



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

Week 11
Thursday 16 December
Last Day of Term 4

Friday 17 December
Staff Development day



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We had a really wonderful time welcoming our K/1 students back to school last week under a steam of bubbles, balloons and signs made by our wonderful K/1 staff. It was so lovely seeing their beautiful, smiling faces (albeit minus a few teeth) and our K/1's spent last week settling back into school routines with great maturity.

I was then notified Thursday afternoon that we had Covid positive cases at school and we were deemed non-operational on Friday. Friday was spent with the Director, Educational Leadership and an officer from the Department of Education's Health & Safety directorate completing rigorous contact tracing. That then was sent off to be ratified by NSW Health and I sincerely apologise for the length of time that took. Staff were diligent in individualising letters and sending them out to families who were directly impacted. If you did not receive a letter, it meant that your child did not come into contact with the virus. It was a strong indication of just how well the bubble system worked and we have now changed Bubble 3 to split the large group and Stage 2 will now be Bubble 3 and Stage 3 (including 4/5S) will be Bubble 4.

I would like to stress, that at no point in time did any family send their child/ren to school AFTER taking them for a Covid test and waiting for results. In times like these we need to be understanding and compassionate, and although there are many families that have been impacted, the focus is on ensuring those infected, and those deemed close contacts are safe and well. It has been heart-warming reading the many supportive messages we have received wishing everyone well.

Yesterday saw the return to school of students in Year 2-6. Once again, the celebrations at each gate were wonderful to see. Bubbles, balloons and signs were out in force, and it was clearly evident just how much all staff have missed our students. We look forward to getting back into the swing of things under our current guidelines, which include the need to keep cohorts (or bubbles as we have called them) separate. In order to achieve this, we have allocated each bubble a gate, and know that although this may be inconvenient at times, the plan was put in place to keep us all safe. We appreciate the support in using the bubble gates. Part of the bubble system is having separate play areas for our cohorts. This will mean that on different days your child will be allocated the oval as their designated play space. **Please ensure your child/ren come to school with a school hat.** These can be purchased online through the uniform shop, or \$5 caps can be purchased through the office on Monday and Tuesday and the canteen on Wednesday through to Friday.

All students will also need to bring a refillable water bottle to school, especially as we are heading into the warmer months.

Communication

It is vitally important that communication between home and school is strong, especially during these times. **It is extremely important that ALL correspondence sent out is read and understood.** Our main method of communication is through Class Dojo so please ensure that you are connected to your child's class. All attachments need to be read, however if you have trouble opening them please contact your class teacher asap so it can be rectified.

Absences

Student attendance is extremely important, and we are required to follow Department of Education guidelines at all times. If your child has not returned to school, they will need to have a medical exemption or their absence will be deemed unjustified. Please contact the school if you have concerns regarding this. Those in isolation, or are siblings of students in isolation, will have units of work sent home to complete during their isolation period.

Canteen

The amazing Bec is back! Lunch orders can be placed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday using the attached canteen menu. Students are not able to purchase items during break times so please put all food and drink purchases on the lunch order bag and they will be delivered to your child's class.

Mask Update

In line with updated Public Health Orders, under **Level 3 plus** (which is our current level) masks are only required to be worn by staff when indoors. Masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary students, and it has been pleasing to see just how many students are coming to school with masks on – well done VVPS. If your child wears a mask to school, please ensure their name is written on it.



P&C Thanks

A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C for their support in purchasing \$10,000 worth of new readers for our K-2 classes and Learning Support groups. These new books will go a long way to helping instill a love of reading in our students.

2022 Planning

The School Executive Team and I are beginning our planning for next year and we require accurate enrolment figures to determine how our school is staffed and the likely class structures for next year. If you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2022, please ask the families to contact the school and commence the enrolment process. If you have any concerns pertaining to your child's class placement next year, please email the school and we will take this into consideration when forming classes.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

The annual Opportunity Class Placement Test will now take place on Wednesday 17th of November here at school rather than in examination centres which bring students from across settings and sectors together. Parents of students who have applied should have received communication sent out by the Department of Education with this change.

World Teacher's Day

World Teacher's Day October the 5th on the calendar, which falls in the school holidays so in NSW we chose to celebrate the day on the 29th October. In 2021, the appreciation of teachers definitely extends outside the school gates to the mums, dads, carers, grandfathers, grandmothers, aunts and uncles who had to step into teachers' shoes during the significant Learning From Home period. To you all – we say Happy World Teachers' Day!

And the incredibly professional, supportive, and caring staff members here at Valley View Public School, we also say a big thanks! 2021 certainly has not panned out the way we had thought it would and getting through a global pandemic has not always been easy, but our students are lucky to have had the teachers that they do and they are all appreciated! **Happy World Teachers' Day Valley View!**



Grandparents Day

NSW Grandparents Day falls on Sunday, the 31st October and celebrates the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. Our grandparents make significant contributions to their families and have either played important roles in our recent Learning From Home period, or have been separated by COVID restrictions for a great deal of time.

