



TERM 1 WEEK 7 2023

VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

Respect Responsibility Personal Best



IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 7

Friday 10 March

- Whole School Assembly (9:15am)

WEEK 8

Tuesday 14 March

- P&C Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday 15 March

- Monday 27 March

- NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)

Friday 17 March

- K-2 Assembly
- Come and Try Athletics Day (Support Unit)

WEEK 9

Wednesday 22 March

- School photos

Thursday 23 March

- Sydney North Swimming

Friday 24 March

- Harmony Day



Principal's Message

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Friday our swimming squad went to the Zone Swimming Carnival to compete in a number of events. A huge congratulations to all involved, it was wonderful to know that the Valley View PS team spirit was alive and well with everyone cheering each other on.

Staff Car Park

Please note that all car parks are for staff only. We have seen an increase in the number of parents driving into the car park to drop their children off which poses a safety risk to our students. All students need to be dropped off outside school grounds

Hats

We have a significant number of students coming to school without a school hat each day. Please ensure your child has a hat with them at school. They can be purchased from the uniform shop and school canteen.

P&C

Last Wednesday, the 1st of March was P&C Day, a day to celebrate the incredible work that our P&C Association does and to acknowledge them for generously giving their time and skills to support the school. On behalf of Valley View Public School I would like to thank our parents and carers who make up our dedicated P&C and we look forward to another productive and collaborative year.



Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th of March at 7pm in the school library and will be the Annual General Meeting where the P&C will vote for key positions such as President, Treasurer, Secretary etc. Being a part of the P&C is a great way to meet and get to know other school families. We hope to see you there!



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3 and 5. It is a nationwide measure to determine how young Australians are developing in literacy and numeracy.

This year, the NAPLAN Assessment will be held online. They have completed a practice tests last week and this week.

The NAPLAN assessment period is much earlier this year, beginning on Wednesday 15 March.

Mobile Phones/Smart Watches

A reminder that all mobile phones and communication devices, which includes smart watches, are to be handed in the office each morning and collected at the end of the day. OK tickets are awarded to all students who are following this school rule.

Meet and Greet

We will be holding 'Meet and Greet' interviews with our families in Week 9. These are a wonderful opportunity to get to know your child's classroom teacher and for you to provide them with relevant information to enable accurate goals to be set collaboratively.

A note has been sent home today with information, dates, and times available. If these do not suit you, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Kirsty Squires
Principal



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Friday 31 March

- Stage 3 Science Incursion

WEEK 11

Tuesday 4 April

- Athletics Carnival

Thursday 6 April

- Rewards Day
- Last day of Term 1

3-6 Assembly Awards

K-6T	Abbigale W
K-6K	Adrian E
3/4H	Olivia H, Lachlan D, Luca v, Lucy A
3/4B	Ezra B, Carissa B, Harper W, Olivia C, Mia W
3/4J	Matthew M, Ivy W, Anais HA, Emily S, Mahlia S
4/5W	Mila D, Fergus N, Alannah P, Tahlia B, Jax A
5/6T	Jordan B, Steven R, Clairia B, Caspian W, Karina H
5/6S	Jack K, Amelia B, Khiara J, Owen T, Noah N
5/6M	Billie W, Callum O, Shayla D, Rachael B, Deacon KB



Empowering parents to track their child's education

Sentral Parent Portal

Exciting News!

As many of you will have noticed we are no longer using the Skoolbag app. In the next few weeks we will be launching a new app to help families stay connected.

Valley View is so excited to announce that we will be using the Sentral Parent Portal. This app allows parents and carers to use a range of functions such as: newsletters, reports (digital version), notes, calendar, and absences.

We are just finalising details and then parents and carers will be emailed instructions about how to connect to the school and your child/ren.

Amy Anderson
Technology Team

Year 6 Fundraising 2023

Each year, Year 6 holds fundraising activities to raise money to go towards their end of year farewell events and school gift. This term, we are holding a cake stall on Tuesday the 21st of March, full of delicious treats which students can purchase in their break times.

