



COMING EVENTS

TERM 1

WEEK 7

Thursday 10 March Tell Them From Me Survey replies due back to school

WEEK 8

Wednesday 16 March Sydney North Swimming Carnival

Friday 18 March Harmony Day

WEEK 9

Friday 25 March Come and Try Athletics— Support Classes

WEEK 11

Wednesday 6 April K-6 School Athletics Carnival—Mingara

Friday 8 April Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

Wednesday 27 April 1st day of Term 2





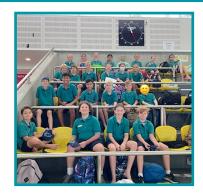
Valley View Public School

Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



























PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Guidelines Update

As guidelines ease in the community, so do those that we have lived with for a significant amount if time in schools. Below is the list of updates for school operations:

Cohorts

This week we will no longer be using 'Bubbles' to maintain cohorts. We will, however, be trialing a rotating playground roster for K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 groups due to the significant decrease in negative playground incidents since cohorting was introduced. We will continue to gather data and monitor the success of this throughout this term.

In the mornings, K-2 will meet under the COLA and 3-6 in the amphitheater.

The 'Bubble' gates will no longer be required to be used and the Elizabeth Street gate will be able to be accessed. We have however, seen a huge growth in the resilience of our students in coming to school on their own so we do encourage you to continue with this.

If you have a Kindergarten child and would like them to use a different gate, please contact your child's teacher so we can ensure they are supported with this.

Please Note: Our gates will still be locked from 9:30am-2:30pm each day. Entry to the school will continue to be through the Chamberlain Road main entry. Parents are reminded that there is no parking on school grounds, as all parking is allocated. For the safety of our students, please do not drive onto school grounds.

Rapid Antigen Testing

Last week we sent home two more RATs. These are saliva-based tests and will be the final delivery of RATs. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now readily available and accessible in the community.

Masks

Masks are no longer be mandatory for all staff in school settings. However, staff and students who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so. In line with community settings, workers who support our students with disability in SSPs, support units and some mainstream classrooms will be required to wear masks while working with students.

Visitors to School

Visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. Our school will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming days. We will let you know if these can proceed with our school in a COVID-smart way. All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process at the front office.

Canteen

Our lovely canteen manager, Bec, is very excited to see changes to cohorting which will allow her to serve students directly at the canteen window once again. The canteen will be open for students to purchase item from at lunch and afternoon tea on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Enhanced Cleaning

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations for staff, contractors and volunteers, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

Zone Swimming

Last Friday Mrs Harpur, Mrs Hollingsworth and MS Turner took a squad of 27 down to the Peninsula Leisure centre to participate in the BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. All teachers commended the students on their exceptional behaviour, outstanding sportsmanship and impressive results. Congratulations Valley View, well done!



International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated today, the 8th March annually and is a global day recognising the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women worldwide. This year's theme is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". This theme recognises the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the women who contribute to the education and wellbeing of students at Valley View Public School and acknowledge their wonderful work in providing opportunities for all.

Before and After School Care

Did you know you can claim a \$500 voucher per child for before and after school care?

The BASC Voucher Program is an exciting initiative that offers families with a \$500 voucher per child, to support the cost of accessing BASC services.

Families can claim the voucher from Service NSW between 28 February and 30 September 2022, and must redeem the voucher at a participating before and after school care service by 31 December 2022.

Claim the voucher from 28 February via the Service NSW app on your smartphone device, or by following the verification steps as outlined on the Service NSW website: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucherExternal link.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the BASC team at bascreform@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 244 145.

P&C Meeting

The AGM for the P&C will be held tonight at 7pm. We'd love to see lots of new faces so please come along and join us.

Easter Raffle

The P&C's Easter Raffle is well underway with donations being delivered to the office each day. A big thanks to those who have already donated items for this.

Raffle tickets have been sent home and can be sent back when sold.

Kirsty Squires Principal

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House envelopes went home last week. Thank you to the families that have donated to this worthy cause. Please remember to fill in the back of the envelope for your chance to win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher. Last day for envelopes to be returned is Friday 20 May, 2022.





2022 SCHOOL LEADERS

Lacey - School Captain:

Hi, my name is Lacey and I am School Captain. The things I really like to do are snowboarding, swimming, nippers and mountain bike riding. I really like sport and hanging out with my friends. My favourite meal is salmon, my favourite fruit is watermelon, and my favourite snack is b-ready's. I am excited to be School Captain. I'm very friendly so come and say hello.



Rex - School Captain:

Hi, my name is Rex. I am School Captain for 2022. I am in 5/6T and my teacher is Mrs Turner. I have been at Valley View for the past 6 years. I enjoy swimming, touch footy and hanging out with my friends. I am looking forward to this year and if any students have a problem, they are welcome to come up and talk to me and I will see what I can do to help. I hope you have a wonderful day.