Unfortunately this year we are unable to celebrate at school but we will be thinking of all our grandparents on Sunday and sending you all virtual hugs ♥

Kirsty Squires
Principal

SCHOOL BAND

Did you know? Our school has a School Band Program! 🎵🎵

Students did a fantastic job advancing their music skills via online learning in term 3. 📺

We are incredibly proud of their achievements ❤️ and wanted to share their online learning project video in celebration of their hard work. 📺

Well done 👍 to everyone who participated and thank you 🙏 to the Central Coast Conservatorium teachers for making music so much fun! 😊👉 <https://youtu.be/7xDTPCbIkT4>.

Marg Suaning
Coordinator

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.

- ◆ Enrolments both in area and out of area are now available.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- ◆ 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](#).



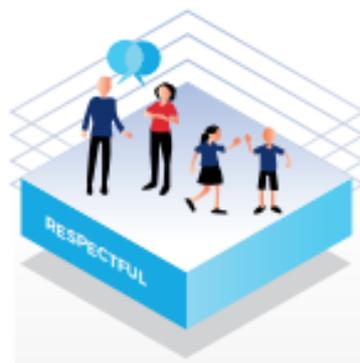


School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



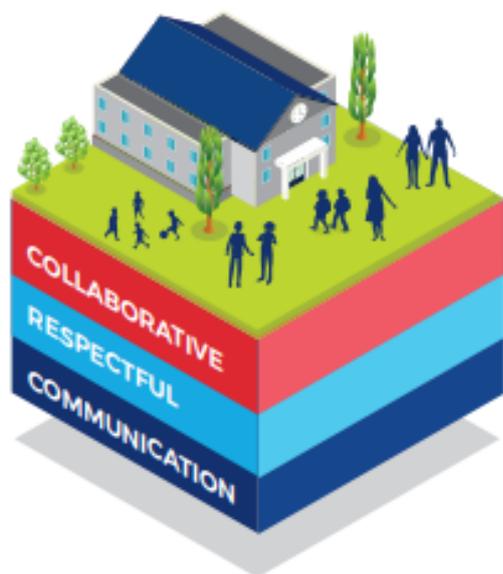
We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



We all play a part

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



School Community Charter

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ABORIGINAL NEWS

Any interested Aboriginal students please see the attached information for a departmental competition.

2021 Art competition for Primary and Secondary Aboriginal students attending NSW Public Schools

Inviting all Aboriginal students attending a NSW public primary, central or high school to participate in designing a drawing or painting that represents: **"Our Mob, Your Mob, My Mob"** The theme encourages Aboriginal students to draw or paint images of their school, family, community and themselves.

Details

Two winning designs (one from a Primary student and one from a Secondary student) will be selected for use by the Department of Education (DoE) for up to a 5 year period to feature in materials used to support community engagement and promotional activities. There will also be four runner-up prizes. All participants will receive a certificate of participation and thanks.

Criteria

- The competition is open to Aboriginal students attending a NSW public primary, central or high school
- Individual art work must be either a drawing or painting
- Art work must be no larger than 50cm by 50cm and weigh no more than 2kgs
- One entry per student (no group pieces)
- Acceptable mediums are paper, canvas, cloth or cardboard
- Art work must be photographed and emailed to aboriginalemployment@det.nsw.edu.au with the signed entry form.

Competition opens on:	Monday, 18 October 2021
Competition closes on:	Friday, 5 November 2021 at 5pm
Prize:	\$1,000 (includes prize money and licence fee)
Winner announced:	Week of 15 November 2021

Contact for support

For more information please contact the Aboriginal Programs team on 02 7814 3833 or email aboriginalemployment@det.nsw.edu.au.

Entry Form

All entries must have this entry form attached with the following details completed. This form must be completed by a Parent/Caregiver and Principal or delegate.

Student Name: _____ **Age:** _____
School: _____ **Year:** _____

Name of art work and description

Signed by Parent/Caregiver _____

Permission is granted for my child or student in my care to submit their work in the 2021 Aboriginal Programs art competition. I am aware that if successful, the artwork will be used on collateral including print, electronic and promotional products. The student's details will be kept confidential and only acknowledged as the artist using their first name.

Principal/School delegate name: _____

Signature: _____

I confirm that the art work submitted is an original piece from this student, and endorse their participation in this competition.

Terms and conditions

Only one art piece per entry/person. All entries will be assessed by a panel including representatives from the Aboriginal Programs team, Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. The artist and their Parent/Caregiver acknowledges and agrees that their artwork may be copied, cropped or reproduced, translated into a digital form and altered to incorporate the NSW Government's brand colours by the NSW Department of Education (the Department) for promotion and educational purposes. The Department will acknowledge the artist on any reproductions. When a winner has been selected, Aboriginal Programs will arrange for the work to be collected from the artist's school. **This entry form must be completed by a Parents/Caregiver and Principal or delegate.**



Valley View Public School

Kindergarten Enrolment!

for children in Kindergarten 2022



Online enrolments are open for children starting school in 2022.



