



# **COMING EVENTS** TERM 1





# **Valley View Public School**

Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best

# **2022 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**























# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone! Here's hoping that 2022 is as interruption free as it can be and that we can return to a somewhat 'normal' school year.

A big welcome to our brand new Kindergarten students who have joined us at 'big school', it's a very exciting time for them and their parents and we look forward to watching their growth over the year.

The health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our priority, and measures developed by the Department of Education, along with NSW Health are designed to help to keep our school open and our students learning in the classroom. Key measures to ensure this happens include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits have been provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.
- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and students in Year 7 and above and strongly recommended for all primary students. Masks will be provided by the school if required.
- Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site.
- ♦ Students will be kept in their 'bubbles' on school grounds, as best we can, with staggered drop-off and pick-ups, break times, playground and canteen access to minimise the spread of COVID-19 across cohorts.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

#### **Rapid Antigen Testing**

The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Use of RAT kits is highly recommended but not mandatory. Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely.

The next round of RAT's will be sent home with children. If your child tests positive, you are required to isolate from that day for 7 days, you are not required to do another test on day 6, but you must be symptom free to return to school.

School staff will not be administering the rapid antigen tests to students.

RAT tests are completed at home in the morning before attending school, preferably on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT result, they need to record the positive RAT result through Service NSW and notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR result as soon as possible. You will need to follow NSW Health advice and isolate for 7 days. Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

All students and staff in our support classes will be provided with a kit containing 10 days worth of RATs to be used every school day for an initial 2-week period.

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test. If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test. If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hay fever, the student or staff member can return to school.

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. I will inform the school community when there is a positive case in our school and advise families on public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

I understand that although these measures may create some angst, they are in place for the protection of your children and as a school we must abide by the guidelines set down by the Department of Education. Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.



# 2022 Classes

Below is a table of classes and staff for 2022.

Class	Staff Member	
KAM	Mrs Anderson/Mrs Manson	
КВ	Mr Boreland	
1R	Miss Rodwell	
1B	Mrs Bulloch	
2H	Mrs Hearne	
2HM	Ms McCabe/Mrs Horncastle	
3T	Mrs Harpur/Mrs Tomlinson	
3/4P	Mrs Pratt	
4B	Miss Betteridge	
4/5S	Mr Smith/Mr Keyes	
5/6H	Mrs Hollingsworth/Mr Keyes	
5/6S	Miss Monks	
5/6T	Mrs Turner	
K-6L	Mrs Purcell	
K-6T	Mrs Tweedie	
K-6C	Miss Christie	

### **School Executive Staff**

- Assistant Principal Mrs Anderson (Early Stage 1)
- Assistant Principal Ms McCabe (Stage 1)
- Assistant Principal Miss Betteridge (Stage 2) **♦**
- Assistant Principal Mr Wootton (Stage 3/Learning and Support) Assistant Principal Special Education Mrs Tweedie
- Assistant Principal Ms Stone (Curriculum and Instruction)
- Principal Mrs Squires

## **School Support Staff**

<b>♦</b>	School Administration Manager	- Ms Dorratt
•	School Administration Officers	- Mrs Murch
		<ul> <li>Mrs Wootton</li> </ul>
•	School Learning support Officers	<ul> <li>Mrs Tragaris</li> </ul>
	•	- Ms Tomlinson

- Miss Bell - Miss Rose - Miss Hearne - Miss Hudson - Miss Squires

General Assistant - Mr Newley
School Canteen Manager - Mrs Van Drempt
School Chaplain - Mrs Malinson School Counsellors

- Mr Bowden - Mr Fisher

> **Kirsty Squires Principal**



#### **School Maintenance**

Over the holidays we had lots of work completed, including new flooring in the Kindergarten block and the ground level of D Block, with new sinks and bag shelves also installed. The ground level of D block also had new carpet installed in those classrooms. These improvements look fantastic!

You may also have noticed the new shade sail over the fixed equipment, doesn't it look great. A huge thank you to the P&C and local member David Mehan for obtaining a grant to help cover these costs!



#### **P&C Meeting**

The February meeting of the P&C is on tonight. It will be run virtually and can be accessed through the following link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/gfz-fpkf-qjx">https://meet.google.com/gfz-fpkf-qjx</a>

#### Communication

The most productive and successful education of all children can be achieved through collaborative and supportive partnerships between school and home. To help achieve this it is important that we communicate effectively and follow the correct channels. If there is an issue regarding your child that you need to speak to someone about, your first port of call is your child's teacher. It is extremely important to raise concerns or ask questions promptly as the vast majority of these can be answered or resolved quickly. Please ensure that this is done in a calm and respectful manner.

#### **Newsletter Distribution**

The school newsletter is produced on a fortnightly basis on Tuesday on odd weeks this term and it is accessible on the school website, www.valleyview-p.schools.nsw.edu.au, on the Skoolbag app and on our school Facebook page.

#### Canteen

The school canteen is open from Wednesday to Friday each week.

### **Congratulations**

It's lovely to be ending this newsletter with the exciting news that Miss Long is no longer Miss Long - she is now Mrs Purcell after her beautiful wedding on the weekend. Congratulations to the happy couple. We wish you both a lifetime of joy and happiness!





