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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2020 school year and another exciting year of learning at Valley View Public School. A special welcome to our new students and their families. As is the practice in most public schools students returned to their previous years teacher until all enrolments are confirmed thus ensuring a smooth, settled start for all students. Kindergarten will be completing their Best Start assessments today, tomorrow or Friday with their first official day of school **Monday 3 February**. I thank the P&C for organising 'tea and tissues' in the hall after Kinder parents have dropped their child at the classroom. This is an important day in the lives of students and with the View Start transition program students are confident and ready for their learning journey. It's quite astonishing to consider students commencing Kindergarten this year will complete Year 12 in 2032!

Staffing

We welcome back to our school **Ms Michelle Stone** Assistant Principal as well as **Mr Maclain Smith** after his year travelling with his family. Congratulations to **Miss Charlotte Long** who has been substantively appointed to our support class and **Mrs Sarah Hollingsworth** returns after maternity leave.

At the end of last term **Mr Andi Gabereder** was successful in his application for General Assistant (GA) at Peats Ridge PS. In the short term Mr Glenn Harris will be sharing the role once the Department of Education completes the staffing process for filling this vacancy.

I look forward to continuing in the role of Acting Principal while the recruitment process occurs for the substantive position of principal at Valley View PS.

Class Structure

Placing students into classes is a complex process taking into account student's social, emotional and academic needs. Staff and the executive have spent extensive time putting together classes considering student friendship groups and the policy of the Department of Education. The commencement of a school year can be exciting and anxious for students and I encourage all families to talk positively about the new school year ahead and the possibility of new social interactions and friendships within their child's new class.

Maintenance

Over the school holidays cabling was completed to ensure network access for our students in all classrooms. The hall floor was sanded, polished and provides a much improved space for our school.

A new smart touchscreen panel was installed in the Library to provide a great resource for quality professional learning. Further maintenance will occur at our school towards the end of this term and this will be discussed at the first P&C meeting.



Staff Development Day

On Tuesday 28 January staff were involved in compliance training regarding CPR and anaphylaxis awareness as well as sharing English units written with our literacy mentor Robyn Pallas. Staff Development Days provide a unique opportunity for staff to plan quality teaching and learning and school organisational structures.

COMING EVENTS

TERM 1 2020

WEEK 2

Monday 3 February
Kindergarten 2020 Begins

WEEK 3

Monday 10 February
School Swimming Carnival
Peninsula Leisure Centre
Woy Woy

Wednesday 12 February
Information Evening
Kindergarten including
K/1B - 5:00pm
Stage 2 - 5:15pm

Thursday 13 February
Information Evening
Stage 1 - 5:00pm
Stage 3 including 4/5C -
5:15pm



Newsletters

Please note commencing next week newsletters will now be provided fortnightly. Parents are encouraged to keep up to date via the school app and Facebook page.

Information Sessions

On Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 February we will be holding information sessions for all parents and carers regarding stage events and classroom programs and practices. These evenings are designed to provide information and parents are encouraged to make individual meetings at an alternate time regarding indepth, individual discussions regarding their child.

This year all parents and carers will meet in the hall before moving to their child's classroom for specific information presented by their teacher. Specific times of each class is below:

Wednesday 12 February		Thursday 13 February	
5-5.45pm	Kinder inc. K/1B	5 – 5.45pm	Year 1 & 2
5.15-6pm	Year 3 & 4	5.15-6pm	Year 5 & 6 inc. 4/5S

Please note these sessions are for parents and carers only. Children are able to attend if parents and carers are unable to find suitable care however there will be no supervision provided by staff.



Peter Graham
Acting Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open on the

- ♦ Wednesday 29th January 8:30 –2:00
- ♦ Thursday 30th January 8:30-2:00pm
- ♦ Friday 31st January 8:30-2:00pm

Reduced winter stock will not be available next year. These items will now be donated to charity.

BOOK PACKS 2020

The cost of the book packs for 2020 are below:-

Early Stage 1 \$45.00
 Stage 1 \$55.00
 Stage 2 \$55.00
 Stage 3 \$55.00

Book packs will be available from the office on the first day back at school. Payment by parent online payment or cash.
Nicole Dorratt—School Administration Manager

MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATED ADVICE AHEAD OF SCHOOL RETURNING

The NSW Government has today requested that children who have visited China in the last two weeks not attend school or childcare services until 14 days have lapsed from their date of departure from China.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said although the risk to children is very low, the NSW Government has taken this step as a precautionary measure.

“I’ve been advised that it’s not medically necessary, but the NSW Government has acted in line with community expectations to ensure the safest possible environment for our students,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The internationally recognised incubation period for the coronavirus is 14 days, so this is the logical timeframe to ask students to refrain from attending school. After this time, there is no risk.

“Advice about not attending school has already been provided to any close contacts of confirmed cases.”

The Commonwealth Department of Health has confirmed that all passengers disembarking from planes from China are being given comprehensive information about coronavirus in both English and Mandarin.

NSW Health has been contacting passengers who were on the same planes as confirmed cases to provide appropriate advice and has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

Ms Mitchell said the Department of Education has issued guidance to schools and childcare services across NSW on protocols in the event of a child becoming sick.

“Although the risk remains very low for children, we believe it is the right thing to do to take this extra step and will continue to update the community with advice,” Ms Mitchell said.

There are currently four confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China or had contact with a confirmed case in China.

Parents with concerns can contact their local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** for advice or visit the dedicated NSW Health information page at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

Anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to Hubei or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, should immediately isolate themselves from other people, contact their GP or local emergency department or call the healthdirect helpline **1800 022 222**.

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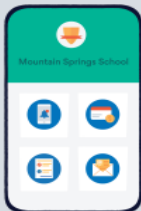
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Camp Australia – Valley View Public School service phone number: **0411 298 277**

Before Care Times: 6:30am-9:00am

After Care Times: 3:00pm-6:30pm

We look forward to caring for your children

Notes issued this week:

No notes went home last week.

All notes are now on the school website at valleyview-schools.nsw.edu.au and on the App

