

COMING EVENTS

TERM 3

Week 2

Wednesday 27 July
School Spelling Bee Finals

Thursday 28 July
OC Test

Friday 29 July
Schools Tree Day
3-6 Assembly

WEEK 3

Monday 1 August
Book Fair

Tuesday 2 August
Book Fair

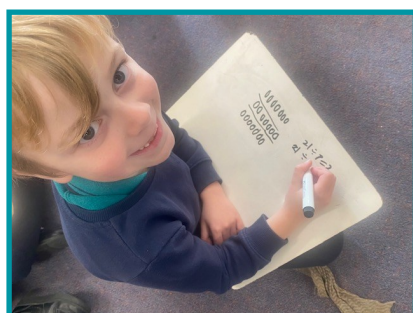
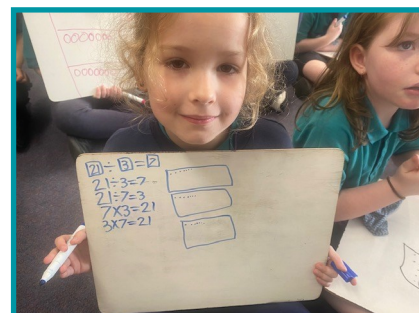
Wednesday 3 August
Book Fair
Book Character Parade

WEEK 4

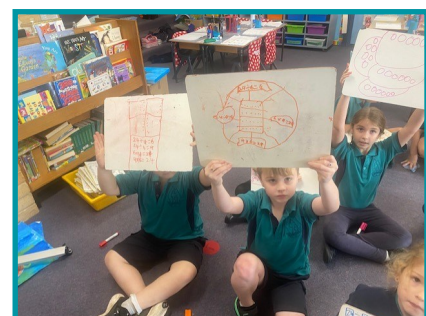
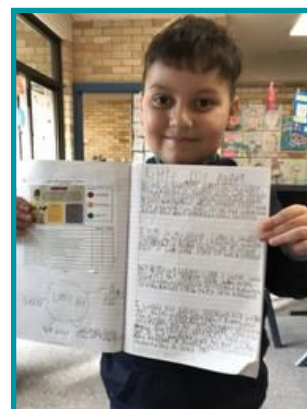
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Friday 12 August
Whole School Assembly



**This
week's
activities**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 Guidelines

As we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, our layered COVID-smart measures will continue for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and close contacts attending school to learn and work
- strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible)
- strongly encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination
- strict requirements for close contacts attending school
- good hygiene practices
- maximising natural ventilation
- boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

What's new in Term 3?

As winter continues, our COVID-smart measures have been updated in consultation with NSW Health to provide appropriate protection to our school community.

The department has updated its policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for employees following an independent risk assessment of school (and corporate) settings and consultation with unions and relevant stakeholders. While vaccination is no longer a requirement for our staff from 1 August 2022, it is pleasing to see that a recent survey highlighted that more than 99% of the department's active school-based workforce have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. We will continue to strongly encourage all our staff to keep up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as a way of protecting themselves, students, and our school community.

What's continuing for Term 3?

Masks. Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu. We **strongly encourage** all students and staff wear a mask for the first 4 weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result). Additionally

- as outlined in the below section on close contacts, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days and strongly recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days. Students or staff identified as close contacts who are unable to wear a mask will be supported to learn or work remotely.
- **Rapid antigen tests (RATs).** The department will send another round of RATs to our school early this term, which we will provide to you in the form of 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits per student. These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if your child is displaying even mild symptoms. Beyond this provision, if you require additional RATs let the school know that you need more and we will try and assist. Additionally, our school will be maintaining a reserve stock of RATs onsite to support symptomatic testing in the event of an outbreak in our school community. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with Service NSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.