Prices start at only 50c each! Yr. 6 are very grateful for any support you can offer and look forward to holding lots of fun events to support our fundraising efforts this year.

Thank you.

Stage 3 Teachers

CAKE STALL

YEAR 6

FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY

MARCH 21 WEEK 9

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS
WITH THEIR CAKE SALE!

PRICES START AT 50C TO \$2.00



Science

Stage 1 Incursion

Last Thursday, Stage 1 enjoyed a day of scientific fun.

We participated in practical experiments linked to our unit of learning. We explored how materials can change when mixed together, heated or cooled, and made jelly.



We created our own dough and manipulated it into different shapes before baking it in the oven.

We also used natural materials to create artworks.



Thanks to all the children who dressed up. Teachers and students both enjoyed the day!

Kellie McCabe
Assistant Principal



Zone Swimming



On Friday 3rd March, 25 of our VVPS students travelled to Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy to compete in the Brisbane Water PSSA Zone swimming carnival.

All students represented our school with absolute pride and should be commended for their excellent behaviour and fantastic results overall!



We have 7 students progressing to the Sydney North carnival at the end of March to represent our Brisbane Water Zone.

Special mention to Charlotte D who was awarded 11 years Age Champion of the meet! What an amazing achievement!



Mrs Hollingsworth

PBL WEEK 7



Assemblies are important to Valley View and our expectations are that you will be **respectful, responsible** and **do your best** during them.



Presentation Day Assemblies are a time for our school to celebrate our success and show school pride.



They are a time for others to watch how our students behave.



CANTEEN NEWS

OPEN

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

CASH ONLY

Orders can be placed over the counter – we take cash only. The menu can be found on the school website or below.

If you would like to help in the canteen – even for once a term or for a special occasion please msg me Bec 0438 283 165. We would love to meet you.

We have loved serving the students this week.



\$12

Party Packs with ice blocks or Jelly are BACK!
\$12 for a class.

Just msg the canteen team if you would like to order – 3 days' notice is required.

The canteen has school caps for sale – \$5 each.

They can be purchased on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.



\$5





CANTEEN MENU 2022

Orders to be placed between 8.30am – 9.00am



SANDWICHES



Vegemite	V	1.50
Jam	V	1.50
Honey	V	1.50
Cheese	V	2.00
Cheese & tomato	V	2.50
Ham, cheese & tomato		3.00

All sandwiches can be made with white or wholemeal bread

BURGERS



Cheese burger (beef, cheese, sauce)	CM	4.00
Plain burger (beef patty on roll)	CM	3.50
Crumbed chicken burger (with lettuce, mayo)		4.00

HOT FOOD



Chicken tenders		1.50
Chicken nuggets		0.80
Chicken nuggets – gluten free	GF	0.90
Pie	LF	3.50
Sausage roll	LF	2.50
Extras: tomato or BBQ sauce portion		0.20

PIZZAS

Cheese pizza	V CM	2.00
Ham & pineapple pizza	CM	2.50

JAFFLES

Cheese jaffle	V CM	2.00
Ham & cheese jaffle	CM	2.50
Baked bean jaffle	V CM	2.00

All jaffles can be made with white or wholemeal bread

SNACKS



Fruit cup	CM	1.50
Chips (red rock sea salt)		1.30
Muffins		1.00
Garlic bread loaf	CM	1.00
Apple		0.50

DRINKS



Water small		1.00
Nippy (chocolate)		2.50
Juice cup		1.50
Orchy juice (apple & blackcurrant)		2.30
Up & Go (vanilla or chocolate)		2.50
Milkshakes (assorted flavours)		1.50
Chill Js (assorted flavours)		2.00

FROZEN TREATS

Mini frozen ice cups (assorted flavours)		0.20
Quelch Fruit sticks		1.00
Snap-stix (assorted flavours)		1.00

LUNCH PACKS

Ham/pineapple pizza, Chill J, Snap Stix, Apple		6.00
Sausage roll, milkshake, Snap Stix		5.00
Cheese toastie, apple, water bottle, Snap Stix	V	4.50



P&C NEWS

The **2023 P&C AGM Meeting** will be held on **Tues 14th March** in the school library at **7-7:30pm**.
The regular P&C meeting will follow afterwards from **7:30-8:30pm**.

