



# Russell Vale Public School Newsletter

*"Think Act Speak Well"*

Proud Partner in the Woonona Learning Community  
*"Strength through Collaboration"*

**Week 6 Term 1**

**29th February 2016**

## *Principal's Report*

### **Community of Schools Day Woonona High School**

Our Year Six students will attend their first day of Yr 6-7 transition tomorrow. The day will be a literacy and creative arts day and should be a lot of fun as well as educational.

Students from Woonona PS and Woonona East PS will join our students.

### **Textbooks**

About 20 parents are yet to pay for their child's textbooks. Teachers are using them now and your son/daughter will be at a disadvantage if they do not have these resources

If money is an issue, please see me ASAP.

### **School Fees**

Many thanks to the parents who have paid their fees, thereby supporting their child's education here at Russell Vale PS.

If you are still in the process of paying, we will be happy to accept your fees at the office.

### **BYOD Survey**

This was completed by many, many parents – thank you.

Overwhelmingly supported, there were some issues around the introduction, namely concerns such as:

- Possibility of theft and damage.
- Cost.
- Yr 7 – will they use the same hardware??
- Equity.
- Decline in handwriting and spelling skills due to computer use.
- Need for teachers to be well-skilled.

Staff are currently doing a huge amount of professional learning based around the programs and apps that can be utilised with students when the BYOD is implemented. We will not consider its implementation until we are satisfied that as teachers, we are able to utilise technology to the very best advantage.

### **Woonona High School**

Enrichment class applications have been given to all Yr 6 students. This application needs to be returned to Woonona High School by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**Mark Grierson**  
**Principal**

## ***Congratulations!***

School Award

### **BRONZE**

#### **Week 4**

Brooke Love

#### **Week 5**

Nil

### **ACADEMIC**

#### **Week 4**

Emily Norman, Carrie Walker, Nina Dash, Ryan Samways, Yianna Aroutsidis, Isabel Stoyles, Sylar Atkinson, Kiara Funnell, Alex Gordon, Nikki Taylor, Zane Leadbitter, Jack Hancock, Bailey James-Dunn, Nehemiah Mandranis, Nyasha Khan, Jenna Owen, Kate Luyten

#### **Week 5**

Bowen Tawhai-King, Evie Feld, Evie Whiddon, Tiffany Ward, Ethan Lea, Carmen Drain, Blake Sweeny, Leah Heaton, Lilah Wilson, Max Harrison, Alexis Skipp, Denan Barter, Charli Whitefield, Angus Sorenson, Clare Smith, Caitlyn Goyen, Sierra McDonagh, Sienna Broers,

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

#### **Week 4**

Tyson Lee, Sloan Tweddle, Bradley Trimboli, Christopher Roche, Nikki Taylor, Brinley Smart, Nina Dash, Ryan Samways

#### **Week 5**

Nil

### **Creative Arts**

#### **Week 4**

Nil

#### **Week 5**

Rory Hudson

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **March**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting 7 pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony Day
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Hat Parade

## ***Notes and Money Due***

### **March**

School Contributions and Work Books

ASAP

## **Swimming Carnival - Final Results**

Last Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, we were able to congratulate our swimming champions for 2016. The swimming ribbons were presented along with Age Champions and House Trophies.

Junior Girl Champion for 2016 – **Mia Walsh**

Junior Boy Champion for 2016 – **Benny Levy**

11 years Girl Champion for 2016 – **Lillian Joy**

11 years Boy Champion for 2016 – **Blake Sweeny**

Senior Girl Champion for 2016 – **Darby Walsh**

Senior Boy Champion for 2016 – **Caleb Sharman**

Swimming Champion House – **Pacific**

Congratulations!

**Mrs Body**

## **North Wollongong District Swimming Report**

A great day was had by the Russell Vale Public School Swim team on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The children were great ambassadors for our school, competing with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Everybody improved their time from our school carnival achieving "PB's". Congratulations to them all.