- **Close contacts.** Students identified as close contacts remain able to attend school providing they are symptom free, notify the school and return a negative COVID-19 test result daily for 5 consecutive school days. Primary students, while not required, are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for 5 consecutive school days (except when eating/drinking or exercising). Please note that students identified as close contacts are still unable to attend overnight excursions, including camps. Visitors identified as close contacts who are engaging directly with students are required to return a negative COVID-19 test result before attending our school and wear a mask.
Close contacts. The rules regarding close contacts in SSPs, support units/classes and students using assisted transport programs remain unchanged. Students in these settings are not allowed to attend school as close contacts, and will continue to be supported to learn remotely. Additionally, visitors identified as close contacts are not allowed to engage directly with students in these settings.
- **Responding to our local situation.** We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean reintroducing temporary additional COVID-smart measures to act as a 'circuit breaker', including:
 - o mandating mask wearing for all staff and students in Year 7 and above (high school settings)
 - o mandating mask wearing for all staff (primary school settings)
 - o postponing or limiting non-essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school
 - o directing cohorts to learn remotely for short periods of time.
- **Maximising natural ventilation.** The department has reviewed environmental differences across NSW as part of their winter ventilation planning to ensure that local climatic conditions at each school are considered. The department will continue to provide local guidance to schools, including advice on maximising natural ventilation while balancing thermal comfort and the use of indoor and outdoor learning areas for school activities to support schools to adapt to local climate conditions throughout the winter months.
- **Reducing the risk of illness this winter.** Finally, it is important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but other illnesses that may affect our school at this time of year such as the flu and [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#)[External link](#), both of which can be serious in younger people. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:
 - o staying home and getting tested if unwell or displaying any symptoms
 - o keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now
 - ◆ flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
 - o getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result and are symptom free
 - o practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water
 - o taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

Education Week – 'Creating Future – Education Changes Lives'

Education Week 2022 will be held from 1-5 August (Week 3, Term 3). This year's theme is 'Creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW Public Education.

This year to celebrate the week we have a few special events planned. The first one is our Book Fair which will run from Monday, 1st August through until Wednesday, 3rd August (see attached flyer for times and details).

We will also be holding a Book Character Parade on Wednesday, 3rd of August. To keep in line with COVID guidelines we will be holding a K-2 parade at 9:15am and a 3-6 parade at 10:15am. **We are asking that only 1 parent or family member attend, QR code in and we are encouraging all visitors to wear a face mask.**



Our annual Open Day will be postponed until later in the term in the hopes that the peak in COVID cases has been and gone. The safety of our students, staff and parents is at the core of this decision and we apologise for any inconvenience. Open Day will now be held on 23rd of September, the last day of the term as a big celebration. Hopefully by then the health and safety recommendations have eased and we can invite you into our classrooms once more.

Staffing

I would like to congratulate our School Administration Manager (SAM), Nicole Dorratt on her successful application through an EOI process for the Relieving SAM position at Ettalong PS. She will be working there on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year. Ms Tania Caldwell will step into the Relieving SAM job here and Mr Andi Gabereder, who was previously employed here, will cover Ms Caldwell's School Administration Officer days on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Teacher Education Student

This term we welcome Ms Huby, a Teacher Education Student (TES), also known as student teacher, joining us from the University of Newcastle to undertake their fourth-year practicum (Internship) for the term. Ms Huby will be joining KAM for the term and we welcome her here and know that she will enjoy her time at Valley View PS.

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C have joined forces with Bakers Delight at Wyoming to run a 'Friday Night Dinner Sorted' fundraiser. Orders forms for the pizza drive have been sent out and are **due back this Friday, 29th July**. Pizzas will then be collected from the COLA or sent home with your child the following Friday, 5th August. This is not a great way to raise money for the P&C but it also makes life that little bit easier on a Friday night as you'll have dinner sorted!

Car Parking

A reminder that the car parks on school grounds are for staff only. With over 320 students moving around the school, it is extremely important that we limit the number of vehicles on-site. Parents need to park outside in designated parking areas to drop off or pick up their children.

I would also like to remind parents that the Binya Avenue gate is a kiss and drop only space. Parents are not to park their cars and leave them to collect students. It is quite unsafe up there at times and I ask that parents are patient in that area.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) of school Students with Disability provides Australian schools, parents, education authorities and the community with information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The NCCD reinforces the existing obligations that schools have towards students under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. It counts the number of students who are provided with cognitive, physical, sensory or social/emotional learning adjustments. These adjustments are based on the professional judgement of teachers and their understanding and knowledge of their students.

