



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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**Week 8 Term 4**

**23rd November, 2015**

## **Principal's Report**

Another fortnight has flown past at RVPS. Can you believe there are only three and a half weeks left of school? Teachers have been busy writing and preparing Semester Two reports for all students to give parents an accurate understanding of their child's academic achievement. Reports will be coming home in Week 9 and if any parents are interested in having an interview to discuss their child's progress or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher.

## **Woonona Community of Schools Leadership Day**

Thirteen students from years 3 – 6 were selected to go to WHS in Week 6 to participate in activities that promoted and developed leadership qualities within our students. All our students were great representatives of RVPS and had a fun filled morning meeting future students and parents. Congratulations Finn Kiefer, Ava Sutton, Tylah Funnell, Dominic De Carli, Bailey Leadbitter, Liam Barkley, Brooke Love, Mitch Walker, Solomon Little, Ginger Little, Katie Ross, Nikki Taylor, Amelia Elliott, Sierra McDonagh, Charlotte Basham and Aaron Mills on being chosen and for being well mannered and respectful ambassadors of RVPS.

## **2016 Captain Speeches and Election**

Last Wednesday saw 17 year 5 students stand in front of the school community and campaign for their possible selection as School Captain and/or Vice Captain of 2016. I know I speak for all staff when I say that all candidates gave well written and rehearsed speeches and any one of them would be fabulous leaders of our school. Good luck to all candidates – the election will be held tomorrow and results will be given at our Schools Presentation Assembly on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. A big thank you to Mrs Body for all her time coaching, preparing and supporting our Year 5 students wishing to run for Captain.

## **Grandparents Day Assembly**

This Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, we are holding Grandparents Day. This has become one of our biggest and most loved community events and we invite all parents, grandparents, carers and friends to come and join us in the event to help thank and celebrate our Grandparents. The day will commence at 10am with an assembly in the school hall to watch the much anticipated Kinder and Year 6 buddies production of the Lion King. Following the assembly, we will be serving coffee/tea and cakes during lunch time, and we hope to share this special event with you all. Just a friendly reminder to send in any cakes/morning tea food items on Thursday morning so we can offer all our Grandparents something lovely for their morning tea in thanks for all they do for us. Thank you in advance for supporting this community event.

## **Lion King Production**

The Lion King production is shaping up to be our best performance ever under the direction of the amazingly talented Mrs Rafferty, the costume design of Mrs Cleall and the support of Mrs Body and our talented staff. A working bee was held on the weekend, and it was lovely to see so many staff and parents coming together to help paint, sew, design and create items to help make the production as fabulous as it can be. We are all looking forward to viewing our talented Year 6 and kinder students in this beautiful adaptation of the Lion King.

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Mrs Leesa James  
Assistant Principal

## Monday Assembly - Reminder

If you wish to see your child receive a Bronze Award at a Monday assembly, you really need to be here by 1.50 pm.

### *Congratulations!*

#### **BRONZE School Award**

**Week 6:** Sofia Banasiak, Max Harrison, Lonhro Twedde, Tara Mandranis, Christopher Roche, Lucas Hunter, Clint Walker, Mathew Armour.

**Week 7:** Ally Courtney-Walker, Ava Sorensen, Daniel Crimston, Jasmin Deece, Pearl Peters.

#### **ACADEMIC**

**Week 6:** Tyler Weston, Cooper Paterson, Savannah Skipp, Alex Courtney-Walker, Serena Banasiak, Kai Johnson, Jordan Barker, Ava Sutton, Christopher Roche, William Grace, Jasmin Deece, Beth O'Brien, Samantha Hallowell, Luke Sweeney, Pearl Peters, Kaito Nagai, Kirsten Owen, Clint Walker, Maxim Protsenko.

**Week 7:** Carmen Drain, Harrison Ritchie, Lily Goode, Dexter Kokles, Alyssa Barkley, Jack Bowen, Tyler Pearce, Michael Anderson, Penny Small, Jackson Gervaise, Angel Atkinson, Beau Jackson, Cooper Rigby, Leah Taylor, Summer Cook, Jasmin Deece, Evie Feld, Riley Dunn.

