Hello Everyone,

Planning has started for the P and C's major fundraising event for year - an indoor rowing challenge and mini health expo!

Ian Gibson from Pioneer Fitness has been kind enough to make his time and resources available for the rowing challenge as well as engage the current world and national indoor rowing champion Hannah Every-Hall to support this event. Hannah was an Olympian at London and has started training for Rio De Janeiro. Hannah will be holding a seminar on sports nutrition and training on Sunday the 28th of April in the school hall at 11am. This is $10 per family with all proceeds going towards supporting her Olympic efforts. It would be great to show our support and gratitude.

The mini health expo aims to encourage healthy lifestyle choices and activities for the children as well as generate some financial support for the school.

There will be displays from various sporting groups, organic food producers as well as some health industry providers. Anyone who provides or knows someone who might be interested in being involved in the expo, please direct enquiries to either Shay Macpherson (shay.macpherson@bluecopesteel.com) or Carmen Van Duin (cjvanduin@bigpond.com).

Thank you all for your wonderful support of the school this term. Have a great holiday and I will look forward to seeing you all when school resumes on Wednesday 1st May.

Sharyn Liddle
Principal
Uniform Shop Hours
The uniform shop will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.45am-9.15am

Student Banking
Students should hand their bank book to their class teacher on Friday morning.

PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ALL THIS WEEK except for Cross Country Tuesday 9th April for snacks only. NO LUNCH ORDERS.

P&C Tomorrow Night 7:00pm
The next meeting of the P&C is this Tuesday 9th April at 7:00pm in the library. All welcome. Please enter by the small gate near the hall.

School Photos
Photos will be taken on Thursday 9th May. This is during the second week after the holidays. Envelopes will be sent home on the first day back. Please find attached a list of prices/packs available. Family photo costs are not shown here but range between $12 and $25.

Term 2 School Development Days
Due to the additional School Development Day school will resume for students on Wednesday 1st May. Teachers will be involved in training for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum on the first two days of term. The office will be open from Monday 29th April.

Cross Country Tomorrow and Request for Cakes/Slices Please
The school cross country carnival will be held tomorrow Tuesday 9th April between 9:00 and 11:00am. Students will line up under the COLA as usual at 8:55 and then proceed to the oval to begin the races. All students are expected to participate in the cross country events unless they have a note signed by their parent. The canteen will be open for purchases on the day and weather permitting, a sausage sizzle ($2) will be run for over the counter sales (no orders). Tea and coffee will be available for parents to purchase. If you are able to donate a cake, slice or cupcakes to sell on the day, please see Sharon Clements or ring on 0438796656. Thank you in anticipation!

ANZAC Ceremony Friday
Parents are invited to attend our ANZAC Ceremony between 10:30 and 11:00 this Friday. Donations of flowers are most welcome and can be taken to students’ classrooms when they arrive at school.

Yr 6 Farewell Committee
The next meeting will be on 8 May, 2013 at 7.00pm, Woonona, Bowling Club. Hope to see more of you there. If you are unable to make the meeting any ideas, comments or suggestions can be emailed to wepsy62013@live.com.au.

Thank you to the parents who have already forwarded their contact details, but again, we would like to be able to correspond with all parents with a child in Year 6, to keep you updated on what directions the committee is taking, what decisions have been made in regards to the farewell and the money that is required to have the farewell. For us to be able to do this, we ask that you send an email to wepsy62013@live.com.au, so that we are able to get your contact details.

Thanks everyone, Lara Demito

Working With Children Checks
All school volunteers must complete one of these checks annually. This is a legal requirement of the Education Department. Forms can be obtained from the office. Applicants are required to provide 100 points of identity with their application and details are provided on the application form.

It is Cruel to Keep Animals in Cages
All over the world poor defenceless animals are captured and held in terrible cages. It is wrong to capture wild harmless animals and keep them in captivity when it’s seriously not natural! These animals must be released back to the wild to lead a better life.