Liam - School Leader:

Hi I'm Liam and I am one of your year six leaders for 2022. I'm turning 11 years old this year and I'm very kind, smart and responsible. I like going to the beach, playing football and playing the clarinet and drums. I am super excited to be a school leader and help the school in its success.



Ebonie - School Leader:

Hello, my name is Ebonie and I am a leader at Valley View Public School. My hobbies are arts and crafts and reading. I love travelling, I have been able to visit over six countries. As a school leader I want to make sure that everyone is in a safe environment, and everyone is having fun.



Hayley - School Leader:

Hi, I am Hayley and I am one of your school leaders for 2022. I am friendly and would be happy to hang out with you at lunchtime if you need someone to play with. I like gymnastics, swimming and athletics. I hope to see you around and do lots for our school. This year I am in 5/6H with Mrs Hollingsworth.

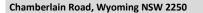


Ezekiel - School Leader:

Hi I'm Zeke and I am on of your school leaders for 2022. Here are some of my favourite things. My favourite subject is Maths. I love swimming and mountain biking. I love writing and creating stories. My favourite book is Harry Potter. I also really like helping people, so if you need help you can come to me. This year I hope we can have our school mini fete.







HOUSE CAPTAINS 2022

LAVER:
Taytin W and Dylan S





MACKAY:
Cooper I and Georgia N



BRADMAN:
Jack A and Edan N





FRAZER:
Hayden G and Ava H







KAM	Jasmine V, Bonnie D, Lennox S, Sophie M, Lucy A	
КВ	Dylan B, Jack D, Victoria B, Hooper T, Indiana B	
IB	Evan D, Noah C, Scarlet C, Amirah A, Oliver B	
1R	Luca A, Indi B, Will C, Damien E, Tristan G	
2H	Ezra B, Annabel J, Abigail H, Linda G, Elijah C	
2HM	Adam S, Liam H, Maraea B, Amelia D, Mia T	

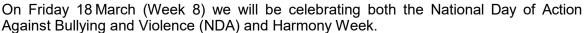






BIG PICNIC DAY

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Harmony Week.





Students are encouraged to wear orange to school on this day. This is the colour that traditionally represents Harmony Week. Children could, for example, wear an orange ribbon in their hair, an orange shirt, hat or socks. As Harmony Week is a time to celebrate and promote cultural diversity and inclusion, students are also welcome to wear traditional clothing that reflects this if they wish.

We will again be having our 'Big Picnic Day' this year. Students will eat their lunch outside (weather permitting) and may bring a picnic rug to sit on. They may bring a treat for themselves, however unfortunately due to COVID guidelines, students will not be able to share food.

The canteen will also be having a meal deal on this day and students who purchase the meal deal will be able to eat it at the Big Picnic. More information on the meal deal can be found in the Canteen section.

Students will also participate in learning activities around Harmony Week and the Anti-Bullying within their class groups.



Chad Wootton Assistant Principal



Enjoy running! Run different tracks and trails!

Meet people who share a passion for running!

Join Central Coast Cross Country with those that love to run!

26th March to 27th August each Saturday from 2:30pm Run different track locations all over the Central Coast. Cross country club tracks aim to get away from pathways. Most runs include stunning local bushland fire trails.

> Distances to suit all. You set the pace. Each week 2km, 4km and 6km courses. You can run, walk or do a bit of both.

Come and have a trial. Your first race is FREE!

Season Membership is great value, Juniors \$40 / Adults \$80 includes: training T-shirt, running tag, club rego and insurance.

Weekly fee \$10 charge to join & Junior \$3 Adult \$5 each run.

All members receive weekly results via email and are eligible for points to count towards end of season awards presented at the Free Annual Award BBQ.

For further information

www.ccccinc.com.au







School Student Travel Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local</u> bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

All students are required to comply with the <u>Student code of conduct</u>. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



NSW Department of Education

Tell Them From Me student survey:

Information for parents and consent form for parents and carers



Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar** which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will <u>not</u> be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by 10th March, 2022.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Kellie McCabe

Tell Them From Me School Co-ordinator

Valley View Public School





Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by 10.3.2022

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student 1	Roll class of student 1
Name of student 2	 Roll class of student 2
Name of student 3	Roll class of student 3
Name of student 4	Roll class of student 4
Name of parent/carer	
Signature of parent/carer	
Date	



Harmony Day

Friday 18th March



\$5 Meal Deal

NAME

CLASS

Please choose one option

- Mini cheeseburger
- Cucumber sushi
- Beef Nachos

- Ham & pineapple pizza
- Mac and cheese

All meals served with a bottle of water and Quelch ice block





P&C NEWS

P&C AGM MEETING TONIGHT

The AGM for the Valley View P&C is being held tonight Tuesday 8th March after our March general meeting at 7pm in the school hall.

