



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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**Week 10 Term 4**

**7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

## **Principal's Report**

This will be the last newsletter for 2015 – I cannot believe how quickly this past term has flown by. When I reflect on all that has occurred this past term, I understand why it has passed so quickly. To all the parents who have assisted this year in such a variety of ways, many, many thanks. Our students are wonderful at Russell Vale - we are truly blessed to have such lovely, caring, considerate, hardworking and “just plain great” kids.

To all of my staff I want to say a huge thank you for such a productive and professional year. They are a highly cohesive and collaborative teaching group, always striving to provide an education filled with new and exciting experiences.

My Assistant Principals - Leesa James, Michelle Rafferty and Paul Cuthbertson have led their teams superbly, and I am so fortunate to have them all. They are truly dedicated and highly professional people who add great depth to the educational outcomes for all students.

I look forward to welcoming Anne Birkett our new School Administrative Manager who commences work next Monday. To Margaret Fallo who has relieved in that position for more than a term - well done! Margaret has completed the Annual Financial Statement with ease; a new skill for her this year and she continues to be a devoted and industrious team member. Narelle Stanbridge completes our team and she has been a great asset to the school's administration team; highly capable and very caring and empathetic to our students. Thank you very much for your work ladies.

Thanks to our hardworking School Learning Support Officers, Joy Della Vedova, Alison Hand, Natalie Phillips and Jodie Hanson-Dunning for the dedicated and caring approach to the welfare of our students with disabilities and to students with learning difficulties. Thanks to Joe, our General Assistant and also to our school cleaner, Doogul.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy Christmas and a wonderful New Year in 2016.

## **Volunteers' Morning Tea**

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful helpers who assist us each year with a morning tea on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11 am in the staffroom. If you have assisted in any way this year; listening to children read, helping in the classroom, working on the P & C, making items, transporting students, helping with fundraisers etc, we would like to acknowledge your contribution.

## **Grandparents' Day**

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, family and friends who came last Thursday to our Grandparents' Assembly. This event has become one of our most loved events of the year, and it was lovely to spend the morning together celebrating the amazing jobs our grandparents do. Thanks must go to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Bryant for organising this event, to Miss Nicholls for filming the Grandparents Day video and for our amazingly supportive community for sending in so many yummy cakes, slices and morning tea items.

## **The Lion King**

Wow – what a production! Kindergarten and their Year 6 buddies presented an amazing adaptation of the Lion King under the expert tutelage of Mrs Rafferty and her team. The script was exceptional, the costumes amazing (thanks for the vision Mrs Cleall) and the backstage work was smooth and well-rehearsed (thanks Mrs James, Mrs Body and the Year 5 crew). I would like to particularly thank the school community for getting behind this large scale production through the offers of support, time, expertise and know how. Together we created an amazing public school

production. Thanks you to the talents of Nev Denham for the amazing production photo shown below – truly amazing! A big thank you must also go to all students involved for their talent, commitment and enthusiasm – I'm sure I speak for everyone in saying that they were all absolutely amazing. Congratulations everyone!

**Mark Grierson**  
Principal



## ***Congratulations!***

### **BRONZE School Award**

**Week 8:** Liam Barkley, Kai Johnson, Charli Whitefield.

**Week 9:** Keeley Nethercott, Mitchell Lloyd, Daniel Hollowell, Dexter Kokles, Lily Anderson, Jiah Zietsch, Jayden Lea, Zephyr-Sinton Scott, Maddie McPherson, Maxim Protsenko, Amy Joy, Lilah Wilson, Eli Scriven, Hayley Moygannon.

### **ACADEMIC**

**Week 8:** Lily Goode, Daniel Hollowell, Mitchell Lloyd, Elyna Collins, Evie McLarnen, Nyasha Khan, Sherneal Poole, Charli Whitefield, Blake Sweeny, Ron Bowen, Solomon Little, Keeley Nethercott, Liam Barkley, Caleb Sharman, Bailey Leadbitter, Maxim Protsenko, Madison Hughes, Sierra McDonagh, Brinley Smart, Emma Hastie, Finlay Smart, Jewel Watson, Amy Joy, Nikki Taylor, Darby Walsh, Brooke Love, Eva Maddox, Ginger Little.

**Week 9:** Tyrone Palaniwat-Larson, Heath Barkley, Finn Kiefer, Tina Pham, Lucie Squires, Ryan Harlen, Jayden Lea, Jack Hancock, Samantha Hollowell, Sierra McDonagh, Indy Boon, Caitlin Richardson, Lucy Dash, Kye MacDonald, William Grace, Summer Cook, Dayna Evans.

