

Valley View Public School

Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best



COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

WEEK 8

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

Tuesday 1 DecemberBoccia Day Program K-6L & K-6G

Friday 4 December Surf Fun Day—Stage 3

WEEK 9

Monday 7 December
K-6 Presentation Day
Please note change of date

Tuesday 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







Congratulations Lyn
11 Years of dedication to the students, staff and parents of Valley View Public School

SCHOOL LEADERS PARTICIPATION













PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

K-6 Presentation Day

Our school Presentation Day will be held on Monday, 7th December. We will be holding a whole school, K-6, assembly in the hall. Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions we will be unable to have our families join us on the day which we sincerely apologise about.

Photos of the day will be complied into a video presentation which will be uploaded to our school's Facebook page. We look forward to celebrating the hard work and successes of our students and look forward to sharing this with you.

Year 6 Graduation/Farewell

As the end of primary school is an important milestone in our student's lives, and because we can comply with COVID restrictions due to the smaller numbers, the Year 6 Graduation ceremony will be able to be attended by ONE nominated parent on Tuesday, 8th December. All awards for Year 6 will be handed out at this ceremony. The one nominated family member will be required to sign an External Visitors Form, sanitize their hands and be seated 1.5m apart.

We understand that this is not an ideal way to end the year for our families, but we have done the very best we can to accommodate needs fairly and in a safe manner.

Again, photos of the day will be available through our usual communication channels.

Semester 2 Reports

Our teachers have been busy compiling Semester 2 reports which are scheduled to be sent home on Thursday, 10th of December. These reports will give you information about your child's academic and social growth and development. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's teacher. Absences have been calculated up until the 1st December.

Dental Visit

NSW Health is working with public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care to students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Over the next two weeks those children who have returned their permission packs will have their assessments completed in the school hall.

Band

If your child is interested in joining our wonderful school band, please contact either the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music or the school's office to register your interest. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn how to play a musical instrument and read music, with all tutorials and practices held on school grounds.

Hats/Water Bottles

As the weather is heating up I'd like to remind everyone to ensure you have packed a hat and drink bottle for your child each day. We have lots of disappointed students who are unable to play where they wish because they do not have a hat to protect them from the sun. It also incredibly important that all children make sure their water intake is adequate each day.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Valley View PS is currently undertaking a situational analysis for the next School Plan for 2021-2024. Part of this process is undertaking community consultation through TTFM surveys and phone polls. Next Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Jo Johnson, a retired school leader, will randomly select parents and carers to participate in a phone poll. All information is highly valued and completely confidential.

Participants will be non-identifiable and participation is optional. The information will be used to help inform our school's next steps and priorities in the new School Plan.

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.



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

YEAR 6 FORMAL

Due to COVID restrictions and regulations we are sending out a reminder that parents will not be permitted on the school grounds for the Year 6 Formal. We ask that parents drop their children at the first front gate on Chamberlain Road. Staff will be there to greet your children and to dismiss them at the end of the formal. Our formal committee members only are permitted onsite during the day to set up the hall.

We thank you for all of your cooperation, it should be a wonderful evening.

Kind regards Stage 3 Teachers



PBL THIS WEEK

Transitions and Walkways

At Valley View our school has many stairs and walkways and we need to move around the school responsibly so that everyone gets to their destination safely. Our walkways help us move from place to place and we keep to the left in our class lines. When we are transitioning from one area to another we need to be sensible and doing our personal best. Classes practice these skills daily and teachers award OK tickets to children they see demonstrating the appropriate behaviour in walkways and during transitions.

Safe, Respectful Behaviour

At Valley View we demonstrate safe respectful behaviours in the classroom and in the playground at all times. We are polite and care for others, we move sensibly around the school and always follow teacher directions. We respect our peers and it is our responsibility to encourage all students to be 'up standers' and work together to create a safe school community for everyone. It is important that we all demonstrate safe, respectful behaviour so that our school is a place everyone can enjoy.

SCHOOL BANKING

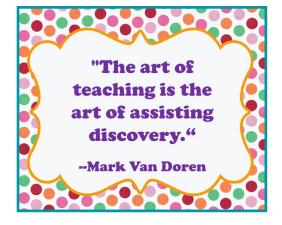
The last day for school banking this year is Tuesday 1st December 2020

LIBRARY

Overdue notices are being sent home to remind students and parents what is outstanding. Borrowing from the Library has ended for the year, so the yearly stocktake can be carried out.

As we get closer to the conclusion of 2020 I ask that all students please return their books to the Library ASAP. Thanks in advance for your support.

Vanessa McCarthy Teacher Librarian





P&C NEWS

P&C Meetings

Our last P&C meeting is scheduled for tonight, 7pm at your most comfortable position on the lounge, bed, kitchen bench or anywhere in your house!!! There will be some topics relating to early Term 1 for 2021 on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you all tonight on the following link - meet.google.com/jmc-mray-tnr

P&C Fundraising - Cookbook

Our Cookbooks are on their way!!! All cookbooks that have been ordered will be delivered to your nominated child's classroom. If you haven't ordered yet and would like to secure a last minute order, please have your completed order form and money sent to the front office in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag by Friday this week!

