



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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**Term 4 Week 6**

**14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

## **Principal's Report**

### **Teacher Positions**

The advertisement for one of our vacant positions is now closed. Interviews will take place later this week and the successful candidate will start next year.

There will also be a second new teacher starting next year. As per the Department of Education hiring policy and procedures, we will be interviewing targeted graduates in the coming weeks, and we will have a beginning teacher joining our staff for next year.

### **P & C Annual General Meeting**

Our next P & C Meeting and our Annual AGM will be held tonight, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm in the school hall. This is an important night for the ongoing work of the P & C. Please refer to the P & C section of this newsletter for more information regarding positions for next year.

### **BYOD 2017**

Prior to tonight's P & C, we will be holding an information session for parents and carers regarding our 2017 Bring Your Own Device initiative. This session will begin at 6:15 pm. For those who are unable to attend, there will be a second session at approximately 1 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, immediately following our Grandparents' Day assembly.

### **Grandparents' Day**

We have taken your feedback into consideration and have rearranged our timetable and activities for this year's Grandparents' Day which will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

The students at RVPS will watch the dress rehearsal of our Kindy/Year 6 presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* today. Students will not attend the production on Wednesday so that our guests on the day can get a better view and stay out of the hot sun, as has happened in the past.

Grandparents are invited to stay for lunch and enjoy a picnic morning tea with their grandchild, followed by a special assembly (with the students) to honour our grandparents.

### **School Captains**

I would like to wish good luck to our aspiring School Captains for 2017. The candidates will be delivering their speeches on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2 pm in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Student voting will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion**

Unfortunately some things don't go as planned. Two years ago when we visited Minnamurra Rainforest with the Stage 2 students, it was a fantastic experience.

This year however, our experience was not as great as our past one. It was still a great day, outside of everyone's disappointment as we reached the end of the Falls Trail (4.2 km) and discovered that the Fall's viewing area was closed and there was not much to see. We did not know about this closure.



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I would like to let you know that we have shared our disappointment with the organisers at Minnamurra Rainforest about the non-communication of the closures and limited time allowed for the students to eat lunch. We will also review as a staff, whether or not we return there in the future.

I understand and share the disappointment, but I would like to congratulate our students on their great attitude towards the day overall, especially those that were determined to complete the difficult uphill walk.

**Year 6 Jamberoo Excursion**

It would be appreciated if any student holding a Season Pass to Jamberoo Recreation Park could let the office know as soon as possible.

**Mr Cuthbertson**  
**Assistant Principal**

*Upcoming Events*

**November**

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Mon 14           | BYOD information session 6.15 pm<br>P & C Annual General Meeting 7 pm |
| Tues 15 & Wed 16 | Book Fair   |
| Weds 16          | Grandparents' Day   |
| Tues 22          | School Captains 2017 speeches 2 pm                                    |
| Fri 25           | Kids In2Uni Program Year 6  |

**December**

- |        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| Mon 12 | Presentation Day              |
| Fri 16 | Party Day                     |
|        | Last day of term for students |



## ***Congratulations!***

### **School Awards**

#### **GOLD**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 5:** Charli Whitefield.

#### **BRONZE**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 4:** Jenna Owen, Angus Sorensen, Isabel Stoyles, Jake Taylor, Ava Hadfield-Johnson.

**Week 5:** Nate Boon, Robbie Pickering, Bridget Gordon, Olivia Kidd, Christopher Roche, Jack Deale, Caleb Sharman, Sienna Broers. Mason Barker, Amy Regan, Kinley Morgan.

#### **ACADEMIC**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 4:** Sofia Banasiak, Lilah Wilson, Elinya Collins, Jiah Zietsch, Jayden Trang, Nyasha Khan, Finn Cambridge.

**Week 5:** Robbie Pickering, Nate Boon, Alexis Skipp, Bridget Gordon, Tiffany Ward, Breanna Bengé, Amy Regan, Kinley Morgan, Caleb Sharman, Jake Taylor, Charli Whitefield, Tina Pham, Jackson Ritchie, Bailey James-Dunn, Austin McDonagh, Darby Walsh.

