



TERM 4 WEEK 2 2023

VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

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Responsibility

Personal Best



IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 2

Wednesday 18 October

- Reptile Park Excursion
Kindergarten

Friday 20 October

- K-2 Assembly 2pm

WEEK 3

Wednesday 25 October

- CC Choral Festival

Friday 27 October

- Whole School Assembly
9.15am

WEEK 4

Friday 3 November

- Colour Run

Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion



Principal's Message

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to what is shaping up to be a busy and exciting term! We have lots of things planned so please keep an eye out for details coming through on Class Dojo, Sentral Parent Portal and our school's Facebook Page.

Central Coast Public Speaking Competition

Last week we had two students, Lachlan D and Siya M compete in the Regional Final of the Central Coast Public Speaking Competition. It was a huge undertaking to make it to the finals and we would like to congratulate both Lachlan and Siya on representing our school so wonderfully.

A special mention Siya who won the Stage 1 section of the competition – what an outstanding achievement!

Sentral Finance

At the end of last term, we transitioned over to Sentral Finance and we would like to thank you for your patience and support during those two weeks. We have been incredibly pleased with the uptake of the Sentral Parent Portal and have received lots of positive feedback about the new way permission notes and payments are made.

A huge thank you must go to Ms Dorratt, Mrs Anderson and Mr Boreland for the time and effort that has gone into making the transition as easy as possible.

School Maintenance

In the school holidays we had lots of work happening in and around our classrooms:

- The basketball court is progressing, I hope to have a completion date shortly.
- Painting of all classrooms, hallways and offices in E Block started.
- The bottle refilling station that was donated by Year 6 2022 has been installed near the bubblers in the COLA.

End of Year Dates

Term 4 is always a busy term with lots of exciting things planned, especially the end of year activities. Following is a list of dates that may be of interest in you:

- Monday, 11th December – Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Formal
- Wednesday, 13th December – Presentation Day and reports out
- Thursday, 14th December – Talent Quest
- Friday, 15th December – Motiv8 Sports Rewards Day and student's final day.



P&C Thanks

Thank you to the hard-working P&C and their band of helpers who came along on Saturday and ran the BBQ and Cake Stalls. Your effort and dedication does not go unnoticed!

2024 Planning

We are currently in the process of planning for 2024 (hard to believe it's that time of the year already) therefore we are asking if you are aware that your children will not be attending our school in 2024, please contact the front office or send a note to your child's class teacher and let us know.

If you have any information regarding your child's class placement next year, please email the school so we can ensure we are addressing this when classes are being formed. All information will be taken into account, although not all requests may be possible.



Bushfire and Grassfire Risk Categories

The Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Directorate has worked with the NSW Rural Fire Service to align our Bushfire and Grassfire Risk Register with the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System. There are now four risk categories (up from three) ranging from Category 1 (extreme risk) to Category 4 (low risk).

Valley View Public School's Bushfire and Grassfire Risk Rating is Category 3. This means our school has been determined to have moderate landscape-to-site bushfire and grassfire risk. For this reason, our school may be directed to become non-operational ahead of a higher-risk day by the department on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operations Centre. Please be aware that other local schools may have a different category rating to us so the information that they pass onto community may differ, particularly in days that have been determined as a higher-risk day for those schools that have a risk category of 1 or 2.

Kirsty Squires
Principal



Term 3 Key Dates & Events

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WEEK 4

Friday 3 November

- Colour Run

WEEK 5

6 Nov – Fri 24 Nov

- Dental Van

6 Nov – 17 Nov

- Swim School

Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

In week 10 last term, 90 Stage 3 students set off to Bathurst for a three day adventure. We left Valley View Public School bright and early and set off to the Blue Mountains. We arrived at Echo Point to a windy but sunny day. After losing two hats to the strong wind and several photos with the Three Sisters, we had lunch and play and then it was back on the bus to go to Scenic World. Scenic world was a real highlight of the trip. We first took the Scenic Rail down to the lower levels of the Blue Mountains. We then did a 30 minute bush walk through the rainforest and the dinosaur experience to the cable car. After arriving back at the top, we travelled across the Blue Mountains on the Scenic Skyway. Many of the students commented that this had been 'The best day ever!'

After leaving the Blue Mountains we headed straight for Bathurst. We took a spin around Mount Panorama on the bus where the staff were busy painting the tracks and setting up the equipment ready for the upcoming races. Many students (and staff) were surprised to find out that people actually live on the track and that on any normal day, the track is actually an every day road (with extra police supervision to avoid every day becoming a race day).