A special mention goes to our six helpers on the day: Liam, Nikki, Emma, Brinley, Jewel and Sierra, who carried time sheets, morning and afternoon tea to the officials, water.... They impressed the teachers from other schools and swimming officials who were at the carnival, with the fantastic job that they did. "Wow, the Russell Vale kids are great!" was a statement I heard over and over again. I am very proud and grateful for their assistance.

Mia Walsh was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9 years 50m freestyle

Caleb Sharman was named Senior Boy Swimming Champion, with:

1<sup>st</sup> Open 100m Freestyle

2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Breaststroke

1<sup>st</sup> Senior Backstroke

1<sup>st</sup> 12 years 50m Freestyle

1<sup>st</sup> Senior 200m Medley

2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Butterfly

Congratulations Caleb and best of luck at regional swimming on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the parents and family members who supported the team and assisted with time keeping on the day!

**Mrs Body**

## **Library News**

### **Book Club**

Thank you to all the families who purchased books from Book Club's first 2016 issue. It is a great fundraiser for the school as 20% of all sales go back to our school to purchase new books.

### **New books**

Over the last couple of weeks children have had the opportunity to borrow a range of new fiction and non-fiction books. The majority of these books have been purchased with the money raised from last year's Scholastic Book Fair.

### **2016 Premier's Reading Challenge**

All students will be encouraged to participate in the 2016 PRC. They will receive a note this week, which will explain the PRC in more detail. This experience aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students.

### **Thank you**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Katie Smith for assisting with covering our new stage 3 readers. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Boyton

## **Canteen News**

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered so far this term. We have had a wonderful response to the canteen from the school community and a lot of new Mum's and Dad's from Kindy have volunteered, which has made filling the roster and keeping the canteen open an easy feat. Thank you again!

A full copy of the roster and a current menu will be posted on the Facebook page and the school website next week. The canteen roster is also situated on the window of the uniform shop. The following three weeks of roster are also listed below.

If you find that you are unable to volunteer, if possible please give 24 hours notice as this provides time to find a replacement. Obviously this cannot always be the case due to sickness/work obligations etc but there is a huge flow on effect for the office staff who have to contact parents or try to purchase lunch for children who were going to order that day as we are obligated to have two volunteers in the canteen at all times.

Please be mindful when doing the lunch checklist of a morning that all tags for ite's that are to be collected at second bell, ie Slushy's, Jelly Joy's etc must be placed in children's bags that have ordered them. This is the only way of keeping track of who has ordered and paid for an item.

Also all volunteers are entitled to have something for lunch from the canteen menu to the value of \$3.00. Please note though that all children's lunches are to be paid for.

If you have any queries or suggestions in relation to the canteen or would like to volunteer, please contact Karan Cambridge 0437 868 509 or [akcambo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:akcambo@yahoo.com.au)

Many thanks.

### **The Canteen Committee**

Roster follows on next page.

WK	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> March
5	Charlene Lee Lynette Hando	<b>CLOSED</b>	Mel Boon Sharon Rigby	<b>CLOSED</b>	Lisa Aubrey Naomi Adamson
WK	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> March
6	Tina Banasiak Leigh Anne Wrighter	<b>CLOSED</b>	Kasey Hagan Margarida Jardim	<b>CLOSED</b>	Frances Levy Donna Ward
WK	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March
7	Charlene Lee Lynette Hando	<b>CLOSED</b>	Margarida Jardim Nicole Ficker	<b>CLOSED</b>	Carlie Schaaphok Kylie Morrissey Sarah Stoyle

## **P&C NEWS**

### **Parent Helpers – SIGN IN & COMPLETE FORM AT OFFICE**

Please remember to sign in and out at the office if you are a parent helper at the school at any time. Also, if you help out in classrooms for reading groups, maths groups, Friday sport, or in the canteen or elsewhere in the school, please ensure you have filled out the **PURPLE** Declaration Form at the office, and pay your \$5.00 for the P & C membership fee to be covered under our insurance.

### **Bunnings Barbeque – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**

We have been offered the **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Bunnings Wollongong** as a fundraising activity for the school. This is a great opportunity to raise funds outside of our school. The date is on the last weekend of the April school holidays, and is the Saturday of the Anzac Day long weekend. It should be a busy day, and we would like to love volunteers to assist in cooking sausages and selling drinks. If you are able to help for an hour or two on this day, the Bunnings Roster will be near the uniform shop to add your name, or contact Kelly Mills to advise your availability.

