We will be having a Grandparents Assembly in the morning where Kindergarten and their buddies will be performing their production of Lion King.

Thursday 10th December (Week 10)

Our Annual Presentation Day assembly will be held during the morning. Following lunch, we will be holding our Christmas Carol Concert with special guest performances by the stage winners from the Talent Quest.

Tuesday 15th December (Week 11)

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held in the morning followed by the Year 6 Formal that night.



Upcoming Events						
October Weds 14	P & C Meeting 7 pm					
November Mon 2 Thurs 5 Thurs 26 December Thurs 10 Tues 15	Grandparents' Assembly Annual Presentation Assembly					
Notes and Money Due						
October Fri 30	Hip Hop note and money due (Stage 3)					

Parents of Year 6 Students who will attend Year 7 at Woonona High School in 2016

Did you know that Woonona High School has its own uniform shop to supply students with the current Year 7 uniform?

We are arranging a morning to do fittings for your children **at Russell Vale Public school hall** on <u>Monday 2nd of</u> <u>November 8.30 am</u>, this will give you the opportunity to fit your child in the correct sizes and also the opportunity order and pay (cheque or cash) for your uniform so that you are able to simply pick up your order on the year 7 orientation day on Thursday 3rd December 2015.

Eftpos is available by phoning the Woonona High School Office on 4284 1513

Alternately you can get your child to try on sizes and take an order form home to pay at a later date as you will know what sizes your child will need.

However if this date is inconvenient for you please note that the Uniform Shop at Woonona High School is open every **Thursday morning from 8am till 9.30am** and our friendly volunteers will ensure to fit your child out in the uniform. Please note that Crystal Bears (Corrimal) are not our supplier therefore we are unable to exchange or refund on items bought from them.

Thank you Renae, Jackie & Trish



FRIENDLY KIDS, FRIENDLY CLASSROOMS

Students have been learning about positive tracking. Please take time to read the information below and discuss it with your child.

SAYING "NO"

Cool people can say "no" if they don't want to do it.

Do's	Don'ts		
Look in their eyes.	Don't look away or down at the ground.		
Tell them you don't want to do it.	Don't say yes just so they'll like you.		
Briefly say why (e.g. "No, I want to do something else after school").	Don't say yes because you're scared that they'll say bad thing about you.		
OR	If what they asked you to do was mean, dangerous, or against the rules, don't give them a lecture about it.		
If it's a mean thing or against the rules or dangerous, point out the consequences (e.g. "No, it's too risky" or			
"No that's mean").	Don't get angry or upset.		
Sometimes you may want to thank them for including you (e.g. "Thanks anyway").			
Keep your tone of voice and expression friendly and calm.			
Continue to calmly say no if they keep asking you. Try not to get angry.			



CHOCOLATE DRIVE - money and chocs IS NOW OVERDUE - due by 5th August

A reminder that all money and unsold chocolates in the boxes must be returned to the school as soon as possible. There are still several families yet to return their money or chocolates.

P & C General Meeting - WEDNESDAY 14th October 2015

Our next monthly P & C Meeting for 2015 will be held on **Wednesday 14th OCTOBER at 7.00 pm**, in the staffroom (eastern end of main building). Meetings are held on the second Monday/Wednesday of each month, and we aim to finish by 9.00pm. If you are unable to attend, you may note any items for discussion in the Agenda Book which is at the office. We would love to see as many parents and carers at our meetings to share in the great things happening within our school community. All welcome.

During 2015, we will have our P & C meetings on **MONDAYS TERMS 1 & 2** and then on **WEDNESDAYS TERMS 3 & 4**, so that more parents and carers can come along to at least one of meetings during the year.

If you help out in classrooms for reading groups, math's groups, Friday sport, or in the canteen or elsewhere in the school, please ensure you have filled out the PINK Declaration Form at the office, and pay your **\$5.00 for the P & C membership fee** to be covered under our insurance.

<u>GONSKI</u>

We would encourage all families to log on and register at <u>www.igiveagonski.com.au</u> to show your support by signing the petition for complete funding of the Gonski recommendations. A huge reduction in funding that had been previously promised to our children for their education is at stake and your support is needed. Please share with family and friends.

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.

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

PARENT NAME / Child's Name / Class - \$5 enclosed P & C Membership

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4. The Canteen Roster for the following two weeks is listed below and it is also on the window outside the uniform shop. If anyone could spare a morning to volunteer, please place your name on the roster or alternatively contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au

The Canteen Committee

W K	Mon 12 th Oct	Tues 13 th Oct	Wed 14 th Oct	Thurs 15 th Oct	Fri 16 th Oct
2	CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS	<u>CLOSED</u>	Margarida Jardim VOLUNTEER NEEDED	<u>CLOSED</u>	Nicole Sorensen VOLUNTEER NEEDED
W K	Mon 19 th Oct	Tues 20 th Oct	Wed 21st Oct	Thurs 22 nd Oct	Fri 23 rd Oct
3	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	<u>CLOSED</u>	Mel Boon Sharon Rigby	<u>CLOSED</u>	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Community News

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

Phone: Jo 0439 451 998 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: <u>davidmacquire@hotmail.com</u>







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