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HAPPY BIRTHDAY VALLEY VIEW

COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

WEEK 2

Wednesday 21 October
ICAS Spelling Test

Thursday 22 October
ICAS English Test

Friday 23 October
ICAS Mathematics Test

WEEK 8

Friday 4 December
Presentation Day

WEEK 9

Monday 7 December
Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 8 December
Year 6 Formal

WEEK 10

Wednesday 16 December
Last Day Term 4



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy birthday Valley View PS!

Our wonderful school turned 40 on the 13th of October and to help celebrate we've had two special (and COVID-19 safe) days. On the 13th we held a special assembly to say happy birthday where students were informed of the history of the school. We then watched a movie made by Mrs Anderson, which included messages from past and present staff and students. To end the celebrations, the School Captains and myself cut a wonderful cake made by Bec Van Drempt while all students sang the school Happy Birthday. All students were given a special cupcake to have on the day which was a lovely surprise for them.

Last Friday we had a special 80's themed day where students and staff got to dress up in 80's inspired clothes (I'm fairly certain this was the favourite part of the birthday celebrations for staff ☺) and play party games etc throughout the day. Bec also organised a special meal deal through the canteen and all students were then given a present to celebrate the day - a rubber Valley View handball.

We apologise for not being able to have parents on-site to help us celebrate but there are lots of photos and videos that can be seen on our school's Facebook page for you to view.



Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

The Department of Education and Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) have released updated COVID-19 Guidelines for Term 4. The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- ◆ Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC and NSW Health guidelines.
- ◆ All students should be learning on-campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
- ◆ Existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff.
- ◆ All activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.
- ◆ Schools continue to monitor and plan for any changes in local circumstances that may arise, including changes in health advice or local restrictions.

Some of the activities that can now proceed for Term 4 with restrictions are:

- ◆ Kindergarten orientations
- ◆ Year 6-7 transition
- ◆ Interschool activities
- ◆ Singing and chanting with strict restrictions
- ◆ Playing wind instruments with strict restrictions
- ◆ End of year celebrations such as the Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Farewell
- ◆ P&C meetings will continue to be on-line
- ◆ Excursions and day camps.

Unfortunately, we are still only permitted to have essential adults on-site with parent meetings on school grounds only if deemed essential.

We will endeavour to keep you updated if there are any changes to these guidelines.

Word Teacher's Day

Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on [World Teachers' Day - Friday 30th October](#). Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education has continued across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role that teachers play in the lives of students, their families and communities.

On behalf of our school community I would like to say thank you to the wonderfully dedicated staff here at Valley View PS who go above and beyond each day to ensure all of our students receive a quality education – we are extremely lucky!

View Start

It's exciting to know that our transition program for our new Kindergarten students can take place under new guidelines. Information regarding the program can be found attached to this newsletter. Please make sure to let anyone know who is in our school zone but yet to enrol about the upcoming dates and times.

We are looking forward to meeting our new friends!

2021 Classes

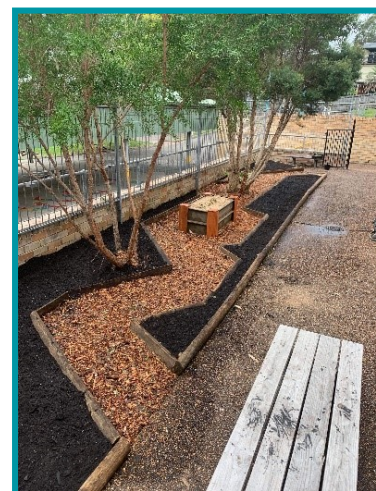
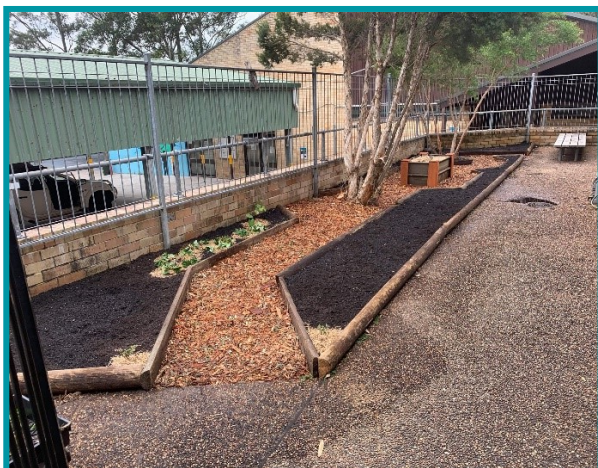
As we near the end of the year we are beginning to look at class structures for 2021. If you have anything that you feel would be beneficial for us to know about your child moving into next year please email the school at: valleyview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If you are moving out of the zone in 2021, please let the front office know as soon as possible as we require accurate enrolment figures to determine how our classes are structured and our staffing entitlement. If you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2021 please ask the families to contact the school as soon as possible.

