



Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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Week 6 Term 4

9th November, 2015

Principal's Report

We are now halfway through the term and what a term it has been so far. Some highlights from the past two weeks include:

University of Wollongong Young Einstein Science Day

On Tuesday of Week 4, approximately 240 first year UOW Primary Teaching Practicum students came to our school to hold a Young Einstein Science Day for our students at RVPS. Students were placed into small groups and rotated around six activities that were all designed and created by the UOW prac students. For the entire afternoon, our students were engaged in fun filled science activities. Not only was it a credit to the UOW for the professionalism shown by their prac students, but it was an amazing opportunity for our students who all participated with enthusiasm and excitement. A big thank you must go to Mrs Cleall, who co-ordinated this amazingly enjoyable and educational experience for all our students at RVPS.

In2uni Excursion



Students in Year 6 were provided with the opportunity to attend the University of Wollongong's In2uni program last Thursday (5th May). All 31 students travelled by bus to the Wollongong Campus and participated in a number of faculty taster sessions to experience life as a University Students. All students had a fabulous day and were well behaved and enthusiastic ambassadors of our school. The day is best summed up in their own words:

On Thursday 5th November 2015, we went to IN2UNI – it was great! We learnt about the human body, languages, tongue twisters, DNA and we toured the whole University. This whole experience was fantastic I have definitely learnt more and met new friends. (Jackson Gervaise)

On Thursday the 5th of November, Grade 6 from Russell Vale public school attended the University of Wollongong. We started the day in the Hope Theatre. We watched some music videos for roughly 5 minutes until we met Mrs Carroll. After a warm welcome and introduction from Mrs Kate Carroll, we got our bags and got some morning tea (which was a piece of fruit, packet of chips or popcorn, then finally some water or a juice popper).

Our first activity was with Professor Rowena Ward, and we were learning a couple of words from different languages. Professor Ward spoke fluent Japanese. She told us how to say hello and thank you in a few different languages and then we did an activity on guessing which words came from which language. Then, we went into the nursing unit and listened to a dummy's heartbeat, pulse and breathing patterns. We also saw our germs under an Ultra – violet light and got a plaster cast on our fingers. After that we did a scavenger hunt around the campus and went back to the Hope theatre for lunch. After dancing and listening to a few more songs we packed up and took the bus back to school.
(Jocelyn Bray)

Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW Public School children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:-

- Their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and,
- Primary ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don't attend the available Scripture classes in their school.

All non-scripture children received a note about this last week.

I have included a fact sheet about Primary Ethics later in this newsletter.

If you have any further queries re: your child taking part in Ethics Classes, please contact myself or Mrs Karen Johnston who is the Primary Ethics Co-ordinator for our school.

Kinder Orientation

Starting from next Wednesday, we start to welcome our new kindergarten students for 2016 at our Kinder Play sessions. We look forward to meeting all our new prospective students and their parents and hope they enjoy RVPS as much as the rest of us.

Smith's Hill High School Drama Presentation

Smith's Hill High School's Youth theatre class is touring the Illawarra this November and will perform at Russell Vale P.S on Monday 23rd November at 1pm. All students in Years 3 – 6 are invited to come along and watch this talented group of drama students. The touring production this year is "Cyber", a play about the wonders, but also the perils, of cyberspace for young people. The show is approximately 40 minutes long and costs students only \$2:00. A note has gone home today and we ask that the note and money be returned to the office by Wednesday 18th November.

Woonona Community of Schools Leadership Forum

Twelve students from Years 3-5 have been invited to attend Woonona High School for our Community of Schools Leadership Forum on Thursday between 9am – 12 midday.

The Leadership Forum is part of the Woonona Community of Schools alliance and provides junior potential leaders with a day of stimulating activities aimed at developing leadership skills in students. We are sure they will have a fantastic time.

Talent Quest

Due to the rainy weather of last week, Talent Quest auditions will start this week and will continue until next Friday. We encourage all interested students to dazzle us with their talents. We are looking forward to this fun annual event. Good luck everyone!