# **WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2022**



























# **OUR NEW CORRIDOR**





# **FIRST DAY IN KAM**









# **SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2022**

On Monday 7 February some of our staff and students travelled to the Peninsula Leisure Centre to compete in our annual School Swimming Carnival. Unfortunately, this year we were only able to take competitive swimmers to the event. All students demonstrated excellent behaviour and participation, and our newly elected house captains were able to successfully fulfill their first duty in their role.

Ribbons will be handed out this week, as well as the announcement of age champions and the winning sport house. Students that have qualified for the BWPSSA zone carnival will be notified in the next couple of weeks.

A huge thank you to the students and teachers from Kariong Mountains HS who helped out on the day. Well done Valley View on another wonderful carnival!

# **2**022 SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS

Last week, we elected out 2022 Sports House Captains. Due to covid, this process was done slightly different this year, and House Captain speeches had to be carried out over Zoom. All nominees did an outstanding job with their speech (having only had about 24 hours notice!). Students were able to watch and listen to the speeches on Zoom, and vote for their house captains.

The votes were all extremely close, but our 2022 Sports House Captains were elected as follows:

- Bradman Jack A & Edan N
- ♦ Fraser Hayden G & Ava H
- Laver Dylan S & Taytin W
- McKay Cooper I & Georgia N

All nominees should be extremely proud of their speech and willingness to give it a go.

Congratulations to our successful Captains, we are looking forward to see you lead your House with pride and professionalism this year!

Mrs Harpur & Mrs Hollingsworth





# **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.

# **2022 SPORT DATES**

# **Swimming**

- Friday 4th March BWPSSA Zone Swimming
- Wednesday 16th March Sydney North PSSA Swimming
- Monday 4th & 5th April NSWPSSA Swimming



#### **Cross Country**

- Wednesday 4th May Valley View PS Cross Country
- ♦ Back up on Wednesday 18th May Valley View PS Cross Country
- Friday 20th May BWPSSA Zone Cross Country
- ◆ Back up Wednesday 25th May BWPSSA Zone Cross Country
- Thursday 16th June Sydney North PSSA Cross Country
- ♦ Back up Friday 1st July Sydney North PSSA Cross Country
- Friday 22nd July NSWPSSA Cross Country

#### **Athletics**

- Wednesday 6th April Valley View PS Athletics Carnival
- Friday 26th August BWPSSA Zone Athletics
- Monday 19th September Sydney North PSSA Athletics
- Wednesday 19th/20th October NSWPSSA Athletics





# VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you want free local advertising?

Are you or your family involved in or owners of a local business?

Valley View P&C are setting up a Community Business Directory and we want you and your local business to take part.

Whether you are a parent or caregiver, aunt or uncle, grandparent or godparent, we want to help you advertise your local business.

COVID19 and lockdowns have hit all our small businesses hard in the last 2 years. We want to help our community shop local, stay local.

Please send through your details (a business card and/or your logo & small blurb) to:

treasurervvpc@gmail.com





# **Welcome to Book Club 2022**

Orders for Issue 1—CLOSE on 18 February 2022

Book Club orders are placed and paid for online, please do not send money and order forms to school—thank you



# **Uniform** shop

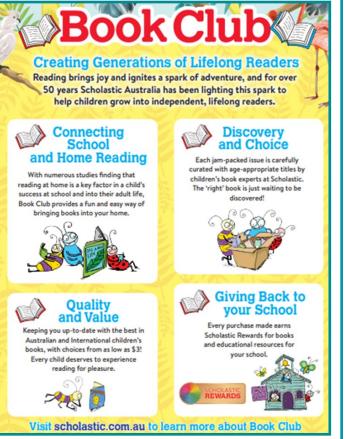
# **Open for business**

In compliance with current COVID-19 restrictions, the Uniform Shop is open for **online orders only**.

Orders are filled weekly on Friday mornings and distributed directly to your child's classroom. Please include your child's full name and class in the notes section.

Online shop: www.valleyviewpandc.org.au/shop

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# **CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome to the Canteen for 2022. We look forward to offering the students some yummy food items this term. Due to the cohort 'Bubbles' the canteen will CONTINUE to have `bubble' baskets' for ordering.

Students are to place their lunch orders in the baskets with the Bubble they are from. (8.30am till 9am)

- Bubble 1 Kindergarten
- ♦ Bubble 2 Year 1 and Year 2 and Support Unit
- Bubble 3 Year 3 and Year 4
- Bubble 4 Year 5 and Year 6

# Continued Changes -

- There will be NO breakfast club available or over the counter breakfast.
- The term 1 Menu will operate this term.
- There will be no Party Packs available for term 1.
- Students may make lunch orders and afternoon tea orders
- Students CAN order slushies, ice blocks and muffins in a `lunch order' they then can be picked up with orders at break time.

We will continue to keep you updated with any meal Deals for this term and menu changes in the school's fortnightly newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer this term in the canteen. Please don't hesitate to contact me

- Bec van Drempt 0438 283165 or please ring the school office.









#### **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

- 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.



#### Notes issued this fortnight:

Year 6 Shirts—Year 6

Rapid Antigen Tests—Whole School

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

