



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

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**Term 3 Week 2**

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

## **Principal's Report**

### **Welcome Back!**

I hope that everyone had a fantastic school holiday. As was communicated last semester, Mr Grierson will be on long service leave for the remainder of the year, and I will be in the role of Relieving Principal. Business and Policies will continue as usual, so if you have an issue or concern, please come and see me so that I can ensure that you and your child/ren continue to have a fantastic time at Russell Vale.

Mr Andrew Shepherd will be relieving Assistant Principal, as too will Mrs Dianne Body on Fridays in place of Mrs Michelle Rafferty, who does not work that day. Ms Beth Nicholls will take over the teaching of Mr Cuthbertson's 3/4 class during these terms, with the class now being called 3/4N. We welcome Mrs Philipa Ellis, whom many of you may remember from teaching 5/6J in Term 1. She will be taking over Ms Nicholls previous role of RFF and teaching every Wednesday and Thursday.

### **Russell Vale App and Email Subscriptions**

We are very excited to announce the launch of our very own school app and email subscription service. You can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email or access information, make payments and receive push alerts via our app. Please note that we will begin transitioning these reminders and notifications from our Facebook page to the app as not all community members are signed up to Facebook. Our Facebook page will still operate but it will function as a school showcase for photos etc., rather than reminders and information. The details on how to subscribe or download the app are located on our webpage under the heading Enews Notes or you can find instructions attached to this newsletter. This app is free to download. Thank you to the P & C for their financial contribution to this app.

### **Education Week**

Education Week will be celebrated across the state in Week 3, however, due to a full week of conflicts (District Athletics, Stage 3 Camp) we have decided to push this back to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August (Week 4) and combine it with our usual Week 5 Assembly, which will be brought forward. This year's theme is *'I Learn, We Learn'*. Our Assembly will start at approximately 9:15 and will include presentations from 3H, 3/4N, the choir and some of our public speakers. Some special awards will also be presented to students. After the assembly, parents are invited to visit classrooms and to bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with your child/ren.

### **Book Week**

In celebration of Book Week, we will be having a Book Parade on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August (Week 6). More info will be provided closer to the event.

### **Wollongong North Staff Impact Awards**

Next week we have two staff members being recognised for their dedication and expertise at the Wollongong North Staff Impact Awards. Mrs Jan Lawson is being recognised for her extensive knowledge of how students learn and for improving their learning outcomes. Mrs Leesa James is being recognised for her work as a leader of the Community of Schools High School Transition program. Congratulations to both!

### **NAIDOC Week**

Unfortunately, NAIDOC week once again fell during the school holidays this year. This does not mean that it was not celebrated at school. Students took part in lessons in their classroom and also had the opportunity to take in the Aboriginal Performance Wadjiny with Troy Allen.



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### Choral Festival

Best of luck to our school Choir in their participation in the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Choral Festival that will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall in Wollongong. A big thank you to Mrs Christine Hoyn and Miss Katelyn Lamphee for the time and effort that they have put into this outside of the classroom and normal school hours.

### ICAS English Uni Test

There is a conflict of dates for the ICAS English Uni Test and District Athletics. Under normal circumstances, we would change the date to administer the test, however, Stage 3 camp takes up the rest of the week. Those students that are participating in both Athletics and the English Test will be required to be at school at 8 am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August. All other students will take the test during usual school hours.

**Mr Paul Cuthbertson**  
Relieving Principal

### *Upcoming Events*

#### July

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> District Athletics

#### August

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> District Athletics

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Camp

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Whole school assembly 9.15 am/ open classrooms

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> P & C Meeting 7 pm

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Book Parade

### *Congratulations!*

#### School Awards

#### **BRONZE**

##### Term 2

**Week 8 & 9:** Skye Steele, Samantha Hallowell, Eli Johnson.

**Week 10:** Isabel Stoyles, Sara Byrom, Jaiden Nethercott, Jordan Barker, Eden Peters, Sloan Tweddle, Gracie Wrighter.

#### **ACADEMIC**

##### Term 2

**Week 8 & 9:** Lyra Hart, Rydah Robinson, Layla Sheldon, Clancy Umezawa, Ethan Lea, Jaiden Nethercott, Nathaniel Boon, Bridget Gordon, Eli Johnson, Chloe Rigby, Jenna Owen, Angus Sorenson, Beau Jackson, Chad Moore.