ABCA Book Drive

One of our stage 3 students, Madeleine McPherson in 5/6J is organizing a book drive to help support ABCA (Australian Books for Children of Africa).

Australian Books for Children of Africa is helping supply books to less advantaged kids and schools in Africa. To help donate via the school, send books with your child to school.

The books must be:

- suitable for children between the ages of 2 and 12 years old;
- Non-fiction books, other than history books, published after 2000;
- Only books written in English;
- Books in good condition. Where books have been patched up, have weak spines and/or scribbles they will not be sent to Africa.

Please send in any suitable books during week 7 (next week) to the front office where a box will be supplied to house donated books until they are packed up and delivered to ABCA.

See more at: <http://www.abca.org.au/donating-books.php>

Have a fabulous fortnight!

Mrs Leesa James
Assistant Principal



2016 Classes

When deciding on the classes for any year, we attempt to obtain as much information as possible to ensure that, given the resources of the school (number of teachers, classroom availability, number of children etc), we place the children as best we can. With this in mind, we would like to know of any factors that could affect the placement of your child in the 2016 classes.

Whilst I cannot assure you that we will be able to meet your requests, I can guarantee you that I will listen to what you have to say and if possible, find a satisfactory solution.

Please write a note to the Principal via the front office staff and have your envelope marked 'Mr Grierson – Confidential'. I will be able to accept your notes until Wednesday 18th November. Please be aware that requesting particular teachers for your child is very flattering but rarely appropriate.

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 4: Jackson Armstrong, Jenna Owen, Ryder Errington, Nicholas Collins-Firkin, Blake Corrick, Olivia Kidd, Dominic De Carli, Cooper Hudson, Violet Schweigler, Breanna Bengel, Buckley Patterson, Carrie Walker, Brianna Roberts, Angel Atkinson, Emma Hastie, Jocelyn Bray.

Week 5: Isabel Morris, Israel Smith, Kate Luyten, Thomas Joy, Taya Nye, Ebony McCrystal, Danielle Roberts, Ginger Little, Jada Barker, Bailey Walker, William Grace, Jake Smith, Sage Horsey, Adelaide Davis-Soar, Daniel Todd, Oliver Smith.

ACADEMIC

Week 4: Finn Cambridge, Mitchell Armour, Leah Heaton, Dominic De Carli, Cooper Hudson, Eli Scriven, Lohnro Tweddle, Scott Harrison, Rory Hudson, Amelia Elliot, Carrie Walker, Travis Lee, Jocelyn Bray, Zephyr Sinton-Scott.

Week 5: Jayden Trang, Blake Weston, Madison Hughes, Tara Mandranis, Jack Harrison, Jake Smith, Mathew Armour, Eva Maddox, Bailey Walker, Jada Barker, Bailey Leadbitter, Hayley Moygannon, William Grace, Jake Smith, Dayna Evans, Ginger Little, Tom Feld, Sage Horsey, Lachlan Goodwin, Adah Stewart, Lillian Joy, Katherine Ross, Ethan Jacona, Ella Paterson, Jackson Armstrong.

CREATIVE ARTS:

Week 4: Ineka Foster, Violet Schweigler, Olivia Elliott.

Week 5: Benny Levy, Skye, William Grace.

PD/H/PE:

Week 4: Dexter Kokles.

Week 5: Lily Goode, Daniel Hallowell, Riley Dunn.

Upcoming Events

November

Weds 11	P & C Meeting 7 pm
Mon 16 to Frid 20	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 23	Smith's Hill Performance
Thurs 26	Grandparents' Assembly

December

Thurs 10	Annual Presentation Assembly
Tues 15	Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Notes and Money Due

Overdue

Hip Hop note and money (Stage 3)

November

Weds 18	Smith's Hill Performance \$2.00 (Year 3 – 6)
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Library news

Reminder

All books **MUST** be returned to the Library by the end of this week. After this point overdue notices will be sent home with students who still have outstanding loans. If your child does have a book, which cannot 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

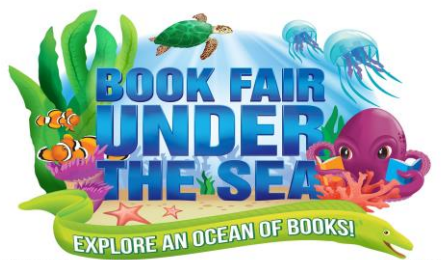
We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair during week 7. Students will bring home a catalogue this week which highlights some of the books available. Each class will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair before it officially opens to ensure they have viewed the complete collection that will be for sale.