We arrived at our motel very tired and ready for dinner after such a big day, but it wasn't over yet! Dinner was followed by line dancing and the instructor complimented our Stage 3 students on their participation and good behaviour. Well done Stage 3.

Day 2 saw us travel to Hill End for some history and some gold panning. Unfortunately, this was a very windy road and not the favourite part of the day for some children or poor Mrs. Turner, who was playing nurse at the back of the bus!

We started our morning at History Hill where we could explore the museum and an old mine shaft. After a sausage sizzle and a play we were then off to Hill End to explore the town and do some gold panning. Next time, we need to add gum boots to the list of things to bring! Our guide taught us a lot of interesting facts about the town and the historic buildings. He was very knowledgeable about gold panning and enjoyed sharing his success stories with us all. We explored a gully where it was explained how the gold settles before heading off to try the panning for ourselves. Many students were successful finding gold and Adrian found the largest fleck of gold for the day. After a long day, we headed back to our motel where we enjoyed some down time and some dinner before watching a movie and heading to bed for a well deserved sleep.

On Day 3, we explored life in colonial times at our accommodation. We were able to explore the museum and an imitation mine shaft before doing some more gold panning. Our guide demonstrated how to heat the fire for metal work and we were able to observe an old steam engine. After, we had the opportunity to make and try some damper, play some old time games and make mud bricks. It was a great day and we had a lot of fun.

After a long trip home, a very tired Stage 3 arrived back at Valley View Public School ahead of schedule. I am not sure about the children, but I know the teachers slept very well that night! Thank you for a great excursion Stage 3 and a special thank you to Mrs Squires and the teachers. We are looking forward to the next one!

Kind regards,

Natalie Betteridge





Sydney North

On Tuesday 10th October, four of our students travelled to Sydney to compete in the Sydney North Athletics Championships, representing Brisbane Water Zone. The students tried their hardest against a very tough group of competitors and should be very proud of how far they have come. They certainly represented our zone, as well as our school with absolute pride. Congratulations Steven R, Callum O, Finn A and Ben F.



Sarah Hollingsworth



Selective High Schools – 2025

Attention Year 5 families.

Applications for Year 7 entry to Selective high schools in 2025 is now open. Please see the attached document and the key dates below for more information. Please be aware that this is open to our Year 5 students only.

Key dates:

* Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 open on 9 October 2023 and close on 20 November 2023 at our Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes Year 7 website.

* All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 9 May 2024.

* Late-August 2024 Placement outcomes released.

There may be changes to key dates, please check the website regularly for any updates.

Please visit our Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes website for updates and complete information about the placement process.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7#Applications0>

Information packages available at front office

Cooinda Cup 2023

On Monday, 16th October, Faith, Jett, Savannah and Shayla represented our school in the Cooinda Cup competition at Kariong Public School. We played Wana (similar to cricket), Meetch Boma (a combination of hockey and netball), Kabi Kabi (like a dodge ball run) and Gorri (where you throw smaller balls at a large ball to force it into the opponent's territory). We played 8 rounds, we won 6 and tied 2. Valley View Public School and Ourimbah Public School combined teams and we came 2nd overall. Jett was awarded the AECG Cooinda Cup 2023 Best Male Sports Person. We had a great day and look forward to next year.



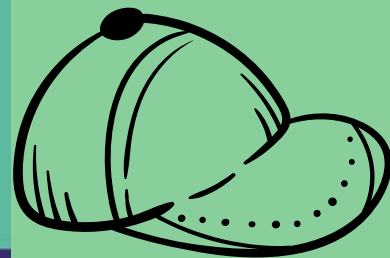
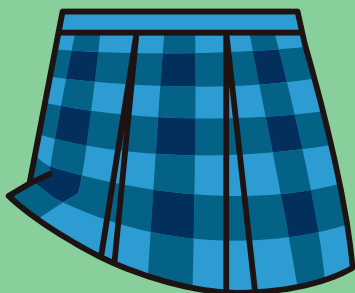
TTFM Parent Survey

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement and wellbeing. The parent survey which NSW DOE schools conduct annually helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. Participation in the parent survey is optional but we encourage everyone to have a voice. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. If you have multiple children across the school, you may complete the survey more than once if you have differing experiences. If you require a computer or device to complete the survey feel free to contact the front office for support. All responses are anonymous.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/vv4508>