Lost Property

Just a friendly reminder to check out lost property before the term ends to collect any misplaced items so they can be washed and are ready for Term 1!

School Banking

The last day for school banking for 2020 is TODAY!

The P&C would like to thank Cheronne Maughan for taking time every Tuesday for the last number of years to volunteer her time with the P&C, school and CBA to learn and manage our students banking requirements. Your continuous contribution to the P&C, the school and our students has not gone unnoticed and we, as a P&C are very grateful for your efforts, time and patience. When you see Cheronne this week, please be sure to thank her for her contribution to our P&C and school. She will be a missed member of our school community and P&C. We will be welcoming 2 new Banking Coordinators in 2021 who will share their time across Tuesday mornings every term so our students have this great opportunity to start their banking and financial journeys with CBA. We are looking forward to both Lauren Davis and Amy White volunteering their time.

Uniform Shop

Please note that the P&C website will be accepting online orders for the Uniform Shop over the Christmas holidays. All orders will be ready for collection at the beginning of Term 1. Please note there will be no classroom deliveries until Week 3 of Term 1. This is to ensure that all ordered items are delivered to your child's correct classrooms following class allocations for 2021.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 27th January (Staff Development Day) from 8.30am – 10.30am – 1.00pm – 3.00pm for orders to be collected or if your child needs to try on any items.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

PLEASE NOTE: The uniform shop will be open on the staff development day next year:

- Wednesday 27 January 2021
- ♦ 8:30am—10:30am
- ♦ 1:00pm—3:00pm

Orders can be placed online and collected from the Uniform Shop





CANTEEN NEWS

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



Welcome to week 8

As the canteen is only open for a few more weeks for 2020 I would like to thank all the amazing students/ parents for all the lunch orders and continued support. 2020 has been a year like no other – and for a canteen that sells fresh ingredients and prepares most of the items we are grateful for your support.

We look forward to the last few weeks of operating and can't wait for new adventures and menu items in 2021.

Things to remember this week

- SMALL MILKSHAKES are only available, due to the Healthy Canteen Strategy.
- SOLD out of STRAWBERRY flavoured milkshakes for 2020
- ♦ SLUSHIE flavour is STRAWBERRY or APPLE \$2



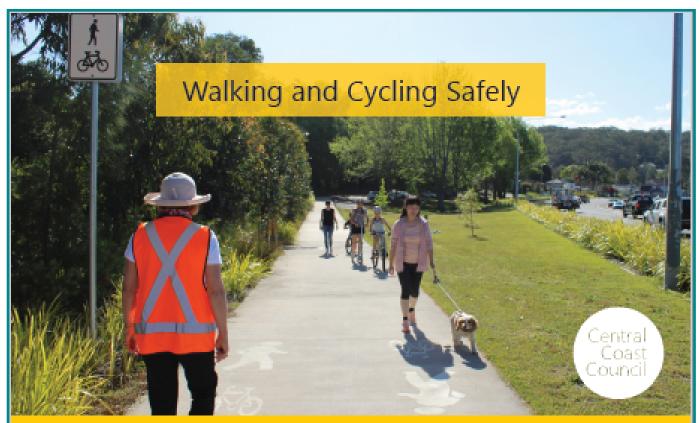
MEAL DEAL notes went home last week. We are recommending you order from this so we can have items in stock. All other stock will be limited.

SCHOOL CAPS

The uniform shop is still 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





Walking and cycling are great ways to get exercise but it's important we keep ourselves and others as safe as possible. Here are some tips to help keep you safe.

WALKING

- Take your time and plan your walk you're more likely to slip or trip if you're rushed.
- Wear safe shoes with slip resistant soles.
- Wear bright colours to increase your visibility, especially at dawn or dusk.
- Ensure you wear your hearing aid or glasses.
- Use the footpaths and shared pathways when available.
- Be aware of children, joggers, cyclists and animals.
- When you're on a shared pathway, keep to the left to allow room for cyclists to pass.
- Listen out for nearby cyclists who are encouraged to ring their bell or horn to warn pedestrians that they're about to pass.
- If you stop to talk with someone, if possible move off the shared pathway or footpath, or to the far left of the path.
- When crossing the road, take the safest, shortest and most direct route.
- Use pedestrian crossings or traffic lights. If there aren't any, look for the safest place to cross.
- Wait for vehicles to stop completely before stepping off a kerb.
- Check for turning vehicles and cyclists at intersections before crossing.
- Never assume a driver can see you their vision may be affected by poor light, sunlight or parked cars.
- If you're a bit unsteady, use handrails on stairs or ramps.