The Book Fair will be open in the Library on:

- 17th November – before school, lunchtime
- 18th November – lunchtime, after school
- 19th November – before school

Your child can either purchase books independently at lunchtime or you and your child are welcome to attend the Library before or after school on the nominated days. All purchases benefit our school!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.



Mrs Boyton

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.

Do's

Look at the other person and smile.

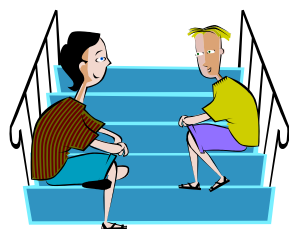
Ask a question or make a comment about something you have in common. Listen carefully when the other person is speaking.

When they stop talking, take your turn, and either ask a good question or say something about the topic. Be positive.

While you are speaking, look to see that the other is interested in what you are saying.

Let them have a turn by pausing and looking in their eyes.

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.



Don'ts

Don't talk about things that the other person is not interested in.

Don't fidget or let your mind wander.

Don't expect the other person to do all the work in the conversation.

Don't interrupt.

Don't assume that the other person is interested in what you are saying. Check!

Don't hog the conversation.

Don't ask questions all the time. Make some comments.



P&C News

***** P & C Meeting ***** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***** 11th November 2015

Our next **P & C Meeting and our Annual AGM** will be held this **WEDNESDAY 11th November 2015 at 7 pm** in the staffroom. This is an important night for the ongoing work of the P & C. All Committee positions within the P & C will be declared vacant then re-filled by nomination and election.

We are seeking parents and carers to consider being actively involved in the P & C for 2016. We average only two Monday or Wednesday night meetings per term.

All nominees for positions must be current financial members (ie. you have previously paid the \$5 annual P & C membership fee). A brief General Meeting will follow the AGM after a short break.

A Quorum of at least 10 members is required to hold our AGM so again we would love as many members to come along as possible please.

Full details about the individual Committee Positions within the P & C was sent out last week in a separate note to all families.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

The roster for the following two weeks is listed below. Please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or akcambo@yahoo.com.au or place your name on the roster at school if you can spare a morning to volunteer.

Due to time constraints and the busy nature of Term 4 there will be no Meal Deal this Term. There will still be a Sausage Sizzle on Presentation Day.

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

W K	Mon 9 th Nov	Tues 10 th Nov	Wed 11 th Nov	Thurs 12 th Nov	Fri 13 th Nov
6	Donna McCrystal Val Thurstan	CLOSED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	CLOSED	Lisa Aubrey Naomi Anderson
W K	Mon 16 th Nov	Tues 17 th Nov	Wed 18 th Nov	Thurs 19 th Nov	Fri 20 th Nov
7	Larissa Barter Natalie Bengé	CLOSED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	CLOSED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Information for parents and the school community.

Who and what are Philosophical Ethics classes for?

Families now have a legislated right to choose Ethics for their children. Ethics classes are an option for primary school students who do not attend SRE/Scripture in NSW public schools. Classes are currently available for years 1- 6. Classes for Kindergarten will start in term 3, 2014.

Primary Ethics is the non-profit organisation authorised by the NSW state government to design and deliver a philosophy-based ethics curriculum. Our curriculum is deemed age appropriate by the Department of Education.

What do children learn in Ethics classes?