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

##### **Term 4**

**Week 4:** Benny Levy, Liam Dwyer.

**Week 5:** Finn Cambridge, Blake Weston, Jayden Trang, Kane Herman, Abbey Kinney, Evie Feld, Charli Whitefield.

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 4:** Eli Johnson, Kyas De La Torre.

**Week 5:** Ollie Goode, Scott Harrison.



### Girls Soccer Knockout

Congratulations to our girls' soccer team for finishing third in the State Soccer Knockout. Our talented team consisted of Charlotte Basham, Samantha Hallowell, Amy Joy, Ginger Little, Brooke Love, Eva Maddox, Sierra McDonagh, Beth O'Brien, Ella Paterson, Katherine Ross, Brinley Smart, Finlay Smart, Leah Taylor, Nikki Taylor and Darby Walsh. Thank you to our parents for all their help and support. A big thank you to Gary Luyten, Fletcher Bowler and Mathew Hardy for umpiring all of our home games.

Mrs Wrice.



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### **Stage 3's Excursion to Canberra**

Students from Year 5 and 6 students recently attended a three day excursion to Canberra to take an educational tour of our nation's capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs that focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. We had an enjoyable excursion where we visited many of Canberra's best attractions: Old and New Parliament House, Electoral Commission, Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon to name a few.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist our families in meeting the cost of this excursion, the Australian Government contributed \$20 per student to the cost of the excursion under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. This rebate will be paid directly to the school over the next few weeks.

All our students behaved in a very well-mannered and respectful manner and did a fabulous job representing Russell Vale Public School. We were very proud of all of our students.

Mrs Leesa James and Mrs Dianne Body.

### **Canberra Diary Entries by Zane Leadbitter**

#### **Day 1**

*Today I woke up early to go to school camp. I was very excited. First we arrived at old parliament house. I learnt a lot like how elections are run, how you have to enrol to vote in an election and how you get your prime minister. I did lots of fun activities like worksheets and to find out the answers you had to use computers, touch screen computers, headphones, screens that give you scenarios. Then we went to the zoo and aquarium. I saw lots of animals such as lions, a dancing bear, tigers, snow leopards, peacock, emu and my favourite the wallabies. One of the jumped up on me while I was patting it. We got to the AIS (Australian Institute Of Sport) and got given our key card to get into our room. We got changed then we went across the road for dinner. Tonight it was Burgers. I didn't really like it because the meat was red and it tasted to garlicky. We got back to the AIS and went to sleep ready for tomorrow.*

#### **Day 2**

*I woke up at 5:50 am ready for Parliament house, the National Museum and the Australian War Memorial. I got dressed and went to breakfast. The breakfast was good. I had baked beans on toast, a mandarin and 2 weet bix. After I was fueled for today we went back and got our school uniform on because it is our most formal day. We arrived at today's first destination Parliament House when you get there you can see The Australian War Memorial from the front. We had to pass security and of cause we all passed. Then we went to meet our tour guides we had a man he was very nice. We saw the House of Reps and the Senate and portraits of all the prime ministers from 1901-2007 (they don't have Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott's portraits up yet). We also did role playing. I was a member of the opposition. We then travelled to the National Museum of Australia where I learnt what a sea cucumber smells like, what the biggest wool coat weights and how big Phar Lap's heart was. We then travelled to the War Memorial. We saw some cool things such as the gas masks they used in the war and there were 2 brothers in WW1 and 1 died and the other one buried him in cloth and crossed his arms and 100 years later they found him under a roundabout. We attended the closing ceremony and Bailey and Madi laid a wreath around the remembrance pool. We went back to the AIS and got dressed then walked over to dinner. Tonight it was Schnitzel - I loved it. We then participated in our night games. We finished and went to bed.*