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

**Week 8:** Kiara Funnell.

### **CREATIVE ARTS:**

**Week 8:** Ineka Foster.

**Week 9:** Yianna Aroutsidis, Mark Allen, Maddie McPherson, Zephyr Sinton-Scott, Emma Cooney, Olivia Elliott, Lachlan Goodwin.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **December**

Thurs 10	Annual Presentation Assembly 9.15 am
Mon 14	Volunteers' Morning Tea 11 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

### **THE LION KING REVEALS THE HEARTS OF LIONS!**

We are VERY proud of the boys and girls for their efforts in *The Lion King* on Grandparents' Day. They represented themselves, their families and our school EXCEPTIONALLY and we thank them for that. It reflects the quality education that Public Schools continue to offer.

The feedback we have received for the standard of the performance has been phenomenal - well done everyone! It is with heartfelt thanks that we note the parental support, patience and understanding that was so generously given. Congratulations TEAM Russell Vale - we couldn't do it without you:

#### **P&C**

Their donation of \$1,000 allowed us to take the production to the level that only money can achieve.

#### **SRC (via profits from Side Show Alley)**

Purchasing the headsets that made ALL the difference to this production AND for all future productions.

#### **Staff**

Mrs Body, Mrs James, Mrs Cleall, Mrs Rafferty, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Rejske, Mrs Hoyn, Mrs Rann, Mrs Treglown, Mrs Lateo, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Boyton, Miss Phillips, Mrs Stanbridge and her daughter, Shannon.

#### **Parents/Community**

Ms Easter, Mrs Smith (Clare), Mrs Stewart, Mrs Bray, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Barter, Mrs McLarnen, Mrs Whitefield, Mr Denham, Mrs Scriven, Mrs Smith (Oliver) Mrs Adamson, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Leadbitter, Mrs Bengel, Mrs Wilson.

The willingness people showed in freely offering their time, gifts, ideas and elbow grease was nothing short of astounding – especially those who dedicated time on days that they were not rostered to work. As a result of this collaborative process, the winners are definitely...the children – which is always the intent from the start. They are the recipients of a gift – memories that they can cherish for years to come.

We look forward to creating more great things together with the parents of Russell Vale as our partners in the children's education. As we have seen, with great support, great things are possible!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH...**

#### **TEAM RUSSELL VALE!**

*The very thankful: Di Body, Leesa James, Jeanette Cleall and Michelle Rafferty*

### Talent Quest

The annual Talent Quest was held last Friday and the talents of the students of RVPS continue to dazzle us. Congratulations to all students who made it into the finals and a big congratulations to our K-2 winners, the Cha Cha Sliders from KR and the ever beautiful dancer from Years 3-6, Lillian Joy. Thanks must go to Mrs Hoyn for all the hours of time and effort given to helping me create our Talent Show for 2015. Can't wait to see what talent there is for 2016!

### Mrs Boyton

#### Community Project - Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is almost here and the Christmas spirit was so abundantly shown throughout our project of packaging shoe boxes for less advantaged children. The school community showed enormous enthusiasm and generosity and we filled 61 shoe boxes with gorgeous gifts. It was so lovely to see the students sort and pack the boxes with such care, making sure they considered the age of the child and suitable gifts, even including a note with a simple message and some great pictures that showed the boxes were from a child in Australia. It was a great way to reinforce how very fortunate we all are to live in this area and attend such a wonderful school. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. It was amazing to see a boot full of gifts from Russell Vale!

### Mrs Treglown



### 2015 Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all those that made our 2015 Scholastic Book Fair such a success. We raised nearly \$1000 to buy new books and resources for the school. I would also like to thank the parents who donated books to the school library. These books will be available for our students to borrow early in the 2016.

## *P&C News*

### **Thank You**

To everyone for supporting the P & C with our fundraising in 2015 and for your continued assistance within our school. Please refer to the attached year in review summary for further details.

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who supplied items for our hamper raffle and who purchased tickets in our raffle. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners. We hope you enjoy your lovely hampers over the festive season. Thank you to IGA Woonona for kindly donating the hamper bags.

### **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 which is at the office. All welcome. Thank you to all our members who attended our meetings in 2015.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. See you all in 2016.

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

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

There is no canteen news this week. Please check Facebook regarding updates for the canteen and Presentation Day.

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee.

## Russell Vale P & C Association - 2015

***It is time to acknowledge the efforts of some hard working individuals within our school community. These are the quiet achievers who freely give their time to be involved in the many activities that form an integral part of Russell Vale School.***

**THANK YOU** Karan, Donna, Astrid, Sharon & Mel - our past and present Canteen Committee Members. Thank you also to all Canteen Helpers - you raised over \$4000.00 this year!