Doctor Jack Humphrey, a leading zoologist states that when animals are captured and held in cages their bodies don’t develop and grow as normal. If they are let back into the wild they will be at a disadvantage because they are not grown to their full size. This will mean that the animal won’t be able to hunt to get food, as the other animals are stronger and faster than him.

At least 25% of the world’s animals are being kept in terribly small cages. Some humans are seriously abusing animals by using them to test beauty products. Also, animals in the circus are being held in small iron cages often being made to perform dumb tricks in front of a crowd. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is trying to place a ban on animals in the circus, as they believe it is cruel to keep wild animals in cages. These animals of the jungle are being made to look like fools in front of humans. These poor defenceless animals are living a very sad and painful life. They must be let go at once!
If innocent animals don’t live in their own habitat but are trapped in small cages by humans, they won’t get to bond with their own kind. Can you imagine living without a family? These animals will never get to live a proper life. This means they can develop depression and become violent. These animals have a higher chance of exhibiting unusual and unnecessary behaviours, as they don’t have the opportunity to learn the behaviours of their own species. Even worse, they never get to reproduce and have their own family. They need to be free now!

Animals have just as much a right as humans to live on this earth, left in peace. Keeping innocent wild creatures trapped in iron cages is a truly disgraceful crime against animals. There are many reasons why it is wrong to keep animals in captivity. They don’t grow properly, they don’t bond with their families and worst of all sometimes they are cruelly abused by humans. Seriously if you love animals you need to act NOW and release caged animals back to the wild so they can have a free and happy life!

By 3/4H

Mind Quest
This weekend my sister and I got to go to Mind Quest. It was an amazing opportunity. I did a course called “Digging up the Past”. We looked at five different places and times in history – The eruption of Pompeii, Ancient Egypt, the Aztecs, the Ancient Romans and the Vikings. It was incredible how much we learnt in just two days. It was fun, interesting and awesome! Maeve did the “Young Scientist” course. She learnt how to make lights using a battery, some copper wire, a rubber, two drawing pins, a paper clip and a tiny light bulb, a magnetic compass, air pressure, and how to turn a pair of scissors into a magnet. She also built a pyramid and a bridge out of straws and sticky tape. The bridge had to be strong enough to carry a toy train. She said it was amazing and really cool to learn how to make things you only thought scientists could make. Even though we were there from 9.30 to 3.30 both days it was an amazing way to spend a weekend and we both reckon everyone should have a go at Mind Quest at some point while they are at primary school.
By Isaac B. and Maeve B.

Earn & Learn
Earn & Learn is back on again this year. Please collect your coupons from Woolworths. You will also need to pick up your card from Woolworths as they are not supplying them to the school this year.
Please drop off cards & coupons in the box provided in the foyer at the office.
Thank you.

Kids’ Café
Kids’ Café always needs volunteers to help keep this valued service operating in our school. If you can help on any day next term please give Sharon Clements a ring on 0438 796 656.

Community News

Russell Vale Preschool currently has limited vacancies.
High Quality Accredited care.
Qualified friendly staff.
Individual photographic programing and portfolios.
Affordable CCB fee assistance and Child Care Rebate approved care.
Phone: 4284 2101

Drum Lessons
Want to try something new?
Drumming is a great way to get creative AND relieve stress.
Students are taught according to their needs and goals, focusing on rudiments, co-ordination, control, reading and application to live playing situations.
First lesson is free!
Competitive prices
Limited spaces available (Mon/Wed)
Call Nigel Hilton
0412 049 048

Citylife Community Initiatives

ADHD Support Group
Coffee and drop in morning
Information, Education and Support
For parents, carers and friends of children living with ADHD/ASD and associated disorders. We also support Adults diagnosed with these disorders.
When: Last Friday of the month
Time: 10.30am
Where: Citylife Church
2/129 Jardine Street (west end)
Fairy Meadow 2519
Enquiries Ph: Joanne 04012 460 765