The P&C Executive roles to be filled are:

- President
- Vice President Fundraising
- Vice President Ad Hoc
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Additional roles include:

- Grants Officer
- Uniform Shop Coordinator

We want to welcome and encourage our Valley View community to get involved, contribute your skills and fresh ideas to make the Valley View P&C more innovative & dynamic in this new year. There is also the opportunity to participate in working groups to plan fundraising events or alternatively just helping out on the day of events in any way you can. Any contribution you may have to offer is massively appreciated!

Please know that we, as parents ourselves, appreciate and understand that not everyone can make an ongoing time commitment, however becoming a financial member simply means that you have the ability to vote on motions and get involved in events and does not obligate you to attend regular meetings or volunteer your time unless you are able. To become a financial member, the fee for 1 year is only \$1 and can be paid via a bank transfer and you can get those details from secretaryvvpc@gmail.com this fee must be paid before the AGM and if you have missed Mel at the gates it can be paid at the regular meeting before the AGM. We look forward to meeting you all at our AGM and encourage you to come along to become involved in the Valley View community.

Faster Raffle

The Easter Raffle is one of our favorite fundraising events of the year because, well, chocolate! By now you would have received raffle tickets and donations are already flooding in. We appreciate all of your donations and encourage the Valley View community to keep them coming to make it a really successful event.

Although COVID restrictions will have eased by April, it has been decided that an assembly will not be held to hand out the baskets. The baskets will be distributed to classrooms as they were last year. This will be done while the Athletics carnival is on so will be distributed on the following day, 7th April 2022.

Valley View Community Business Directory

Just a reminder to register your business in the Valley View Community Business Directory by sending our Treasurer, Mel Williams, your details treasurervvpc@gmail.com

We encourage anyone in the Valley View community who own a local business to get on board with this initiative to promote themselves with free advertising and potentially expand your reach to a local customer base. It would be great to start the New Year with this wonderful resource for the Valley View community!

Uniform shop

The Uniform shop is now officially open to all parents! Opening hours are 8:30 – 9am every Friday.

For your convenience we do encourage the use of the online ordering system on the link below:-

http://www.valleyviewpandc.org.au/

Orders are distributed every Friday directly to your child's classroom - please include your child's full name and class in the notes section of the order form.

Contact us

Email: secretaryvvpc@gmail.com

Uniform shop: www.valleyviewpandc.org.au

Facebook: P&C Association for Valley View Public School



Valley View Public School P&C Easter Raffle 2022 Drawn Wednesday 6th April

The P&C is dedicated to raising funds to assist the school in upgrading their technology, as the COVID-19 pandemic and its affects continue to impact the lives of our children and their education.

Donations of Easter eggs (nut free please), baskets or any Easter related items would be greatly appreciated and will enable us to create Easter baskets for you or your family to win!

All of these amazing items can be taken directly to the office.

Raffle tickets will be handed out to all students to be sold. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 and come in books of 10.

Please return all raffle tickets & money in a labelled sealed envelope or zip lock bag to the front office by Friday 1st April.





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







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

www.valleyviewpandc.org.au



Casual Work

1x Casual Position Available Gosford Local Government Area - 54723

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists . Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8,00am to 9,30am and 2,30pm to 4,00pm. ur shift as and when required with a minimum of one, one ho Monday to Friday during the school term

Does this sound like you?

- Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - Community spirit ✓ Positive energy
- ore information, please contact Sandhini Chaudhary

E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au M: 0466 343 704

If it does, visit <u>iobs.transport.nsw.gov.au</u> to apply today! Applications close: Wednesday 2nd March 2022





CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen News

Welcome to Week 7

Exciting news!!!

From tomorrow – Wednesday 9th March the Canteen can offer 'over the counter' items.

The canteen will offer muffins, pikelets, and hot chocolates from 8.30am. Scrolls, garlic bread rolls and ice blocks at lunch. We are looking forward to seeing the students again!

The Term 1 menu will be available. Due to supply issues – there are **NO SLUSHIES** this term. We still offer Chill Js, milkshakes and juices.















frozen treats





DATES FOR THE DIARY - On Friday the 18th March we will be celebrating Harmony Day, the students will be having a picnic lunch and the canteen will offer a MEAL DEAL. The Meal Deal forms were sent home last week. Harmony Day is a day we celebrate inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. We hope the kids have a good day.



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.

Rebecca Van Drempt Canteen Supervisor





Download Instructions:

For Apple Users

- 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

- 1. 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:

School Leaders Bomber Jackets—School Leaders
Come and Try Athletics—Support Classes

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