Environment News

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Manson, along with her husband, who spent a great deal of time in the holidays transforming our old, tired garden beds into a brand new veggie patch ready to grow lots of fruits and vegetables. We have a group of highly enthusiastic gardeners here who will work with Mrs Mason and our School Chaplain, Carrie, to ensure the plants are watered and nurtured.

The school is also in the process of forming an Environment Group which will be aimed at supporting the school in reducing its environmental footprint. At the end of last term Mrs Hearne and Mrs Tomlinson made contact with Bunnings who have supplied the school with a new worm farm, compost bins, buckets to collect food scraps in and a variety of gardening tools. This is a wonderful start in making our school more environmentally friendly. Thanks everyone!



Water Bottles

We are still asking children to bring a water bottle to school each day. We have lots of students who do not have one which makes it extremely difficult as the bubblers are out of use. With the weather warming up it is important to bring both a **water bottle and hat**.

Selective High School 2022

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

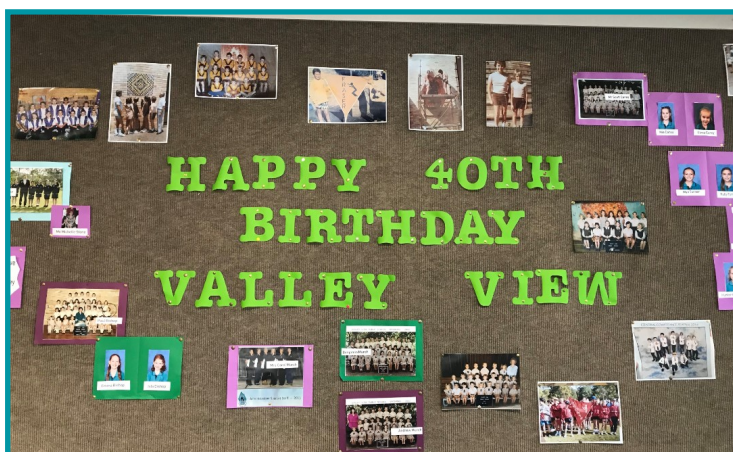
To comply with the latest advice from NSW Health to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmissions, the annual Opportunity Class Placement Test will now take place at a student's own school rather than in examination centres which bring students from across settings and sectors together.

To allow this change to be made, the test date is now 18 November 2020. Marking of tests and student placements will continue to be managed by the High Performing Students Team.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18 November. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications.

Placement in an opportunity class will be based solely on the results of the test to ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW.

*Have a great week,
Kirsty Squires
Principal*



ONLINE ENROLMENTS

The Online Enrolment System is now up and running. This system is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that suits you best. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- ◆ Enrolments into **local** schools only
- ◆ Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- ◆ Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

SCHOOL GATES

School gates are now locked each morning at 9:30am and opened again in the afternoon at 2:15pm. If you have to come into the school **please phone the office for instructions 4328 4433**.

There is no entry during the day through the Binya Street gate or the Elizabeth Street gate. Visitors are asked to park at the front of the school. Entry into the school will only be through the pedestrian gate next to the main driveway.

We ask that you close the gate as you enter and leave.