### **P & C General Meeting – MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Our next P & C Meeting for 2016 will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm**, in the staffroom (eastern end of main building). Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, and we aim to finish by 9.00pm. We will be discussing fundraising goals for the year so please join us for a cuppa and help make 2016 a great year to improve our 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.

- The P & C requires as many financial members as possible so it can represent the whole school community. Individual membership is also a legal requirement under the P & C Constitution.
- Annual P & C Membership fee of \$5 covers you for insurance purposes in the event of any accident while volunteering for school based activities (eg Canteen, Sports & Reading Groups).
- P & C Membership entitles you to voting rights at general meetings to decide how fund-raised money should be spent and other important issues concerning the school
- You may raise any relevant topic for discussion at P & C Meetings by making a brief note in the Agenda Item Book available at the Office (at least three days prior to the meeting).

### **P & C Membership**

Please support our P & C Association by becoming a “Financial Member” for only \$5. Also, if you wish to help out with canteen, Classroom or Sport Groups, then we recommend you join which will automatically cover you for insurance purposes in the event of an accident.

Membership does not mean that you must attend P & C Meetings, but if you wish to do so, you will be entitled to voting rights on important issues. Please complete the payment slip below, enclose \$5 and return to the Office. A receipt will be returned to the child and class noted on the payment slip. A compulsory insurance premium (\$650) is paid each year by the P & C to cover parent volunteers and all events organized by the P & C. This premium is not paid by the school and your membership fees help to cover this substantial amount each year.

### **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

<p><b>Parent Name:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Child's Name:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Child's Class:</b> _____</p> <p><b>\$5:00 enclosed</b></p>
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## *Community News*

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### **PARKVIEW TENNIS COURT**

Available for Hire  
\$5 per hour or \$15 half day

Phone: Jo 0439 451 998  
or Lara 0403 844 484

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.

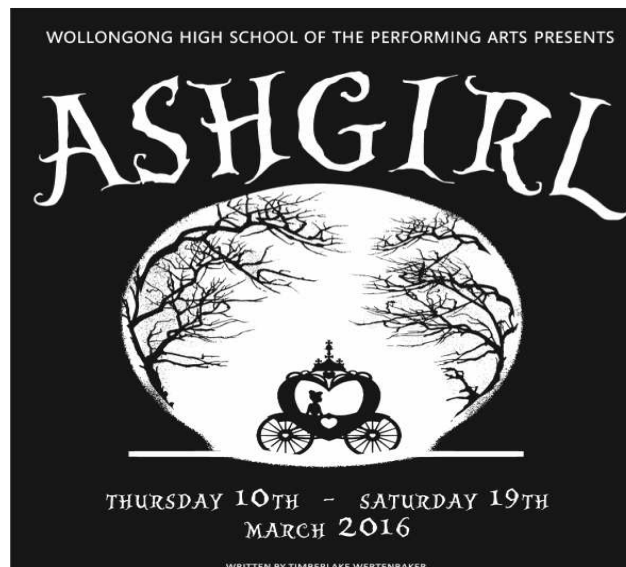
Phone David's mobile 0422 576 306 or  
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Contact: Pushkin Rahman  
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Phone: 4284 7853

**WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS**  
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*The Ash Girl*

“When an invitation to The Ball arrives at the Ash girl's house, from Prince Amir, she can't bring herself to believe that she, like her sisters, can go. With her mother dead and her father away, she must learn to fight the monsters that have slithered and insinuated their way into her heart and mind. In this wondrous drama Timberlake Wertenbaker explores the beauty and terror inherent in growing up.”



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## GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

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To register, go to [www.playnrl.com.au/register](http://www.playnrl.com.au/register)

Registration is \$80.

Players receive a footy ball & league tag shorts

Club socks are \$12 each

Please call our Club Registrar, Andrew, on 0413835381 for assistance



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Junior Rugby League Club*



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