#### **Day 3**

*Today I got woken up by Mrs Body. Then I remembered that we are going to Questacon and then home so I can see Mum, Dad and Kyden. We went to Questacon and I saw lots of cool things like a robot you control, a robot that plays ice hockey and lots more. I went down the drop slide 3 times - my hands were sweaty. After Questacon we got on the bus and drove home. I was glad to see my family.*



## 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 Meeting \*\*\*\*\* ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING\*\*\*\*\* 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Our next **P & C Meeting and our Annual AGM** will be held on **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 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 have many of the existing P & C members stepping down from their roles as their children move onto high school. Without an active P & C, the school will no longer have many events including the school disco, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, Canteen and Uniform Shop and many other fundraising events where funds are raised to benefit all children within the school.

We are seeking parents and carers to consider being actively involved in the P & C for 2017. We average only two night meetings per term. A nomination form is included at the end of the newsletter and is also available from the school office. 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 will be sent in a separate note to all families within the school.

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.

**THANK YOU** A huge thank you to all of our existing P & C Committee members who are stepping down from their roles at the AGM - all of your support and assistance is very much appreciated by all of the students and staff at Russell Vale Public School.

**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 P & C Membership fee enclosed**

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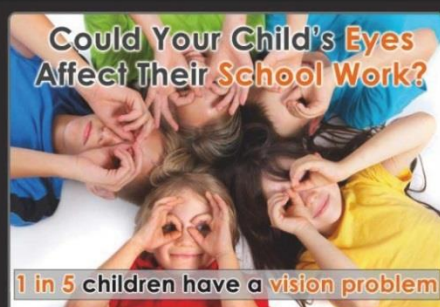
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# Chloe's RAINBOW DISCO!



Kids 5-13 years, come along for the best night ever whilst helping to save Chloe!

Chloe Saxby had just started dance lessons and loved them!

Then overnight, she lost the use of her legs.

Chloe still loves to dance in her wheelchair and would love you to come to her RAINBOW DISCO!

**Where: Woonona Bulli RSL Club**

**When: Friday, 2nd December**

**Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm.**

Tickets are \$20 each and include rocking tunes, a photo booth, cake buffet, entertainer and more!

All proceeds go towards advancing the life saving research to speed up the cure for Vanishing White Matter Disease.

Help us in our race against time to save Chloe and children like her, whilst having lots of **FUN!**

**Tickets available at reception  
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## **GYMNASTIC COACHES WANTED**

**Woonona Bulli RSL is looking for gymnastics coaches.**

### **Essential:**

**Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced WAG Coaches.**

**Supervisor Certificate (preferred).**

**Current First Aid Certificate.**

**Working with Children Check.**

**Motivated and love working with children.**

**Must be able to work with other coaches.**

**Basic computer skills.**

**Being able to work in the afternoons.**

**Good communication skills.**

**Have a love for gymnastics.**

If you are the person described above and are a fun and motivated person who loves gymnastics and working with children to develop their skills, this position could be for you. We would love to hear from you.

Please contact us on 02 4285 3270. Please leave a message as the office is not always occupied or you can email your Resume to:

The Executive Committee

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



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**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1957-2017**

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# WOONONA BULLI JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1957-2017*

## 2017 REGISTRATION Junior Rugby League AND Girls LeagueTag

**\*\*\*EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!\*\*\***

**Register & Pay Online** (credit card/bank transfer)  
**Between 10/11/2016 to 31/12/2016**  
**FOR ONLY \$50.00**

Special for siblings – buy 2 get the 3<sup>rd</sup> child FREE

GO TO [www.playnrl.com.au/register](http://www.playnrl.com.au/register)

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(Rego will go back up to \$80 for 1 Child, \$140 for 2 Children,  
\$180 for 3 Children from 1/1/2017)

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

**Boys & Girls Rugby League - AGES: 5 to 16 years**

**Girls LeagueTag – AGES: 8 to 16 years**

Further details contact Sarah on 0402271975 or email [registrar@woononajrlfc.org.au](mailto:registrar@woononajrlfc.org.au)

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