FLAG DUTY

Week 2

Beth and Liz

Week 3

Miley and Andrew H

Week 4

Aadi and Nate



SMS SERVICE FOR ABSENCES

Valley View public School are now sending out SMS/text messages to parents/caregivers if your child is absent from school.

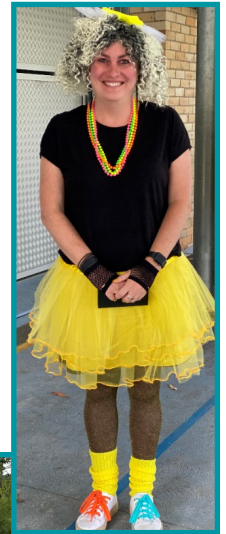
You will be able to respond to these messages and give the reason for why your child is away. This will then become an official record, eliminating the need for a written explanation note. Please respond to these messages each time you receive one.



It is important that we have your correct contact details at the school. **If you have changed phone numbers, moved house, or have different emergency contacts, please inform the school immediately.**

Nicole Dorratt
School Administration Manager

VALLEY VIEW STAFF PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRATIONS AS MUCH AS THE CHILDREN



40TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO

Our 40th Anniversary is fast approaching, if you would like a copy of the whole school photo, they are available from The School Photographer by following the link and using the code.

The photo prices are:

- ◆ \$18.00 each
- ◆ 2 for \$34.00
- ◆ 3 for \$46.00
- ◆ 4 for \$58.00
- ◆ 5 for \$70.00

Any additional photos are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

Photos will be available to view and purchase **ONLINE ONLY**

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

Code: 20S1091EL42V

*Anna Horncastle
Coordinator*



School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Consider public education at the No.1 High School on the Central Coast.

Applications open NOW for 2022



Key Dates

Application website opens
13th October 2020

Application website closes
16th November 2020

You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice
released 25th February 2021.

Selective High School Placement Test
11th March 2021

Placement outcome information
released 2nd July

For any enquiries, call GHS on
(02) 4325 2048

Virtual tours will be available on the
GHS website soon.

Application website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>





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- ✓ It's easy to join a crew and make awesome new friends.
- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!
- ✓ Outdoors, non-contact.



JUNIOR BLASTERS
AGES 5-7 | 60 mins | 6+ weeks

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with a Backpack, Ball and choice of bonus item!



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



MASTER BLASTERS
AGES 7-10 | 90 mins | 6+ weeks

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!



You could PLAY Woolworths Cricket Blast for Free!

Thanks to the NSW Government, every student (K-12) is entitled to 2x\$100 Active Kids vouchers each calendar year. **Remember to use your voucher when you sign up at playcricket.com.au**



Register now @ playcricket.com.au

REMINDER—2021 LEADERS

Applications for School Leaders for 2021 will need to be submitted to Mrs Suaning by Week 3, Monday 26 October

Mrs Suaning
Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is open for business Fridays mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am. However, if you do not need to try items on, we ask that you use our new online ordering process with secure payment via PayPal located on the Valley View Public School website (on the P&C Page) via the following link – www.valleyviewpandc.org.au

All orders are processed on **Friday morning during Uniform Shop hours.**

**** Please note that cash payments are still accepted at our Uniform Shop ****

If you provide your child's name and class details, the ordered items will be delivered to your child's classroom, alternately you can elect for you or your child to pick the order up from the Uniform Shop 8:30 – 9:30 on a Friday. If you do need to visit the Uniform Shop, we ask that you please observe the following conditions required by the Education department.

- One customer (an adult plus their children) in the shop at a time
- Adults will need to fill out a short form recording their attendance in the school
- EFT payments preferred

To help keep lost property to a minimum, please label all clothing.

Iron on labels printed with your child's name are now available to purchase from the Uniform Shop for just 50 cents each.



P&C NEWS

P&C Meetings

A big thank you to everyone who attended our meeting earlier in the week. Our next meeting is scheduled for 10th November, 7pm. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks. On behalf of the P&C Association, I would like to wish Valley View Public School a wonderful 40th Birthday for last week. It is a great milestone in our school's history and we are looking forward to many more years of learning ahead!