Thanking you in advance for your support,
Kellie McCabe
TTFM Co-Ordinator

**Lisarow High School uniforms are
available from Gosford Lowes.**



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

3/4J

**Madison M, Trevor Mc, Justin M,
Dominic T, Ruby A**

3/4B

**Xhiantelle L, Theodore W, Amelia D,
Isabella Mc, Qusay M**

3/4H

**Zara C, Ashton H, Abigail H,
Lucy A, Benjamin W**

4/5W

**William H, Matilda D, Alex C,
Savannah F, Tara B**

5/6M

**Rachael B, Deacon K-B, Chloe L,
Michael B, Braxton S**

5/6S

**Leila T, Ella H, Georgie G,
Oliver VD, Amber P**

5/6T

**Troy C, Saveen L, Isla B, Steven R,
Charlotte D**

K/6T

Richard B

**Week 1
3-6 Assembly**

**K/6K
Bella H**

PBL



WEEK 1

Sun Safety

At Valley View Public School...

We are **Sun Safe** and we remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide when we are out in the sun.

Sun safety is a priority when we are on the playground or participating in outdoor learning, especially in the summer. We know it is our **responsibility** to wear a hat when we are outside and that we should seek shade to protect ourselves. We do our **personal best** to remember that our hat is part of our school uniform and **respect** that the rules that are there to keep us safe.

Sun Safety Code

Spending too much time in the sun can be harmful. We should all follow a special code which reminds us how to enjoy the sun whilst staying safe.

Be SMART!

There are five parts to remember...

- S**pend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- M**ake sure you never burn.
- A**im to cover up with a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses.
- R**emember children need to take extra care.
- T**hen use sunscreen of a minimum of SPF 30.

WEEK 2

We value and include everyone

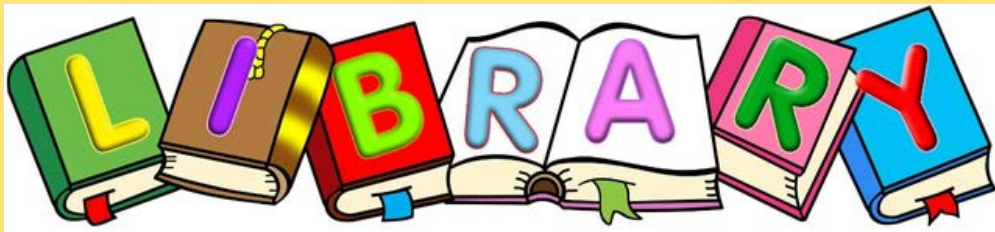
PBL Week 2

AT VVPS

WE VALUE AND INCLUDE EVERYONE

At Valley View Public School...

We demonstrate our **personal best** to be kind and considerate to everyone. We want to be good friends and make everyone feel like they're part of our community. We show **respect** by learning to understand how people feel when they're included or left out, and we take **responsibility** in knowing that being kind and feeling like you belong is important to being included at school.



Welcome back to Term 4 in the Library. This term is a busy one for the Library with stocktake fast approaching. The final week for borrowing in 2023 will be Week 4. After this I ask that all books please be returned promptly from Week 5, so that the Library can be set up ready for a fresh start in the new year. If you are unsure what books your child/ren have, overdue notices will be issued from Week 5.

Congratulations to all students who completed the Premier's Reading challenge this year. Certificates should arrive towards the end of term and will be distributed upon arrival.

Thankyou again for your support with Book Week this year, including both the Parade and our biggest Book Fair yet.

With Thanks
Vanessa McCarthy
Teacher Librarian



VVPS

2023 TALENT SHOW

Auditions

WEEK
7 & 8

*Performance
Day*

THURSDAY
DECEMBER
14TH
@ 9:15 AM

REGISTER YOUR
AUDITION ACT WITH
MISS BETTERIDGE
BEFORE THE END OF
WEEK 6!



NSW Health Mobile Dental Program



NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health is working with the Department of Education and public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care, to all students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Our school has been selected to participate the program.

Many parents may not realise two important things about their children's teeth:

1. Good oral health is essential for children to successfully learn and participate at school, and
2. NSW Health offers free public dental health services to all children under 18 years of age.

Learning and behaviour difficulties at school can start with tooth and gum problems. That's because decay and gum disease can cause pain and difficulties in eating, sleeping, talking, concentrating, and learning, which can in turn affect a child's behaviour in class. A child with tooth decay may feel self-conscious about the way their teeth look and feel, making it harder for them to join in class and social activities.