Volunteering

We are always looking for people to help out at our fundraising events. This can be as easy as helping on the day or even helping with the planning. Look out for our calendar or events

Our volunteer opportunities include:

- Easter Raffle Packing
- Cross Country BBQ
- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day Stall
- School Disco
- Bunnings BBQ

Association Membership

As an Association member you

- can help make decisions about P&C activities.
- volunteer on sub committees for fundraising events
- help to shape your child's experience at school
- become a member of the Executive Committee of the Association fees.

Whilst we would love to see all our members attend every meeting we understand that everyone is busy and will attend when time permits.

The P&C Association meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the School Library. Please feel free to come along.

Our AGM will be held on 14th March 2023 in the Library.

To stay up to date please like our Facebook page: P&C Association for Valley View Public School

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN: 8:30-9:30am
Every Friday

Orders must be placed by 5pm on Thursday

We have had a roaring start to the year resulting in gaps in our stock. However, stocks have been replenished and the online system has been updated to reflect this.

We anticipate another busy week so please get your orders in soon at <http://www.valleyviewpandc.org.au>

The Uniform shop is accepting Back to School vouchers but please note that this payment method is only available for in person purchases.

If you order online, please choose the "collect from uniform shop" option and upon collection you may pay with the vouchers.

With this in mind, we request that when collecting and paying for your order, if you have any vouchers you are planning to use, please have them ready to be verified by one of our volunteers.

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.

GETTING INVOLVED

The P&C have many exciting events in the pipeline this year and encourage everyone to get involved, we hope to see lots of new faces, and we welcome the skills and enthusiasm you have to offer.

If you want to become or remain a voting member of the P&C a \$1 membership fee will need to be paid at this meeting to be able to be eligible to vote or be a nominee for an executive position at the Annual General Meeting on the **14th of March**.

If you would like more information about the executive roles, please contact us at secretaryvvpc@gmail.com

Becoming a member of the P&C does not oblige you to attend every meeting or volunteer at every event. It does mean that you stay informed about what's happening with the committee and school. It is also a great way to connect with other parents!

Please note you do not have to be a P&C member to volunteer, stay tuned for more information to come about how to be involved.

secretaryvvpc@gmail.com www.valleyviewpandc.org.au [P&C Association for Valley View Public School](#)





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The P&C are on the lookout for volunteers for 3 events over the next months -

Thurs 6 April - Easter Basket creation

Wed 3 May - Cross Country BBQ

Thurs 11 May - Mothers Day Stall

We would love to see some NON-MUM volunteers to help run the mothers day stall.

Please contact secretaryvvpc@gmail.com if you can help us out for any of these events.

Valley View Public School P&C

Easter Raffle 2023

Drawn Thursday 6th April

The P&C is dedicated to raising funds to assist the school and help improve our childrens educational experiences.

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 31st March.

There will be extra books available at the front office for anyone who would like more to sell!



Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

NAPLAN

Information for parents and carers

2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the writing test• To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability



VVPS HARMONY WEEK BIG PICNIC

Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity



Students are invited to attend school wearing their traditional cultural dress or orange clothing on March 24th to help us celebrate Harmony Week.

Our annual VVPS 'Big Picnic' will also be held across the school after our whole school Harmony Day Assembly.

Families are invited to attend our assembly starting at 9:15 am in the school hall.

24TH MARCH 2023

LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Open to Year 4, 5 and 6
Parents & Students

The evening will include information relating to opportunities available for students at Lisarow High School.

