



Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best



WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2021

COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

WEEK 8

Monday 30 November
Mobile Dental Program
30/11/20 to 11/12/20

Thursday 3 December
Presentation Day
Please note change of date

Friday 4 December
Surf Fun Day

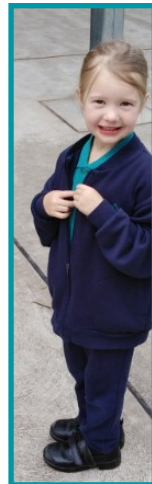
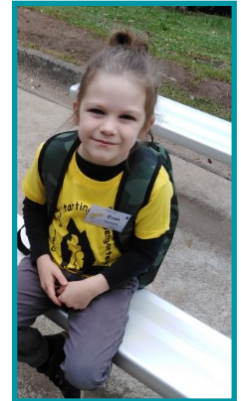
WEEK 9

Monday 8 December
Year 6 Graduation
Year 6 Formal
Please note change of date

WEEK 10

Tuesday 15 December
MOTIV8 Sports Year 6 Big Day In

Wednesday 16 December
Last Day Term 4



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

View Start

Last Thursday saw the exciting start to our Kindergarten Transition Program, 'View Start.' We had close to 50 new friends come for a visit and get a taste of what big school is like.

I would like to thank Mrs Anderson and her Early Stage 1 team for the hard work and effort they have put into making View Start a successful program. We look forward to our friends visiting each Thursday for the next 3 weeks.

School Development Days 2021

The Department of Education have recently released information to schools regarding changes to School Development Days in 2021 as follows:

"In support of a smooth start to the 2021 school year and to ensure that you are able to give time to high impact professional learning for your staff, enhancing the work you are currently undertaking in developing your school's Strategic Improvement Plan, we provide advice regarding School Development Days. The following amendments to School Development Days (SDDs) will take effect from the beginning of the 2021 school year. The amendments will impact the number of SDDs occurring in Terms 1 and 4, while SDDs occurring in Terms 2 and 3 will remain the same.

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include:

- ◆ an increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1 a decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.
- ◆ The School Development Days are scheduled for the following dates:
27 and 28 January, students return 29 January 2021.

The two SDDs at the start of Term 1 are mandated and cannot be rescheduled. Principals may continue to vary SDDs that fall at the beginning of Terms 2 and 3, and at the end of Term 4.

There will be no changes to:

- ◆ the total number of SDDs – remaining at five days
- ◆ the length of the school year for staff or students (students will start and finish the school year one day later)
- ◆ SDDs occurring at the commencement of Terms 2 and 3."
- ◆ **Students will start school on Friday, 29th January 2021.**

Binya Avenue

It is extremely disappointing to hear that the behaviour of some at the Binya Avenue drop off and pick up area has been aggressive and dangerous in the past few weeks. That area in particular can be quite busy and will require all parents to be patient and work together to ensure our students arrive and depart safely. It has also been brought to my attention that a staff member's car has been damaged during the afternoon rush. If you know anything about this it would be appreciated if you could contact me directly at school. The council rangers have been notified and will be doing random visits for the rest of the term to monitor the situation.

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 area 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 what our staffing entitlement will be. 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.



School Music Bell

You may hear the sound of music coming from the school grounds three times per day. This is a sign for our students to start getting ready for the bell to mark the end of a session. We've recently enjoyed a variety of 80's inspired music and would like to mark the holiday season in upcoming weeks with Christmas carols. If you have any objections to this please contact the school as we in no way would like to cause offence to anyone.

School Leader Speeches

On Friday, 13 November, Year 5 students who are interested in becoming a School Leader in 2021 will give their leadership speeches to the school in preparation for voting. I wish all candidates the best of luck and look forward to announcing the results.

IT Update

We have recently ordered and received 55 brand new laptops, along with two storage and charging trollies. Last week Mr Boreland spent the week getting them onto our network, fixing broken laptops and troubleshooting IT issues we have come across. Our IT team are now developing a timetable to ensure all classes have increased access to laptops throughout the week. A huge thank you to Mr Boreland for his expertise in this area!

