

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Learning From Home

Last Friday the Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian and the NSW Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell announced guidelines for the return to school of students across NSW and are as follows:

- ◆ In the event stay-at-home rules are lifted in regional NSW before the end of Term 3, schools in those areas can expect to return to face-to-face teaching and learning at Level 3.
- ◆ From Monday 25 October, select cohorts under stay-at-home rules – starting with students in Kindergarten and Year 1 – will return to face-to-face learning under **Level 3 plus** COVID-safe settings, as long as community transmission and vaccination rate requirements have been met.
- ◆ From Monday 1 November, students in Years 2, 6 and 11 will return to school sites under Level 3 plus settings.
- ◆ From Monday 8 November, students in Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 return to school sites under Level 3 plus settings.
- ◆ Double doses of COVID vaccinations will be mandatory for any staff on school sites from 25 October and for all school staff from 8 November.
- ◆ Staff will be required to wear masks and primary aged school students will be encouraged to wear masks at school.
- ◆ More details will be shared in the coming week once the Public Health Order is issued.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we understand some days are more challenging than others and not all set tasks are achievable every day. To ease the pressure for the remainder of the term each Friday will be 'Fun Day Friday' with games and puzzles and 'fun' activities for your child. Week 10 will be a celebration week and we have lots of good things planned for that week!

Please remember, all children learn differently, at varying rates and with their own individual strengths and talents. The staff and I appreciate that these are challenging times and the work that has been provided by your child's class teacher is only one aspect of the home learning experience. **If your child is having any difficulties with their work please contact your child's class teacher and arrange for them to stay back in the Stage Zoom Meetings or ask the teacher to give you a call – we are there to support you!**

We are currently still under stay at home orders and as such all children who have an adult at home MUST stay at home.

Please be reminded that **students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID -19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and asked not to return to school unless:**

- ◆ they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- ◆ they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

Learning From Home Parent Survey

Thank you to the 84 families who took the time to complete our 'Learning From Home' survey. It was extremely pleasing to read so many lovely, supportive comments and on behalf of the staff I would like to extend my gratitude for your kind words.

Below is a breakdown of participants and answers to some questions that were raised in the survey.



Issue: Both parents are working and find it hard to get schoolwork done in school hours.

Answer: It is not mandated that students complete their work in 'normal school hours', tasks can be done when it fits in with your family, just let your child's teacher know.

Issue: Why do question to the teacher need to go through Class Dojo and not Google Classroom?

Answer: Teachers get notification through Class Dojo instantly and find it a better way to ensure they see the message.

Issue: The work is too hard/too easy.

Answer: In a our 'normal' classroom teaching, class teacher are able to differentiate tasks based on your child's ability. When Learning From Home this becomes challenging, however please contact your child's teacher and they can suggest alternative tasks when necessary.

Issue: My child needs help with certain tasks but there is no teacher to help.

Answer: Please make sure to contact your child's teacher to let them know when there is an issue. We have had several students either meet their teacher before or after Zoom lessons to walk them through issues. Teachers are also making phone calls and are more than happy to talk on speaker phone to your child for support.

Issue: Why aren't teachers 'teaching' each day in Zoom meetings?

Answer: We need to ensure that no student is disadvantaged whilst learning from home. With only 20% to 70% of students attending class Zoom meetings there would be a significant number of students who would be unfairly missing out.

If you have any other questions, please contact your child's teacher or email the school for support.

Staffing Update

Recently, the Minister for Education announced that every public school with Kindergarten to Year 6 cohorts will receive an additional executive entitlement for an Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction as part of a \$256 million investment. This means that next year we will receive a full-time permanent executive staff member to lead and support curriculum development and delivery at Valley View PS. Our school is in Phase 2 which means we will be interviewing for this position in Term 1, 2022 with the intended start date for the successful applicant to commence at the beginning of Term 2. We are extremely excited about this initiative and the added benefit it will bring to the students, staff and wider community of our school.

Kindergarten 2022 Enrolment

It's that time of the year where we are getting plans ready for our upcoming View Start Program. With current restrictions in place we don't have firm plans but will get them out the community as soon as possible. In the meantime, it's vital we know numbers for next year to help with staffing so if you know of anyone who has a Kindergarten child starting school next year in our school zone please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible.

The link to enrolments can be found on our school website.

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.