#### **CREATIVE ARTS:**

**Week 7:** Yianna Aroutsidis, Jye Collins-Firkin.

#### **PD/H/PE:**

**Week 6:** Mark Allen, Max Harrison, Sofia Banasiak.

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **November**

Thurs 26

Grandparents' Assembly 10 am

#### **December**

Thurs 3

Mufti Crazy Hat Day (hamper donations)

Fri 4

Ice Cream Spider Day \$2.00

Talent Quest Finals 12 noon

Thurs 10

Annual Presentation Assembly 9.15 am

Tues 15

Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.15 am

Year 6 Formal

Weds 16

Party Day K-2

Northern Bowl & Greater Union Years 3-6

Jamberoo Year 6

### *Notes and Money Due*

#### **December**

Weds 9

Party Day (K – 2) note & money \$12

Northern Bowl & Greater Union (3-6) \$25

Jamberoo (yr 6) \$40.00



# Talent Show

We were yet again amazed by the talent we hold within RVPS. There were over 30 groups who auditioned but only 14 acts could be selected for the finals which will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December starting from 12 noon in the school hall. Congratulations to the following successful students:

### Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

Name/s	Act
Kiara, Alex, Savannah, Phoebe	Singing/Dancing
Cha-Cha Slide	Dancing
Jayden, Josh, Lucas, Ethan	Soccer Skills
Serena, Ella, Emily, Lucy	Dance/Gymnastics
Cooper, Ollie, Nate, Jack	Karate



### Stage 2 and Stage 3

Name/s	Act
Adelaide and Alyssa	Gymnastics
Jocelyn Bray	Singing
Thomas Joy	Guitar
Jenna Owen	Dancing
Leah and Ella	Singing
Evie McLarnen	Singing
Angel Atkinson	Singing
Crystal Atkinson	Dancing
Lillian Joy	Dancing

All finalists will be given time over the next two weeks in lunchtimes to work with Mrs James and Mrs Hoyn to prepare and refine their act so that by the Finals they will be ready to dazzle us (and the judges) with their talents. The winners from each section (infants and primary) will again perform at the RVPS Christmas Carols following the Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

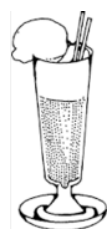
Congratulations to all students who auditioned – we applaud you for being brave and standing up and showing us your talents. Better luck next year.

**Mrs James and Mrs Hoyn**

### **Ice Cream Spider Day**

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9) stage 3 will be holding their final fundraiser for the year. At recess time following the Talent Quest, all students will have the opportunity to buy an ice cream soda for \$2. We encourage all students to bring in their own spoon and cup to save on rubbish and recycling. All proceeds raise will go towards assisting Year 6 to purchase a present for the school as their leaving gift.

**Mrs James and Mrs Body**  
**Stage 3 Teachers**



## Library News

### 2015 Scholastic Book Fair

The 2015 Book Fair was a huge success with a constant flow of customers visiting the Library throughout last week. This was the first time I have been a part of the Book Fair here at RVPS, and I was amazed with its popularity. Thank you to all those families who purchased books and to those who donated books to the school. We are very lucky to have such fabulous community support. I would personally like to thank the teachers and parents who assist with selling the books; your help was very much appreciated.

### Australian War Memorial – Memorial Box

All classes enjoyed getting up close with some World War I artefacts. These resources stimulated a range of engaging and worthwhile discussions in relation to Australians at war.



### Author visit – Rachel Spratt

We were lucky to have author Rachel Spratt visit RVPS on Wednesday. She joined a small group of students for afternoon tea in the Library where she signed some of her novels. She then did a lively and engaging presentation to Years 2 - 6 which involved her sharing her love of reading and writing. Rachel was very impressed with our students and made special mention of their attentive listening and well thought out questions. Shane Hambling from Woonona Eyecare sponsored this visit. Thank you Shane.



## **Book Club**

The final 2015 Book Club issue will be sent home this week. All orders must be returned by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheryl Harrison for all of her hard work this year with Book Club. Cheryl kindly donates her time to running and organising Book Club for RVPS. Her help and assistance is greatly appreciated.

## **Stocktake**



Library stocktake is now underway. If your child received an overdue notice and the book is unable to be located please contact me on 4284 4396 or visit the Library on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to discuss. It is important that we have all books accounted for.