P&C Fundraising

Cook Book

Our Cookbook is ready for order! Our Anniversary edition will be available within the coming weeks. An order form has been distributed to all students and it is also available on the school website. Please ensure that all order forms and money is returned to the school front office within a sealed envelope or zip lock bag. **Please note** that ALL Cookbooks ordered will be delivered to your child's classroom. Multiple Cookbook orders are also being accepted.

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For your convenience we now offer online ordering with secure payment via PayPal on the Valley View Public School P&C website page.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is back for Term 4!!! Thank you Bec and our amazing School leaders for taking on this additional challenge. Our school appreciates everything!

School Banking

School banking is also back for Term 4. Don't forget to send in the booklets with your child every Tuesday!

We hope everyone had an amazing, safe and happy break and we welcome our wonderful school back for an exciting Term 4!



Kind regards
Lee-Anne Bishop
President, P&C Association

CANTEEN NEWS



**CANTEEN OPERATING HOURS ARE WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
8.30am to 1.50pm**

Welcome to Term 4!

Happy 40th Birthday Valley View!!

This week has been a great week in the canteen. We started the term with Birthday cupcakes (over 400) and the birthday cake being made, it was great to see all the students enjoy them.

Thanks to Blake from Oz Metal Design for the amazing logo cake boards. They looked great!



Tuesday also was the day the Canteen received our Healthy Canteen award. We have worked hard to bring you a menu that has healthy and fresh foods. We thank all our volunteers for all the hard work you do.

The week wrapped up with a Meal Deal for 1980s Party Day! We hope all the kids had a great day! – thanks for all the meal deals and lunch orders. We love having themed days – the dress ups looked great!! A HUGE thank you to all our amazing volunteers

Happy Birthday Valley View and Happy Birthday to all the students who had Party Packs this week. We loved helping you celebrate.

Any canteen questions or party pack orders.

Message - Bec 0438 283165



NEW INFORMATION

The uniform shop is now selling the school navy hats (caps) from the Canteen. They are \$5 – available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. They are a great as the weather gets warmer.

Rebecca Van Drempt
Canteen Supervisor
Bec 0438 283165



OSH CLUB

As Term 4 begins we are noticing some children are still booked into sessions they are regularly not attending due to families still working from home under covid circumstances.

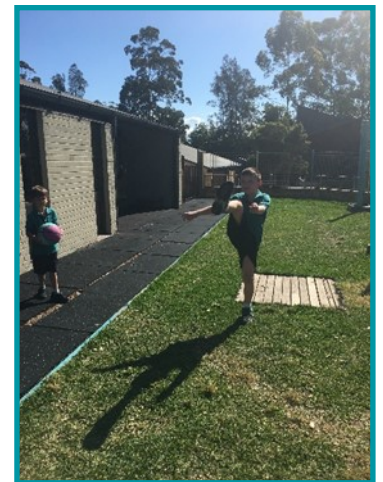
We ask that families log into **KIDSOFT** and check that their children's bookings are correct and up to date to allow us to ensure staffing is adequate and compliant.

Thank you to the families that have already taken the time to ensure their child's bookings are up to date. Please feel free to call the service or speak to a staff member if there are any issues with bookings.

Term 4 sees the sun shining and OSHClub working towards brightening up our environment. Week 1 will see us begin to plan our outdoor garden with suggestions, thoughts, and ideas from the children during our weekly Children's Meeting.

During the vacation period our vertical pallet garden was constructed and will soon arrive to be placed ready for us to fill with vegetables we can use and flowers we can share.

We have 'kicked off' Term 4 with MOOVOSITY which has seen the children engaging in physical activity while further developing teamwork and spatial awareness skills. We will continue developing ball skills over the coming weeks at the children's request.



Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



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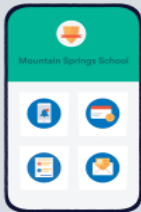
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SkoolBag

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2. Download the free SkoolBag app.
3. Open the app, add your school and you're ready to go!

Google/Android Users

1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store.
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Notes issued this week:

ICAS Assessments 2020 Update

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