**Week 10:** Sam Jennings, Phoebe Newman, Serena Banasiak, Mitch Walker, Zane Leadbitter, Travis Lee, Jordan Barker, Joshua Mellows, Jye Collins-Firkin, Jett Smith, Scarlett Steiger, Noah Jackson, Mitchell Kinney, Zoe Stoyles.

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

##### Term 2:

**Week 8 & 9:** Noah Prior, Angus Sorenson.

**Week 10:** Lilah Wilson, James McLarnen.

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

##### Term 2

**Week 8 & 9:** Hudson Timmins.

**Week 10:** Lily Brooks, Heath Barkley, Ella Schaaphok.



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## PSSA Sport

PSSA sport must be paid in cash on the day the student is going to sport. PSSA money **IS NOT** paid online.

### Soccer Knockout

In Term 2, Russell Vale PS competed in the Schools' Soccer Knockout. The boys played a competitive game, demonstrating great skill and sportsmanship. We unfortunately were defeated by Austinmer PS, going down 3 to 1 in the dying minutes of the game. Our boys' team consisted of Aaron M, Mitch W, Zane L, Saxon B, Blake S, Daniel C (Captain), Austin M, Jack H, Cameron B, Finn K, Dominic D, Jack B, Gary B, Riley D and Travis L.

The girls were successful against Austinmer PS winning a tight game on corners. Our next game was against Stanwell Park PS. Although we had the majority of the possession throughout the game, we were defeated 2 to 0. The girls displayed great teamwork and commitment. Our girls' team consisted of Charlotte B, Katie R (Captain), Ella P, Lillian J, Leah T, Jarrah A, Samantha H, Skye S, Amelia E, Tyla K, Mia W, Leila M, Ava S, Kate L and Nyasha K.

Well done to both teams for proudly representing our school.

### Mrs Wrice



### LATE ARRIVALS at School

If your child is late to school (*for any reason*) it is important that you either:

1. Send the child to the office with a note explaining why they are late;

Or

2. Personally bring them to the office to obtain their late slip - which is preferred.

Students who arrive late to school with no note or explanation from a parent or carer will be marked as an "unexplained late" on their roll.



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## 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.

### SHARING

#### It's fair to share

Interesting people show interest in others

#### Do's

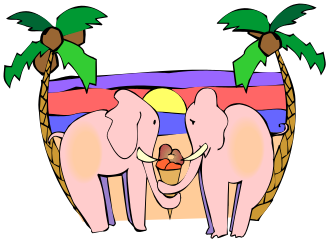
Put away or use privately anything that you can't share or really don't want to share because it's special to you, e.g. one icy pole, something a relative brought you back from a trip.

Offer to share your things when you feel that other people would enjoy them too.

If someone asks to use something of yours, say yes and show them how to use and take care of it properly, and tell them where you want it to be used.

If you and another person both want to use something that neither of you own, take turns at using it for an equal amount of time. You may need to negotiate about this.

Remember to tell people that you allow to use your things if there are special ways to care for these things.



#### Don'ts

Don't show off things that you are not willing to share with others.

Don't refuse to share any of your things which you show in public.

Don't hog things which don't belong to you and which other people are wanting to have a turn at.



## Canteen News

Our school canteen is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and provides a great service to the families of our school as well as being a major fundraiser.

The canteen committee have moved over to an online roster for the canteen, making it simple for anyone to volunteer at any time of day. It is a simple roster to use and you'll even receive an e-mail reminder prior to your shift.

The web address for the new canteen roster is: <http://signup.com/go/XBHAY4>

New volunteers required and all training provided. Thanks!



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### **P&C Uniform Shop**

A reminder to parents that the uniform shop is open

Mondays 8.30am to 9am

Thursdays 8.30 am to 9am

When purchasing items, please ensure payment is by  
cash, cheque or a direct deposit to the P&C Uniform Account  
BSB 633 000

Account Number 147 496 806

**PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS VIA THE PARENT ON LINE PAYMENT (POP) WHICH IS FOR THE  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE as your payment will be rejected.**

### **A Word from the P & C Association...**

**Last meeting:** Russell Vale P&C received the great news that school is going to be introducing the 'E-News' school app over the coming months! Our members all voted, and the P&C has committed to funding the ongoing cost of the app. The app is an exciting move forward for the school, which will make communications & access to school information more efficient for us all! We can't wait to see it up & running!!

