



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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**“Strength through Collaboration”**

**Term 4 Week 10**

**12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

## **Principal's Report**

This will be the last newsletter for 2016 – 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.

My administration team of Anne Birkett, Margaret Fallo and Narelle Stanbridge are highly capable and very caring and empathetic towards our students. Thank you for your work ladies.

Thanks to our hardworking School Learning Support Officers, Sandra Grierson, 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 cleaners.

## **Volunteers' Afternoon Tea**

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful helpers who assist us each year with an afternoon tea today at 1.25 pm today 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 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 and for our amazingly supportive community for sending in so many yummy cakes, slices and morning tea items.

## **The Wizard of Oz**

Wow – what a production! Kindergarten and their Year 6 buddies presented an amazing adaptation of the Wizard of Oz 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. 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!



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### **Farewell Mrs Boyton**

Farewell Mrs Boyton who heads to Port Kembla Public School as Teacher/Librarian for 2017. She has breathed new life into the library over the past two years, making it a vibrant, colourful learning space. Jacque has been a wonderful staff member who has contributed a great deal to our school. All staff wish her well in her new permanent appointment.

### **2017**

Students return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Kindergarten starts Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30 am. Every day thereafter starts at 9.00 am. The first two days of kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February and the next week, 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February, will have an early finishing time of 2 pm.

Finally, I would like to wish all students, staff, parents, carers and the school community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

**Mark Grierson**  
**Principal**

### ***Upcoming Events***

#### **December**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Presentation Day 9.15 am

School Concert 11:50 am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Assembly 9.15 am

Year 6 Farewell

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Party Day

Last day of term for students



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## ***Congratulations!***

### **School Awards**

#### **SILVER**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 8 & 9:** Dominic De Carli, Alyssa Barkley, Nehemiah Mandranis, Kaito Nagai

#### **BRONZE**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 8 & 9:** Kye MacDonald, Beth O'Brien, Ineka Foster, Breanna Benge, Chloe Allport, Ilan Gasparro, Gracie Wrighter, Lily Brooks Charlotte Anderson, Sally Ryan, Chloe Rigby, Kira Mulholland, Fletcher Sutton, Hartley Zietsch, Blake Corrick, Noah Jackson, Evie Whiddon, Asher Morrissey, Nina Dash, Isabella Devine, Alex Sjostedt, Marley Cartwright.

#### **ACADEMIC**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 8 & 9:** Beth O'Brien, Solomon Little, Fletcher Sutton, Saxon Bell, Tyla Kirby, Zahara Stringer, Jye Collins-Firkin, Liam Dwyer, Ava Sorensen, Elinya Collins, Joshua Goodwin, Amelia Spence, Blake Sweeny, Sage Horsey, Sara Byrom, Finn Cambridge, Ella Lakeman, Porsha Gavin, Isabella Devine, Lachlan Goodwin, Nicholas Collins-Firkin, Lily Goode, Leila Maddox, Joshua Goodwin, Dominic De Carli, Angus Sorensen, Serena Banasiak, Indy Boon, Cooper Paterson.

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

##### **Term 4**

**Week 8 & 9:** Tina Pham, Dominic De Carli.

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

##### **Term 4**

**Week 8 & 9:** Porsha Gavin, Xavier Ainsworth, Charlotte McIntyre, Alyssa Barkley, Fletcher Sutton, Lonhro Tweddle, Kye MacDonald, Kaito Nagai, Indy Boon, Serena Banasiak, Nehemiah Mandranis, Kalani Purdie, Eli Johnson, Eden Peters.

#### **Library News**

I would like to take this opportunity to say good- bye. I'm going to miss all the beautiful children and families who make up the Russell Vale School community. I feel extremely privileged to have worked alongside such dedicated, caring and professional teaching and administration staff. A special thank you to Narelle Stanbridge, Jodie Hanson-Dunning and Cheryl Harrison for all their help behind the scenes in the library over the last two years. Also I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs James and Mr Grierson for believing in me.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

Mrs Boyton



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### **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 43 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. 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**

### **New Finance System**

Russell Vale Public School has now transitioned to the new NSW public schools' finance system.

**Online payments: As of next year** we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at <http://www.russellval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>. By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make on-line payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder, account details will be held securely, helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

We are hopeful the addition of an online payment facility will prove of benefit to families. If you have any questions, please contact the administration team on 4284 4396.

### **Permission Notes**

From January 2017, permission notes for activities will be available on our school website. Please use the following link and click on Permission Notes <http://www.russellval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

## ***P & C News***

### **Thank You ....**

To everyone for supporting the P & C with our fundraising in 2016 and for your continued assistance within our school. Please refer to the attached year in review summary for further details.

### **Next P & C General Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

There will not be another meeting for 2016, so our next P & C Meeting will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 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 2016.

A huge thank you to the Executive Committee: Steve Joy - President, Natalie Walker - Vice President, Darren Broers - Treasurer and Kelly Mills – Secretary, who have stepped down from their positions at the November AGM - for all that you have contributed to the P & C during your time in these roles.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone - see you all in 2017.

If you have any enquiries regarding the P & C, please contact **Melika Anderson, P & C Secretary** Ph 0422 837 828



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## *Russell Vale P & C Association - 2016*

*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, Sharon, Mel & Jenny - our Canteen Committee Members. Thank you also to all Canteen Helpers - you raised over \$9,000 this year!

**THANK YOU** Lara, Jo & Kelly 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** Kelly for co-ordinating the Bunnings and Election Day BBQ's, Megan and the team of helpers for co-ordinating the disco and to all helpers who helped with supervising on the night. To the team of raffle ticket sellers and hamper helpers for packing and sorting items for all of these plus all the volunteers during the year for all of 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 Canberra for three 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 \$14,000 this year!**

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

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| • Creative Art subsidy ( Southern Stars)                          | \$1,000 |
| • Interactive Whiteboard  | \$2,000 |
| • Book Week Author Visit  | \$ 900  |
| • End of Year Presentation Awards, Book Vouchers & Trophies(2015) | \$1,243 |

**FINALLY THANK YOU** to Mark Grierson, Anne, Margaret, 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 !*

<i>Steve Joy</i>	<i>Natalie Walker</i>	<i>Darren Broers</i>	<i>Kelly Mills</i>
President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary

*Thank You   Thank You   Thank You   Thank You   Thank You   Thank You   Thank You*



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Court is managed by Russell Vale Public  
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Russell Vale Public School and the local community

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At the adjoining Parkview Tennis Court

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**2017 GIRLS U10, U12, U14 & U16 League Tag**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1957-2017**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING GIRLS LEAGUETAG?**  
**U10, U12, U14 & U16 PLAYERS WANTED TO FOR LEAGUETAG FOR**  
**THE WOONONA BUSHRANGERS DURING 2017 (Ages 8 to 16)**

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Please contact Sarah Crimston on 0402271975 or [registrar@woononajrlfc.org.au](mailto:registrar@woononajrlfc.org.au)

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

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