SASS Week

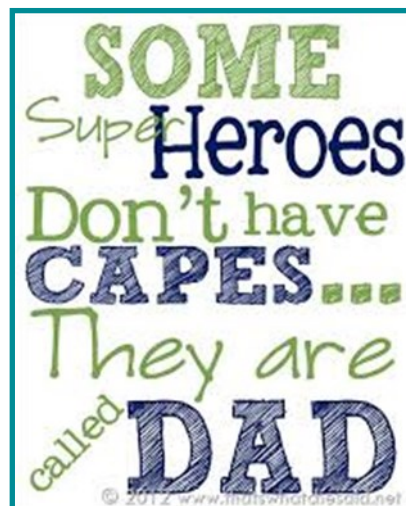
Each year the Public Service Association provides the school community an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of Support Staff to the success of the school and to all students' education. Next week is SASS Week (School Administrative and Support Staff) and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing SASS team who always go above and beyond, but never more so than during this lockdown period. A huge thank you to:

- ♦ Nic Dorratt – School Administration Manager
- ♦ Carol Murch – School Administration Officer
- ♦ Tania Wootton - School Administration Officer
- ♦ Michael Newley – General Assistant
- ♦ Bec Van Drempt – Canteen Manager
- ♦ Tash Tragaris – School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Merinda Tomlinson - School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Verra Sater – School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Makenzie Dorratt-Mavin - School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Shannon Rose - School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Lily Hearne - School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Georgia Hudson - School Learning Support Officer
- ♦ Mackenzie Squires - School Learning Support Officer



FATHER'S DAY

We would like to wish all of our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and carers a wonderful Fathers' Day on Sunday. We hope you all have a well-deserved day that focuses on just how special you are in our lives.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Whilst this years science fair was not how we had hoped or expected it to be held, I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated on their outstanding efforts! The standard of entries was extremely high and you should all be very proud of your achievements. It was amazing to see the creativity and dedication to the scientific process from every learner, and I would like to thank each of you for your inspiring contribution to our celebration of National Science Week.

Winning Entries

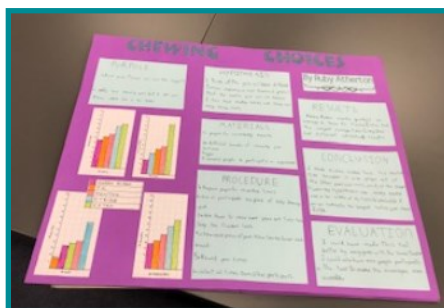
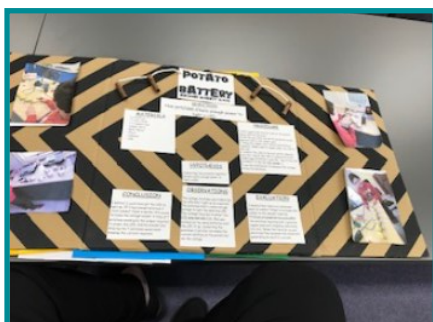
K-2 Prize Winners:

- ♦ 1st Linda, 1R—Make it Rain
- ♦ 2nd Addy, KAM—Gummy Bear Osmosis
- ♦ Highly Commended Will, 1R—The Sugar Crystals

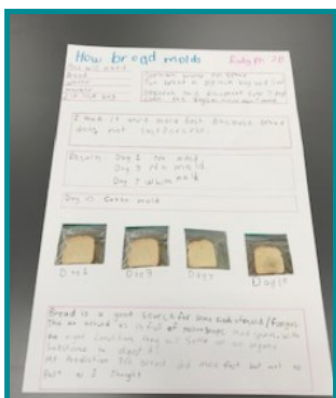
3-6 Prize Winners:

- ♦ 1st Ebonie, 4/5S—Animal Cell Cake
- ♦ 2nd Anthony, 3/4H—Potato Batteries
- ♦ Highly commended Zeke, 5/6T—Coffee Cup Comparison

Once again, congratulations to everyone who participated and got involved. VVPS teachers could not prouder of you all! Make sure you all keep an eye on your mail box over the coming week for a special delivery!



Miss Betteridge



PREDICTION

In Scooby Doo Gourmet Ghost, the gang discovered that when parchment paper was heated they could see a secret message written on the paper. They believed that the message was written in lemon juice as it could not be seen when the paper was not heated.

I think when we write with lemon juice on our paper it will not be seen when dry but when heated we can see a message

MAIN MENU

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION PROCESS



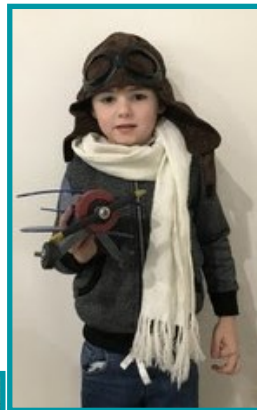
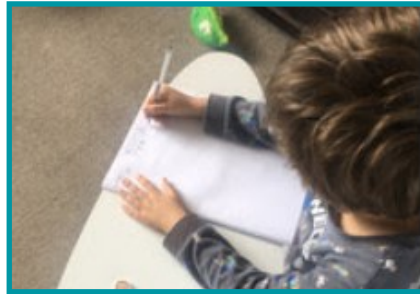
Before heating you cannot see the message or drawing drawn in the ink



After heating we predict that we can see a message or drawing drawn in the ink



LEARNING FROM HOME



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.**