This includes information regarding Yr 7 Targeted classes and how to apply.

When: Thursday 9 March 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Lisarow High School - HALL





NARARA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 2024 Transition

School tour and Specialist Program
Information Evening



Tuesday 21st March, 2023

4.30-5.30pm: School tours

5.30-6pm: Year 7 2024 Information

6-6.30pm: Specialist Program Information

For more information:

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<https://nararavallyh.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/targeted-programs.html>



STEM SELECTIVE

Applications Open for class of 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please attend:

Year 7 2023 Information Evening

28TH FEBRUARY 2023

4:30 PM

Alternatively:

**call the Wyong High School office
(02)4353 1088**



APPLY ONLINE



Apply online using the QR code or collect a hardcopy application form from our school office or when attending the information evening.

Scouts is for everyone!

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of children and young adults for over 100 years. With over 18,000 youth and adult members from various cultural and religious backgrounds and with varying abilities, Scouts is one of the largest and most successful youth organisations in New South Wales!

Today's Scouts can take part in an extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from 'traditional Scouting skills' such as camping and bush craft, through to more extreme challenges such as abseiling, overnight hiking, rafting, canyoning, rock climbing, sailing and even flying! Scouts also have the opportunity to become involved in performing arts, leadership development, community service, amateur radio operation, environmental projects and large-scale events.

scoutreach.org.au

To find your closest Hunter and Coastal Scout Group contact: **1300 858 464**



Joey Scouts (ages 5-8*)

Cub Scouts (ages 8-11)

Scouts (ages 11-14)

Venturer Scouts (ages 14-17)

Rovers (ages 18-25)

Leaders (ages 18+)

*A young person can join the Joey Section at any time after their 5th birthday provided they are attending school full time.



SCAN ME

JOIN THE MIGHTY STORM IN 2023

GOSFORD KARIONG RLFC Invites Boys and Girls of all ages to come and play rugby league at a great family club.

With quality coaching and support, everyone gets to experience the great game of rugby league in a fun and inclusive environment. With a focus on effort and determination, Players are encouraged to give their best and be there for their mates.

Ask about our
50% Discount



Registration Fees are \$120 for U6's & U7's. \$170 for U8's and above which includes insurance. Also all players with Gosford Kariong RLFC receive a club shirt, shorts and socks as part of their registration. All players also receive a trophy at the end of season presentation event.

Family discounts & payment plans are available—also don't forget to take advantage of the Active Kids Voucher

Register at www.playrugbyleague.com

Training commences on 6th February 2023 contact our rego team for more information. Phone: 0404 031 599 Email: gkrego@outlook.com

CENTRAL COAST SYDNEY SWANS SUPER CLINIC

LEARN THE SKILLS MEET THE PLAYERS

WHERE: BATEAU BAY OVAL

DATE: WED, 8TH MARCH

TIME: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

PRICE: FREE!

No registration required



Mitch Ede | 0423 408 808 | mitchell.ede@afl.com.au

JOIN THE DOCKERS IN 2023

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4 - 17



REGISTER NOW

NIAGARA PARK OURIMBAH JUNIOR AFL CLUB

CONTACT US AT NPDOCKERS@GMAIL.COM
OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD TODAY
VISIT OUR WEBSITE



COME TRY AFL Pre-Season Training - Tuesday 7th & 14th March at Willari Ave Reserve, Narara (opp Narara Valley Precinct Playground) from 4pm

Our SEASON LAUNCH (and COME TRY event) will be held from 10am - 2pm on Sunday 19th March at Lisarow Sporting Precinct (The Ridgeway, Lisarow). There will be the opportunity to learn some AFL skills, compete in a COLOUR RUN and generally have lots of fun! There will also be a sausage sizzle running for purchase.

**Further details can be found on our Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/niagaraparkdockers>**

Any questions, please let me know, otherwise thank you so much for your support,

**Lyndal Swan
Secretary
NPO Dockers**