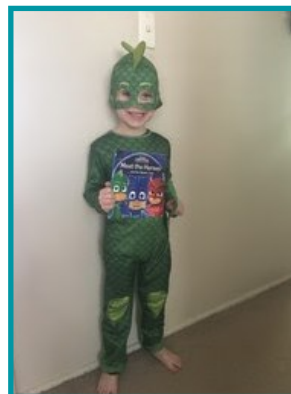




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BOOK WEEK 2021



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 6! I hope you're all safe and well.

As we have continued to see an increase in student attendance over the weeks, I would like to remind everyone that there is minimal supervision on site for those students who cannot be at home, for example, children of essential workers. All students and families are supported with learning from home resources and packages. **If you are at home, or working from home, please keep them at home to ensure we are following NSW Health advice.**

I want to give a sincere thanks to all families who have continued to support our school and community by keeping their children at home to minimise movement. As you are aware, a number of schools across the Central Coast and Hunter regions have had confirmed cases of COVID-19 resulting in school closures for deep cleaning. There have also been several venues of concern in our nearby and surrounding suburbs which is causing concern.



There are a number of reasons behind reducing the number of students and staff on site. Firstly, to reduce the number of people moving around the Central Coast to reduce possible transmission and secondly, to reduce the number of people and hence the 'chain of transmission' if we have a confirmed case at school. With around 50 students attending school that means around 35 families potentially exposed to the disease. Fewer students at school means we can reduce numbers of staff at school as well, again, reducing the chain of transmission. Recently, a Central Coast school who had a confirmed case of COVID-19, over 25% of students and 80% of staff were directly impacted and forced into 14 days of isolation. With this being said, we understand the need to remain open for essential workers and we're here to help and support you.

Device Loan—if you require it, please contact the school to borrow a school laptop for use during the learning from home period. A loan agreement will need to be filled out before the laptop goes home.

I appreciate how difficult it may be having students continue their learning at home as my family and staff are also juggling the daily challenges that home schooling and lockdown brings. As parents and carers we can only do our best and recognise that learning will look different across all households. You're all doing an amazing job! I thank you for allowing us to follow health orders and keep our students, staff and community safe. If you do have any questions, please contact your class teacher via Class Dojo or email or call the school.

Parent Survey

Last Friday a link was sent out to parents via Class Dojo for a parent survey regarding learning from home. Please take the time to fill it out to let us know how we can help.

Update on Events

Please find an update on school events for this term:

- ◆ Central Coast Public Speaking Competition - cancelled
- ◆ Stage 3 Camp – cancelled (on a waiting list)
- ◆ PSSA Knockout Competitions – postponed
- ◆ Zone Athletics - postponed

P&C Meeting

The August meeting for P&C has been postponed due to circumstances that have impacted the school community. Please visit the P&C's Facebook page for further details and information on how you can support. It's times like these where we need to support each other, and I know the VVPS community will do that with care and compassion.

Book Character Parade

To help celebrate Book Week, all stage Zoom meetings held a virtual book character parade. It was remarkable looking at the effort and creativity that our students (and parents) put into their costumes – well done everyone!

Mrs Anderson will put together a presentation of our book character parade for our Facebook page so make sure to keep an eye out.

Kirsty Squires



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 — During Lockdown

Both Chamberlain Road pedestrian gate, and Binya Avenue gate are the only gates open in the mornings and afternoons. Both gates are locked each morning at 9:30am and opened again in the afternoon at 2:30pm. No adults are allowed on site under any circumstance. **Please phone the office if you require any information on 4328 4433.**



Health
Central Coast
Local Health District



Hello Valley View School Community,

I would like to introduce myself and explain my new role working in the school. I would have loved to do this introduction in person but Covid had other plans!

My name is Michelle & I work for NSW Health as a Registered Nurse in the Division of Women, Children & Families. You may sometimes here me called the 'WHIN' which stands for Well-being and Health In-reach Nurse.

I have worked with children, young people and families on the Central Coast for a number of years now for various health and wellbeing reasons. The aim of my role is to work with the Valley View School team to help link students and families to support services that might be beneficial for them.

I am able to see students and families in a number of ways and aim to provide individual, tailored and flexible delivery of the service. This includes face to face (if appropriate), telephone & video consults via My Virtual Care.

If you think that you would like to connect with me please make contact with the school to assess suitability for a referral. I hope to see you all in person post Covid restrictions as soon as possible.



*Kind regards,
Michelle*





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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P&C News



Take a break with your P&C

Name: Fleur Cuttell

What's your role?

I'm Vice President Standing which means I look after the Uniform Shop, School Banking and Breakfast Club and I participate in the planning and running of P&C events. I'm also the Uniform Shop coordinator. *She's also a full time working super mum!*

Describe your perfect holiday?

Somewhere North, it would have to be hot! With lots of swimming, exploring and dining out.

If you followed your childhood dream, what would your profession be now?

I'd be an Architect.

Outside of lockdown, where would we find you on a typical Sunday?

On the beach or in the garden.

Who would you like to take a break with next?

I would love to take a break with Mel!

Congratulations - we've made it halfway through Term 3! It hasn't been easy, but here we are, adapting and growing together while apart. At our next meeting we will be honoured to have guest speaker, David Mehan MP joining us. Please visit our Facebook Event Page, <https://fb.me/e/1CAyeyMoh> to post your questions and find the online meeting link to join us. Earlier this year P&C Grants Officer Nikki, prepared an application for a \$15,000 Community Project Grant through David Mehan's office. If successful, this grant will go towards shading our monkey's on their bars and fixed play equipment. So, thank you to our teaching staff for circulating the survey and everyone who took the time to vote. The successful applicants are due to be announced later this year and we're very hopeful!

Breakfast Club We'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank Gosford Regional Community Services for their kind donation of \$500 towards the Breakfast Club in Term 2. The Association is a non-profit, welfare and benevolent organisation whose main objective is to provide assistance to the socially and economically disadvantaged of our community.

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