Our school is participating in the program and offering students the opportunity to have free dental check-ups in a comfortable and familiar environment at school. With a parent/carers consent, students are able to have a free dental check-up and free preventive care.

The program is scheduled to visit our school from 6/11/2023 to 24/11/2023.

A Parent Information and Consent Pack will be sent home with each student, and includes information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/carers who want their child to receive care are advised to:

1. Read all the information provided in the pack
2. Carefully complete all the fields of the consent forms
3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program or how to access public dental clinics is available on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental> or <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact CCLHD Primary School Mobile Dental Program – Wyong Hospital on 4394 4842 or email CCLHD-MDC@health.nsw.gov.au



Canteen News

Welcome to Term 4, we hope everyone enjoyed their break! It's going to be a fun term – Viewstart, Colour Run and the Art Show are just some of the exciting events coming up.

We have a small supply of both pumpkin soup and meatball subs which are available for lunch orders until sold out. Please keep reading the newsletters for more specials coming soon this term.

OPEN

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am till 1:50pm

CASH ONLY

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who help keep our canteen running. If you would like to join the team, please fill in a blue volunteer form, available from the office.

LUNCH PACKS

Ham/pineapple pizza, Chill J, Snap Stix, Apple	6.00
Sausage roll, milkshake, Snap Stix	5.50
Cheese toastie, apple, water bottle, Snap Stix	 4.50



P & C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 14th November in the school library at 7pm

Referendum BBQ

Thank you to all our very talented Valley View bakers who donated delicious treats for the cake stall, that were very much appreciated by the P&C and everyone who snapped them up on the day!

A massive thanks also to all our wonderful volunteers who helped on the cake stall and run the BBQ. We couldn't do it without you all and appreciate everyone who took precious time out of their weekend to make it a success.

A big shout out to Three Trees café and its amazing owner Kim for the generous donation to our BBQ that helped make Saturday a success. Thanks to the generosity of the Valley View community, we raised just over \$2000! We can't wait to see what this can contribute our school to benefit our kids.



New Valley View Uniform Shop Price List - see attached

ORDER HERE:

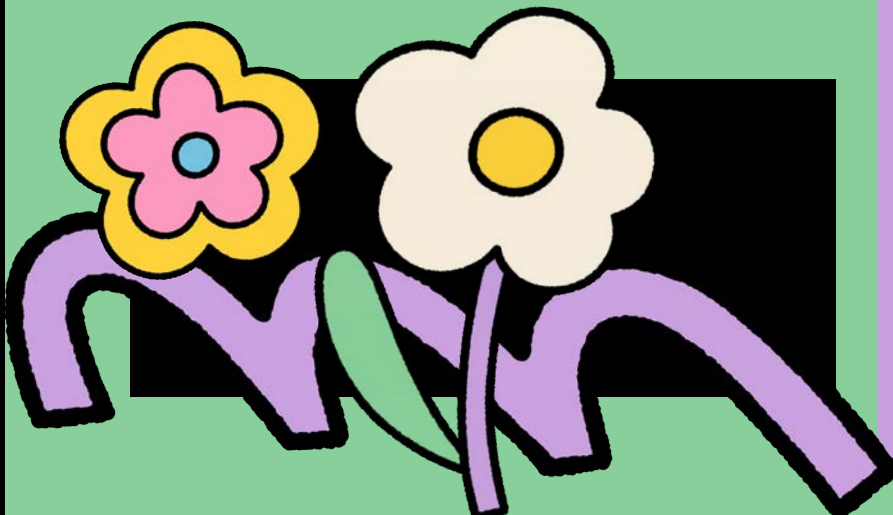
<https://www.valleyviewpa.ndc.org.au/shop/>

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that our Uniform shop opening hours have changed. We will now be opening from

8:30 - 9:30am every Thursday

NB: Online orders must be placed by 5pm on Wednesday



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the 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.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)

**GREAT
CHOICE**
Healthy School Canteens

CONGRATULATIONS

Valley View Public School

This certificate verifies that your menu is meeting the
requirements of
The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

Date issued: 10 October 2023 Valid until: 10 October 2026



Note: This certificate is valid for three years from the date of issue. To re-new your certificate please review your menu against the Food and Drink Criteria of the Strategy and re-submit a Menu Application Form to the Healthy Food Information Service.

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