To enrol - go to our school website and use the Enrolment tab at the top of the page.

Please call the school office to register your child to be kept informed of upcoming events.



Information about our View Start Program will be sent out soon.

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CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to week 4! Its been great to see the Kindy and year 1 kids back at school this week. Thank you to all the kids who have placed orders in the Bubble Baskets.

We look forward to welcoming the rest of the students this week.
As per last newsletter – **Orders are placed in Bubble Baskets. NO OVER THE COUNTER SERVICE.**

Students can however order Slushies, Ice blocks and muffins in a 'lunch order' they then will be picked up with the orders at lunch time.



Continued Changes –

- ◆ Students will need to place their lunch orders in the **BUBBLE BOXES**. (from 8.30am to 9am)
- ◆ There will be **NO** breakfast club available or over the counter breakfast.
- ◆ The term 4 Menu will operate this term.
- ◆ There will be no Party Packs available for term 4.

EXCITING NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TERM 4 MENU.

Due to popular demand we will also sell **CHILL J's** this term. With many assorted flavours – kids can also add these to their lunch orders.



'NEW' Chicken Burger— Crumbed chicken pattie lettuce and mayo

Great to see all the students back! Msg Bec van Drempt 0438 283165 if any questions or dietary needs.

*Rebecca Van Drempt
Canteen*



CANTEEN MENU

TERM 4 2021

OCT 2021

Orders to be placed between 8.30am – 9.00am



snacks



Fruit cup	1.50
Chips (red rock sea salt)	1.30
Muffins	1.00
Garlic bread loaf	0.20
Apple	0.50

hot food



Chicken tenders	1.50
Chicken nuggets	0.80
Chicken nuggets – gluten free	0.90
Pie	3.50
Sausage roll	2.50
Extras: tomato or BBQ sauce portion	0.20
wrap or gluten free bread	1.00

burgers



Cheese burger (beef, cheese, sauce)	4.00
Plain burger (beef patty on roll)	3.50
Crumbed chicken burger (with lettuce, mayo)	4.00

PIZZAS

Cheese pizza	2.00
Ham & pineapple pizza	2.50

JAFFLES

Cheese jaffle	2.00
Ham & cheese jaffle	2.50
Baked bean jaffle	2.00

All jaffles can be made with white or wholemeal bread

sandwiches



Vegemite	1.50
Jam	1.50
Honey	1.50
Cheese	2.00
Cheese & tomato	2.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	3.00

All sandwiches can be made with white or wholemeal bread

drinks



Water small	1.00
Nippy (chocolate)	2.50
Juice cup	1.50
Orchy juice (apple & blackcurrant)	2.30
Up & Go (vanilla or chocolate)	2.50
Slushie	2.00
Milkshakes (assorted flavours)	1.50

frozen treats

Mini frozen ice cups (assorted flavours)	0.20
Quelch Fruit sticks	1.00
Mony (assorted flavours)	1.00
Snap-stix (assorted flavours)	1.00

VEGETARIAN

GLUTEN FREE

CANTEEN MADE

LOW FAT



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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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SkoolBag

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Get Active with Scouts!

Scouts welcomes children and young people from Kindy to Year 12, offering a safe and supportive environment where your child can make new friends, learn life skills and embark on new adventures!

Your local Scout Group is:

1st Narara Scouts - 209 Narara Valley Dr Niagara Park NSW 2250
Contact - nararascouts@gmail.com / Dani - 0416 119 405



Scouts is an eligible provider of the NSW Government's Active Kids Program. Scan the QR code to claim your child's Active Kids voucher and SAVE \$100 on joining and membership fees!

RUGBY SUMMER 7s COMP

Boys + Girls - Under 8 to 17

FULL CONTACT • To be played on Friday nights from 06:00pm • Half field - grounds Ettalong Oval, Slade Park and Sir Joseph Banks Oval (Possibly Ourimbah Oval and Brendan Franklin Oval depending on team numbers)

• Join your local club or form your own team

05/11/2021 & 12/11/2021 - Training, return to play & smart rugby training

19/11/2021 & 26/11/2021 - Trial Games

03/12/2021 - Round 1

10/12/2021 - Round 2

17/12/2021 - Round 3

28/01/2022 - Round 4

04/02/2022 - Round 5

11/02/2022 - Round 6

18/02/2022 - Round 7

25/02/2022 - Round 8

04/03/2022 - Finals

REGISTER NOW VIA RUGBY EXPLORER - \$30 PER PLAYER

Composite Age groups from Under 8 to Under 17.

1. Under 9s (under 8 & 9) - Mixed
2. Under 11s (under 10 & 11) - Mixed
3. Under 13s (under 12 & 13)
4. Under 15s (under 14 & 15)
5. Under 17s (under 16 & 17)
6. Under 13s (under 12 & 13) - Girls
7. Under 15s (under 14 & 15) - Girls
8. Under 17s (under 16 & 17) - Girls