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 our 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.




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**.

P&C Cookbook

The P&C's 40th Anniversary Cookbook order forms have been sent home so don't forget to get your orders in!



Order Your Cookbook TODAY

The P&C Association for Valley View Public School are officially taking orders for our amazing 40th Anniversary limited edition Cookbook

The Cookbook will be a great addition to your Jamie Oliver & Julie Goodwin collection... and it's just in time Christmas!

To order your limited edition Cookbook today, please return the below order form & money to the Office in a sealed & labelled envelope or zip lock bag. All Cookbooks will be delivered to your child's classroom.

All funds raised are to assist our school in much needed technological upgrades!

Multiple cookbook orders are accepted. Please return all orders to the School Office by 20/11/2020.

\$15

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Number of books to be ordered: _____



*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 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 5

Lila and Indigo

Week 6

Makenna and John

Week 7

Seamus and Blake



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

CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:



K/6L	Owen S
KB	Alaya B, Ashton H, Elijah C, Payton D, Sunnie F
KK	Carissa B, Bentley J, Corben B, Seth T, Emily S
K/1B	Maisie B, Fraser D, Yashnoor S, Tahlia B, Adam S
IHA	Matilda D, Austin M, Richard B, Fatima N
1/2HM	Tatem W, Leila T, Jorgina P, Layla O, Liam G
2T	Ella B, Deacon K, Oliver V, Mia C, Penelope O
2P	Dylan N, Merlin P, Ryan Q, Isabella R, Beau S
3/4H	Evie D, Steven R, Aiden B, Ivy H, Georgie G
3/4K	Amelia V, Rayhan K, William T, Charlee H
3/4T	Lygia M, Shayla D, Emma-Lee D, Georgia F, Luca O
4/5S	Taytin W, Harlan D, Elijah A, Hayden G, Ruby T
5/6B	Cohen T, Andrew H, Tully C, John E, Liz B
5/6S	David P, Makenna M, Lila B, Taylor H, Ruby Q
5/6T	Seamus C, Shane S, Belinda B, Anastasia M, Elise J

40TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO

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*





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>



RESPONSIBILITYstarts with *me.****Piano Tuition***

Former teacher at The Australian Institute of Music and The Central Coast Conservatorium now has vacancies for private tuition. All ages welcome.

For more details please ring Tibor Szakos on: **0401594447**

**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

Meetings

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 10th November. A link for the meeting will be distributed shortly. New faces are always welcome.

Fundraising - Cookbook

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.

View Start

A big welcome to our new View Start participants and their families for Kindy 2021.

If there are any new parents and families that would like to get to know the P&C, please feel free to reach out to any of our current P&C members (information located on the School Website) or via the P&C Facebook page.

We are excited to see some new faces and welcome any new P&C members.

Lost Property

Is your child missing a school jumper or lunch box? The Lost Property area (located near the Uniform Shop at The Cottage) is getting pretty busy again. Please remind your child to go to Lost Property during lunch to see if there are any items that belong to them.

Just a reminder that due to Covid restrictions, P&C volunteers are limited on the school grounds and the Uniform Shop is only open and operational on Friday mornings, so some subtle reminders are a great idea!

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!



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



Valley View Public School P&C

P&C stands for Parents & Community Association, a school based organisation with a mission to make school a better place for students to learn.

Membership is \$1 & you can join anytime. P&C members are regularly involved in opportunities to assist in raising funds & receive important school information.

So, yes, there are meetings, moving things, motioning & seconding things, a little paperwork, turning sausages, breaking bags of ice & licking our thumbs to separate raffle tickets - BUT, we work really hard to make these things & so much more a lot of fun.

There really is no contribution too small. Want to run an event? You can! Have an hour a week you can spend in the uniform shop? Go for it! Perhaps you are available on weekends to volunteer at events? Great! Got a job & a bunch of kids but have 15 minutes a week you could spend helping with some administrative tasks?

We'll take it!!