## **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.

## **HAVING AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION**

**Take turns and talk about something you are both interested in.**

<b>Do's</b>	<b>Don'ts</b>
<p>Look at the other person and smile.</p> <p>Ask a question or make a comment about something you have in common. Listen carefully when the other person is speaking.</p> <p>When they stop talking, take your turn, and either ask a good question or say something about the topic. Be positive.</p> <p>While you are speaking, look to see that the other is interested in what you are saying.</p> <p>Let them have a turn by pausing and looking in their eyes.</p> <p>If you run out of thing to say or they seem uninterested, make a comment or ask another question about something else that you have in common.</p>	<p>Don't talk about things that the other person is not interested in.</p> <p>Don't fidget or let you mind wander.</p> <p>Don't expect the other person to do all the work in the conversation.</p> <p>Don't interrupt.</p> <p>Don't assume that the other person is interested in what you are saying. Check!</p> <p>Don't hog the conversation.</p> <p>Don't ask questions all the time. Make some comments.</p>
	

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thank you to all members who attended our Annual General Meeting last Wednesday night. We wish to announce and congratulate our newly elected Committee Members for 2016:

**P & C Executive Committee:**

Steve Joy (President)  
Natalie Walker (Vice President)  
Kelly Mills (Secretary)  
Darren Broers (Treasurer)

**Social Media Co-ordinator:**

Kerryn Keifer

**Canteen Committee:**

Karan Cambridge  
Mel Boon  
Sharon Rigby  
Jenny Smith

**Uniform Shop**

Megan Spence  
Jodie Whitefield  
Bronwyn Anderson

**Tennis Court**

Lara Sinton  
Jo Maddox

**Next P & C General Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

There will not be another meeting for 2015, so our next P & C Meeting will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00pm. Any items for discussion may be noted in the Agenda Item Book at the office. All welcome. Thank you to all our members who attended our meetings in 2015, a full summary of the P & C achievements for the year will be in the December final 2015 newsletter.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**

**Tickets** will be sold for 50c each under the COLA over the next few weeks, with the raffle to be **drawn on presentation day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

Please refer to the sheet to be handed out this week for a guide as to what to donate to the hamper on Thursday 3rd December for the Mufti & Crazy Hat Day.

If you would like to assist the P & C with the packing of the hampers on Thursday 3rd December, please come to the Hall after 9 am.

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

## CANTEEN NEWS

We have some new items on the menu for end of year and to help keep the kids cool during the warm weather. Bulla ice creams in two sizes, mini and regular in assorted fruit flavours - \$1.00 for the mini size and \$1.50 for the regular. Come and try them out!

To follow is the next three weeks of roster, please contact Karan Cambridge on 0437 868 509 or [akcambo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:akcambo@yahoo.com.au) if you can fill a spot. Alternatively place your name on the roster on the window at the uniform shop. It would be nice to finish the year on a high note so any help would be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

WK	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov
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9	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	<b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	Lisa Aubrey Naomi Anderson
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## Community News

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### **PARKVIEW TENNIS COURT**

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Russell Vale Public School and the local community

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conducted before or after school.

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Email: [davidmacquire@hotmail.com](mailto:davidmacquire@hotmail.com)

### **TWILIGHT HOPE MARKET**

Bulli Anglican Church  
66 Park Road, Bulli  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2015  
4 pm to 7 pm

Fairtrade, homemade, recycled stalls, food, live music,  
animal farm, kids' activities, carboot sale.

Stall holders contact Merrilyn  
[hopemarket@bullianglican.org.au](mailto:hopemarket@bullianglican.org.au)  
Proceeds to Anglicare Illwarra





**RYAN PARK  
MEMBER FOR KEIRA**



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2014 White Ribbon Day walk

# Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day walk



**Say no to violence against women!**

## 25 November 2015

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we'll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at  
<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalk>

You can also visit the walk's Facebook page at  
<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalkFB>

Organised by the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence in support of the White Ribbon Campaign

## **White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day Walk Say**

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## RIDING THE WAVE - Surf Life Saving Program

Families of children of all abilities are being introduced to the fun of the beach and Surf Life Savings Nippers program through the Illawarra Branch's Riding the Wave Nippers program. This program provides the opportunity through the clubs for children of all abilities to participate in beach and water based activities such as beach ball games, relays, flags, boards and wades.

### Get involved and have some fun !

Riding the Wave program aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for all to be a part of a Surf Life Saving Club
- Provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in a non competitive, flexible Nippers program
- Provide an opportunity for participants to enjoy the beach and its surrounds in a safe manner
- Have dedicated and trained water safety personnel deliver the program.

The Riding the Wave initiative is a joint program between Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs, Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch and the Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation.

Riding the wave is a four week program conducted mid February to mid March.



Join your local  
Riding the  
Wave program  
TODAY!



For further information and an application form please contact Catherine on 4228 5355 or email [catherine.campbell@sport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.campbell@sport.nsw.gov.au)

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