Learning adjustments could be in the form of extra time to finish tasks, small group instructions, 1:1 support time, L&ST assistance, sensory support, and physical adjustments made to the environment to better support students. Students do not need to have a diagnosed disability to receive learning adjustments. All students with learning adjustments are included in the NCCD. Classroom teachers have discussed adjustments to parents of those students who will be included in the NCCD.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

The NCCD will take place this term.

Kirsty Squires
Principal



Year 6 Cake stall

Congratulations to year 6 on a fabulous cake stall. Thank you to everyone who donated to the cake stall this year. Year 6 raised \$635.25. Well done!



The poster features a central illustration of a boy's face looking up from an open book. Various whimsical elements float around him: a red biplane, a green dinosaur, a blue rocket, a pirate ship, a guitar, a map, a star, and a planet. The background is a teal gradient with radiating lines. The text is prominently displayed at the top and bottom.

BOOK WEEK
TERM 3, WEEK 3
"DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN"

This year's Book Parades will be held Wednesday 3rd August.
The K-2 Book Parade will begin at 9:15am and the 3-6 Parade at 10:15am.

In line with new Covid restrictions and safety measures, we ask that only 1 family member per student come in to share the fun. We will have hand sanitiser available and encourage all attendees to wear a mask to help keep us all safe.

We are asking Valley View students to come dressed as a character from their favourite book. Children will be able to remain in their costumes all day.

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BOOK FAIR



**The Scholastic Book Fair
will be held Term 3 Week 3.**

**The Book Fair is cashless.
You are able to purchase
online or with credit card
only.**

**Parent helpers welcome -
please contact Vanessa
Mccarthy**

**Monday 1st to
Wednesday 3rd August**

Monday: 8:25-8:55am, 2:50-3:20pm

Tuesday: 8:25-8:55am, 2:50-3:20pm

Wednesday: 8:25-8:55am, following the Book Parade approx.
10am



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Valley View Public School Enrol now for Kindergarten 2023!



Online enrolments are open for children starting school in 2023.



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



Please call the school office (4328 4433) to register your child and be kept informed of upcoming events.



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You can also join our Kindergarten 2023 Facebook Group on the Valley View Facebook page.



K-2 ASSEMBLY



KAM	Lennox S, Victor R, Riley H, Keighan G, Bonnie DK
KB	Aubrey S, Indiana B, Lilia B, Dylan B, Ryan B
1B	Noah C, Noah H, Atlas F, Evan D, Amirah A
1R	Damien E, Jude C, Tasmin C, Acacia R, Angelo T
2H	Ezra B, Marlie N, Luca V, Bridget S, Fraser D,
2HM	Trevor M, Preston M, Adam S, Olivia C, Maraia B
K-6CP	Aiden L

PROCEDURE FOR PICKING UP KIDS FROM SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

- ◆ Notify the school that your child will be leaving early via class DOJO, and let the office know by phone call or email as sometimes teachers do not see the DOJO's in the day.
- ◆ Teachers to send child to the office 5 minutes before time specified by parent.
- ◆ Parent to call the office from the front gate...main gate on Chamberlain Road near the crossing, all other gates are locked.
- ◆ Call the office and let them know you are there; office staff will take student out to the top of the driveway. Parent is to give us a wave and we will let the child walk down the driveway to parent. Parents **MUST** make sure the gate is closed after their child.

If your child is sick and unable to walk down, you will be directed to drive up the driveway and come into the office to collect. Parents/Carers **MUST make sure they open and close the gates on arrival and open and close the gates on departure**....this is a safety issue.



PBL AWARDS



KAM	Thomas P, Sienna F, Leila B
KB	Hooper T, Rylan C, Victoria B
1B	Arwen RA, Cooper P, Oliver B
1R	Richie K, Phoenix A, Damien E
2H	Neveah B, Bentley J, Emily S
2HM	Ivy G, Adam S, Trevor M
K-6T	Adrian E
K-6CP	Thomas P
K-6C	Abbigale W

3TH	Lillian VDS, Anais HA, Matilda D
3/4P	
4B	Caspian W, Fergus N, Alex C
4/5S	Phillip M, Joshua S, Ben F
5/6H	Luca O, Lillianna B, Annika M
5/6M	Karina H, Laila WS, Ezekiel A
5/6T	Ethan H, Lygia M, Skye S



CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to term 3!