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Next P & C Meeting:

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**7.00pm**

**Next meeting:** We will be adopting the P&C updated bylaws. As well as discussing upcoming events & more!

**We are always happy to welcome new members to join our team & we value all contributions, great and small:**

The Russell Vale P & C association aims to meet only twice a term. Notice of all meeting dates and agendas will be available here in the School Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

**See you there!!**

**Russell Vale Public School P & C Association**

All enquiries: Melika Anderson 0422 837 828



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Bunnings BBQ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August:** This is a major fundraising event for the year but we need your support. Please volunteer for a 1 hr shift through the online canteen roster or on the note sent home.
- **School Disco Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** 6pm to 8pm at Woonona Bulli RSL. Permission notes to be sent home in a few weeks. Save the date!
- **Community Sponsors:** The P&C would like to kindly thank three school family businesses Camray Air Conditioning, Coastline Roofing Solutions and K&R Fabrications for recent donations to the school. Their generous donations will help the P&C raise enough funds to purchase more new interactive boards for our classrooms. Please support these wonderful local businesses. Thank you to the Funnell, Stoyles and Mandranis families.



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## **P&C FUNDRAISING NOTICE**

- **Cadbury Fundraising:** All money is now OVERDUE. Please return any outstanding money ASAP. Many thanks for supporting this cause that will raise \$4,750 for our School! The 4.5kg Toblerone will be drawn at the next assembly.
- **Book Week Raffle:** Every family will be sent home a book of raffle tickets for the Book Week Raffle. The Raffle has 35 prizes worth \$3,000 with the major prize return flights with Virgin Airlines for 2 people to Melbourne or Brisbane. Tickets only \$1 each and prizes drawn at Book Week parade 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Book Sale:** Please donate your pre-loved books and magazines to our BOOK SALE which will be held during BOOK WEEK from 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August to promote the love of reading. Donated books and magazines should be in good condition with appropriate content. Please drop off books to the library or office.



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## **Community News**

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### **PARKVIEW TENNIS COURT**

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\$5 per hour or \$15 half day

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Court is managed by Russell Vale Public  
School P & C

All hire moneys received are used to improve the Court for  
the benefit of  
Russell Vale Public School and the local community

### **RUSSELL VALE TENNIS COACHING**

*By David Macquire*

At the adjoining Parkview Tennis Court

Bookings available for hourly lessons (\$10)  
conducted before or after school.

Phone David's mobile 0422 576 306 or  
Email: [davidmacquire@hotmail.com](mailto:davidmacquire@hotmail.com)

### **LOCAL PLAYGROUP**

#### **Russell Vale Rugrats**

Russell Vale Community Centre  
36a Keerong Ave  
Tuesday @ 09:30am  
New Members Welcome



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# Russell Vale Public School P&C Association

The P&C are seeking support from local businesses to help us reach our fundraising goal to replace all the interactive boards in every classroom. The P&C have been contacting local businesses seeking their support with a cash donation towards our fundraising efforts or a donation of a prize that we can put towards our upcoming raffles. We would value your support in helping us identify other businesses that may be able to help. Businesses will be promoted in the School newsletter, website & Facebook page. We will also create a local business directory which will be promoted to families and the local community.

Please tick relevant boxes.

Do you ☐ Own ☐ Work for or ☐ know a business that can assist the School?

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

PH: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AS ABOVE

Describe possible donation: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Tick if P&C should contact the business directly to discuss possible donation.

Are there any other ways you or a business you know assist the school? ie Trades for Repairs, Accountancy/Photography/Gardening/Equipment/Sewing/Graphic Design

\_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have any other suggestions or comments?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please return the completed form to the office. Thank you for your assistance.



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Your child will play active games each week, learn skills and meet new friends.

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Help Lifeline save lives.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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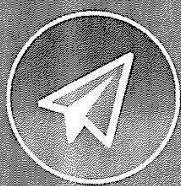


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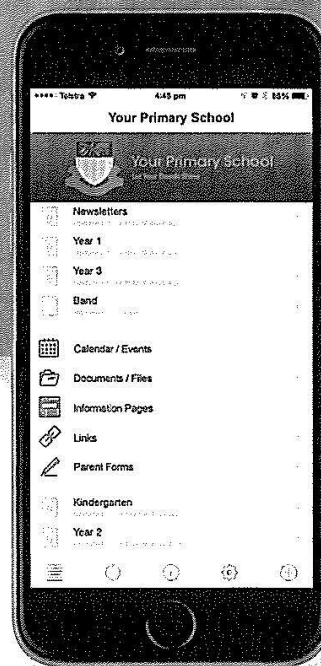
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