Students learn *how* to think about ethical issues. Students form a 'community of inquiry' with their peers and talk about subjects such as homelessness, keeping promises, and the treatment of living things. They learn how to find and evaluate the morally relevant issues in each topic. Trained volunteer teachers lead discussions. There is a short video of an ethics class and more information on our website:

<http://www.primaryethics.com.au/whathappens.html>

Who are the teachers?

Our Ethics Teachers are volunteers who have gone through our selection, screening and training processes. Most teachers are parents from the school community. Other volunteers are usually members of the local community such as retirees, university students, grandparents and local business owners.

Can I be an Ethics Teacher?

We're looking for volunteers who

- have time to prepare for and teach a 30min class each week of the school term,
- who enjoy engaging with children
- have an interest in philosophy/ethics

We give our teachers training and ongoing support and the opportunity to work with children and meet new people. Read about volunteering at our website www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteers.html

Volunteers must undergo a criminal history check and sign a Working with Children declaration.

How do I get my child into Ethics class?

If classes have started at your school, make your choice by letting the school know in writing. Your school office will be able to tell you if they have any further paperwork for you to sign.

If classes have not yet started, contact us and let us know you'd like classes. info@primaryethics.com.au

How do I find out more?

Come to our website: www.primaryethics.com.au or Email us: info@primaryethics.com.au

Community News

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Russell Vale Public School and the local community

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Email: davidmacquire@hotmail.com

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66 Park Road, Bulli
Saturday 28th November, 2015
4 pm to 7 pm

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animal farm, kids' activities, carboot sale.

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TILL
15-12-2015**

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Supporting children's social/emotional development in their transition to school

Presented by: Tanya Williamson Occupational Therapist and Director of Sensational Kids OT

Come along and hear about:

- Stages of social/emotional development
- What impacts social/emotional development?
- Supporting these areas of development in a child's transition to school
- Tips and tools to assist with the transition process.

Date: Thursday 12 November 2015

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Training Room, Ground Floor, (next to Green Bean Café) at Big Fat Smile
98 Railway St, Corrimal

Cost: Free! Educators and families welcome.
Places are limited!

RSVP: By Tuesday 10 November 2015

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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
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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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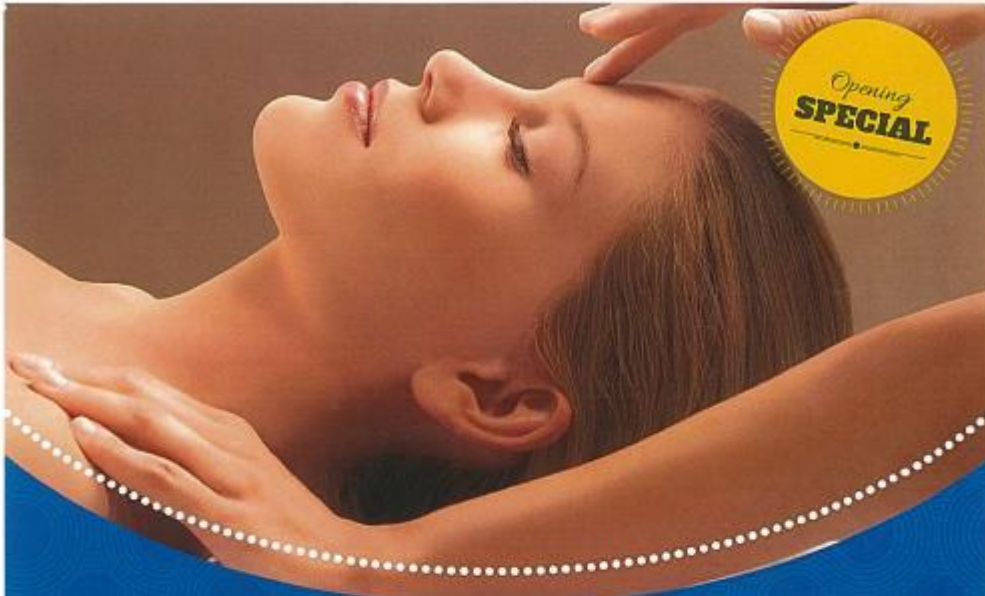
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