WALKING WITH A DOG

Keep dogs on short leads and under control at all times.

CYCLING

 By law, you must wear an Australian and New Zealand approved helmet. Make sure the straps on your helmet are not twisted and it fits securely around your ears and under your chin.

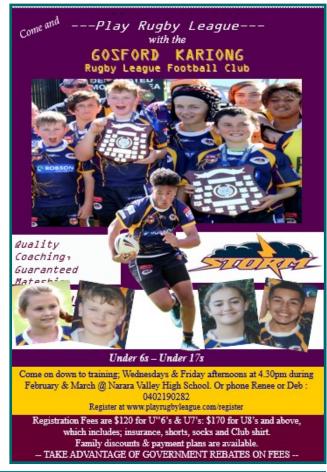
- Wear brightly coloured clothing so you're easily seen by others.
- Your bike must have a working brake, bell or horn and a rear reflector. If used at night, it must also have a front white light and a rear red light.
- Check your bike every ride: (A) Air in tyres (B) Brakes are working (C) Chain intact.
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and the pedestrians you encounter.
- Always be in control of your bike and ride in a predictable manner so that others do not have to react suddenly to your movements.
- When riding on shared pathways, keep to the left. If you're planning to pass someone, slow down and use your bell or horn to let them know you're close by and pass carefully on their right side.
- Allow pedestrians one metre of space on shared paths when passing, where possible.
- Children should be closely supervised and should not ride near busy roads.
- Obey all road rules, including traffic lights, 'Stop' and 'Give Way' signs.
- Use hand signals when changing lanes or turning left or right.
- Stay a 'car door width' away from parked vehicles.
- Riding on footpaths is not permitted. Exceptions to this rule are children under 16 years and supervising adult(s), who may ride on the footpath unless signs state otherwise. Children 16 years and older may also ride on the footpath when with an adult accompanying a child/children who are under 16 years.

For more information, go to: transport.nsw.gov.au

November 2020







FLAG DUTY

Week 8

Melek and Gemma

Week 9

Belinda and Alissa

Week 10 Leaders



Holiday chess comp 6 to 17 years

Minimum ability: Know how to move the pieces and complete games largely unassisted

Tuesday 12 January

Enter by Sunday 10 January

Where: Mingara Recreation Club Mingara Dve, Tumbi Umbi

When: Tues 12 January, 9.30am-4pm Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd plus age medals

Entry: Enter by 10 January, Entry fee \$10, cash on the day

Contact: Gary Losh 0432 453 726 or glosh6090@gmail.com

Lunch: Mingara Rec Club a "no outside food" policy.

Players may bring water and snacks, eg fresh fruit.

Puzzle competition

Find the best moves and win prizes. Easier puzzles for U10. Practice puzzles will be emailed to you on entry.

The virus

Covid rules at the time will be enthusiastically observed.



Enter by Sunday 10 January

Rated by JCL

New players to competition will earn a NSW Junior Chess League rating

Limit 50 players

Please book early

Non-profit event

Run by volunteers and with the generosity of Mingara Recreation Club. All entry fees less minimal expenses will be returned as prizes.



OSH CLUB

This fortnight has been filled with hypothesising and problem solving as the children continue to develop their language. Construction continues to be very popular, with LEGO and construction blocks the favourites. Every day the children have been challenging themselves to build/re-build or extend on their creations for the previous day using problem solving skills and a process of elimination each child continued to develop patience, trial and error, hypothesising and cooperation. Pokémon and Yugioh cards have been popular within the school community. We have given the children permission this fortnight to bring their cards from home to show the educators and peers their collections. Several of the children took a lot of pride in showing off their collections and sharing their knowledge of the cards they had in their collection and even of cards their peers have. The children have also been taking care of their own health and wellbeing this fortnight with quiet reading and rest time after long hot days and requesting meditation music to relax to.







NAIDOC Week was celebrated with various art/craft and music and movement activities. The children joined in group discussion about Indigenous Culture, including their flags and the foods they eat, and danced and moved their way through various musical compilations. During several music and movement activities over the week, the children were given the opportunity to discover the sounds of instruments and move their bodies in a way they thought native animals may move. Art/craft experiences saw the children further develop creativity and fine motor skills through collage, colouring and hand painting.







Hats and Water Bottles

We are noticing more and more children are not bringing hats and water bottles to OSHClub each session. As the school no longer allows children to use bubblers all children are required to have a water bottle with them each day. Here at OSHClub we do provide cups and water for those children who have forgotten theirs but are finding this is becoming a recurring problem. In compliance with our sun safety policy we require all children to have a hat each session. Those children not brining hats will be required to remain indoors during our sessions or stay under the cover of the COLA when participating in outdoor activities. Please help us by reminding your children that a hat and water bottle is required daily not only at school but also at OSHClub.



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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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Notes issued this week:

Year 6 Graduation Permission Note—Year 6
Boccia Day Program—K6L & K6G

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