**THANK YOU** Irma, Julie, & Ros for your management and care of the Russell Vale Community Hall for the past 17 years. You have provided a great service to our school and the Community. Enjoy the well- earned rest.

**THANK YOU** Megan & Lara & Darren & Jo for taking care of the Parkview Tennis Court. You give our students and the local community a special place for recreation.

**THANK YOU** Jodie, Bronwyn & Megan for running our school uniform shop. This is a great service to parents and without you, we would all be paying more for our uniforms.

**THANK YOU** Patsy for your ongoing commitment towards conservation and creek restoration.

**THANK YOU** Tamara for co-ordinating the Cadbury Chocolate Drive, Mel for co-ordinating the Pie Drive, Kelly for co-ordinating the Book stall, Megan for co-ordinating the disco and to all helpers who helped with supervising, packing, and sorting items for all of these plus all our other fundraising activities.

**THANK YOU** Cheryl for your time and work in conducting the Scholastic Book Club with Mrs Boyton.

**THANK YOU** Mrs James & Mrs Body for taking Years 5 & 6 students to camp for five days Students adore you and a great time was had by all !

**THANK YOU** to all staff members for volunteering and helping out with P & C fundraising activities.

**THANK YOU** to all regular parent helpers who are involved with canteen, sport groups and class activities. You make a *big difference* and your children all love seeing you involved!

**THANK YOU** to all parents, carers and students for supporting all of our fundraising activities.

**YOUR SUPPORT has enabled P & C to raise over \$10,000 this year!**

**Following consultation with staff, this money was used for:**

- \$12,000.00 Student Ipad's
- \$2,785.00 Cart for Ipad's
- \$1,144.45 EOY awards
- \$699.00 Purchase of new BBQ
- \$350.00 sports awards

**FINALLY THANK YOU** to Mark Grierson, Kathy, Margaret, Jenni, Narelle and all of the other school support staff for your help and assistance **AND** to our reliable team of mums, dads & carers who form the foundation of Russell Vale P & C.

*WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !*

**Steve Joy**  
President

**Natalie Walker**  
Vice President

**Darren Broers**  
Treasurer

**Kelly Mills**  
Secretary



## Community News

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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 12pm to 4pm @ Woonona Bulli RSL

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - 5.30pm to 7.30pm @ Hollymount Park  
ALSO "COME & TRY RUGBY LEAGUE" AFTERNOON  
& SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

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Saturday 6th February - 2pm to 5pm @ Woonona Bulli RSL

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COST: \$80 for 1 Child, \$140 for 2 Children, \$180 for 3 Children

**\*\*\*\*\*Under 6 - FREE Rego!\*\*\*\*\***

**Rugby League - AGES: 5 to 17 years**  
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Website – [woononajrlfc.org.au](http://woononajrlfc.org.au)

Home Ground – Hollymount Park, Woonona



# Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for *best release techniques*.

**COST is \$40 PER CHILD**, and includes \* rod and reel combination \* shirt \* hat \* tackle box \* show bag—all to take home!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**  
Maximum 25 participants.

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## Locations and Date

Lake Illawarra, Reddall Parade

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

To book, e-mail [stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or ring Stephen Thurstan, 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190

Details on the web: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

## **RUSH IN TO RUSSELL VALE- XMAS EDITION**

Hi all, it's time once again to come celebrate Christmas time with all your great neighbours at the picturesque **Cawley Park**. It's not only great time to relax and have fun with all the local Russell Vale celebrates but also we are going to help contribute to some important community causes.

The day will be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 12pm** at the park, bring your own food and liquid refreshments (a BBQ will be available), sun cover etc.

All are welcome to attend and if try to encourage your neighbours, as the more the better! We will be organising some games and events for kids, including cricket, soccer, water games and possible a water slide.

The day will also include "The Russell Vale Rush", a 50m handicapped race in multiple junior and senior categories, with the highlight being the Mums race.

On the day we are also hoping to contribute to great causes:

1, Through the QLD lions Club they have program where groups/individual can collect and donate metal screw top bottle lids, they will be then supply wheel chairs for kids. So I am aiming for us to collect 1000 screw tops on the day, so it will take a solid effort by all!

2, Also we will be setting up a station for people to registers for 'Organ Donation Australia ', as laws have changed it is very important that is done properly via Organ Donation Register. It only takes 10 minutes and you could save many more lives. We will be aiming to do 50 registrations.

We are also hoping to have a visit from 'the big fella in red'.

If you need any information or have any idea's that could improve the day please contact me Troy Kiefer 0418816214 or Finn Cambridge (via school).

Bring any footballs, cricket gear, water pistols, gazebos, sun covers etc.

We will be collecting a gold coin donation from each person which will be donated to the soccer club for use of facilities e.g. BBQ, toilets, electricity,

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