Feel free to approach any existing members of the P&C, come along to one of our meetings or email the President on presidentvvpc@gmail.com

Top 10 Reasons To Join The P&C

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| 10 | You will become a greater part of your children's learning experiences | 5 | You will fine tune your skills & have more confidence |
| 9 | You can learn new skills that you will use in your work & homelife | 4 | You will see your efforts pay off in the smiles of our children's faces! |
| 8 | You can create, plan & execute fun events & concepts for our school | 3 | You can help raise money for a great cause - Your children's education! |
| 7 | You'll get to know the teachers & staff at school & understand their needs | 2 | You'll experience feelings of self-worth through volunteering your time |
| 6 | You will make new friends & associations | 1 | And finally, the number ONE reason to join us... WE NEED YOU! |

Our Meetings are held every **2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm** in the school staff room or alternatively, via Google Meet link to comply with Covid-19 restrictions.

Kids are always welcome to attend!

P&C Facebook Page - [P&C Association for Valley View Public School](#)

P&C President Email address - presidentvvpc@gmail.com



CANTEEN NEWS



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

Welcome to week 4

Another amazing fortnight in the Canteen! We thank you for all the party packs that went out this week. If you would like to order—please message me Bec 0438 283165 (3 days' notice is needed) or call the office.



Our slushie Flavours for the rest of the term are Orange and Apple.

We hope the students enjoy. These are \$2 and can be added to lunch orders.

NEW INFORMATION

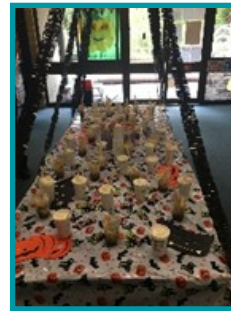
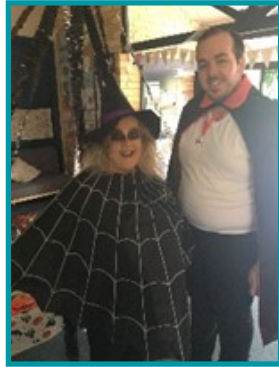
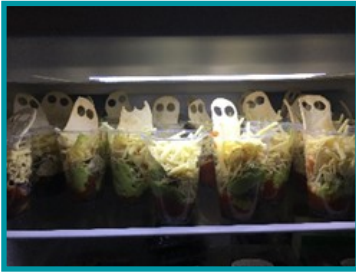
The uniform shop is now selling the school navy hats (caps) from the Canteen. They are \$5 – available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. They are a great as the weather gets warmer.

Dates to remember – 16th December – LAST day of school – keep an eye out for the END OF YEAR MINI MENU (Meal Deal).

*Rebecca Van Drempt
Canteen Supervisor
Bec 0438 283165*



OSH CLUB



Halloween was celebrated this fortnight at OSHClub with craft activities including Pumpkin Patch painting, Jack-O-Lantern expression art and some ghostly window paintings.

Our Halloween Party saw the children enjoy Ghost Shakes and Graveyard Nachos, followed by Monster statues and Night at the Museum.

Term 4 sees us implementing our Star Jar.

Children who have been seen with respect and responsibility within our service will have their name added to our jar with an explanation of why they were added. Each Friday afternoon we will be selecting at random a child/s name from the jar, who will then be given the opportunity to select a small reward from our Reward Basket.

We would like to congratulate the following winners.

- ◆ Week 1- Jax
- ◆ Week 2- Seth



These 2 children should be very proud of their achievements this fortnight with outstanding respect for themselves, their peers and educators and their environment.

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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Download the app

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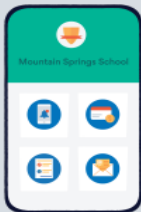
Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

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Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag

Download Instructions:

For Apple Users

1. From your iPhone/iPad, open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag".
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.
2. Open the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag".
3. Download the free SkoolBag app.
4. Open the app, add your school and you're ready to go.

Bakers Delight
We're for real.
Wyoming

Notes issued this week:

Motiv8 Sports— Big Day in—Year 6

Mobile Dental Program—Whole School

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