Welcome to Term 3 – the canteen team hope you all had a great break. This term will be filled with lots of exciting things in the canteen. So please keep an eye out in the newsletter for weekly specials and event catering.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ **Friday 29th July – Schools Tree Day**. The canteen will offer snacks for sale to help with developing the school's sustainability Plan. Green jelly, avocado dip and corn chip snack pack and Hummus dip with cucumber sticks, as well as a few surprises.
- ♦ **Wednesday 3rd August – Book parade Day** – on this day there is a mini menu – snacks available. See flyer.



Alice in Wonderland

Teacup bickies	\$1.00
Water bottle – 'Drink me'	\$1.00
Heart shaped waffles	50c each

Toy Story

Pizza Planet – cheese pizza	\$2.00
Alien jelly (green)	50c each
Slinky pasta with napolitana sauce	\$2.00

Harry Potter

Sorting cupcakes	\$1.00 each
Chocolate frogs	50c each

Due to the current availability of products because of the weather – the menu in the newsletter **WILL** continue for the rest of the year. Please see the attached menu. This can also be found on the school website.

If you would like to help in the canteen this term / year, we would love to meet you. Msg me Bec

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Rebecca Van Drempt
Canteen Manager

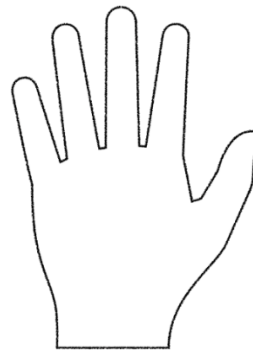
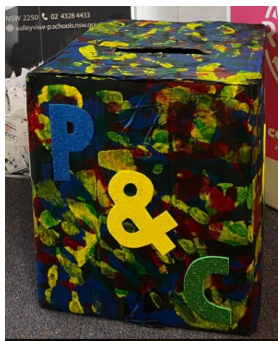
P&C NEWS

Don't forget your helping hands!

We want to hear from you so we can read, see, and display what's the **MOST IMPORTANT** to the children, you, and the community.

Please remember to return your hand by **Friday the 29th of July** to the P&C box in the office

We don't need your details just a hand.



Jam donations for Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club needs jam for our yummy hot toast on these cold mornings. Any donations of strawberry jam would be more than appreciated and can be dropped off at the canteen.

**Uniform shop Opening hours are 8:30 – 9:30am
every Friday.**

For your convenience we 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 teacher - **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

Fluer Cuttell
P&C President

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



P&C NEWS

We hope everyone had a lovely school holidays and well-earned break.

Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 9th of August** in the school library.

We are off to a great start this term with a very tasty Pizza in July fundraiser.

Fundraising never tasted so good!



Help us raise some dough

To further our 2022 Fundraising goals and help support Bakers Delight Wyoming, a great local business that continues to support our school, we are holding "Friday Night Dinner Sorted".

Orders should be submitted to the office, with money, by Friday 29th July. The pizzas are \$5 each, with \$1.10 from each pizza being donated back to our school. They will be delivered to the school for distribution on Friday 5th August.

Pizzas can be sent home with your child or collected from the COLA in the afternoon.

Art Competition

Don't forget to get your P&C Sign entries to the office this week for a chance to have your art displayed around the school and win a prize pack of art supplies!

OSHClub



\$500 Before and After School Care Voucher

Valley View OSHClub is excited to be supporting the NSW **Before and After School Care Voucher** scheme. The scheme provides a **\$500 voucher per child**, to families with primary school aged children in NSW. The voucher can be used to reduce the out-of-pocket costs of Before School, After School, and Vacation Care costs until June 2023.

For details about the scheme, your eligibility and how to apply, follow this link to [Service NSW BASC Vouchers](#)

Once you have received your voucher confirmation email and code from Service NSW, just follow the link [here](#) to a short form to provide information so your child care discount can be set up. It's that simple!

REDEEM VOUCHER

If you have any [queries](#) please contact bascvoucher@junioradventuresgroup.com.au or 1300 395 735

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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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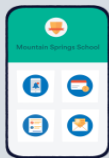
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Notes issued this fortnight:

Dance Festival Merchandise Information—Selected Students

Stage 2 Zoo Excursion—Stage 2 and Multi Cat Classes

Senior Dance Group Costume Note—Selected Students



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