



VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

Respect Responsibility Personal Best

Week 4
Term 10
2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 10

- **Tue 17 Dec**
Talent Quest
- **Wed 18 Dec**
Motiv8 Sports Day
Last Day for Students

Week 1 2025

- **Fri 31 Jan**
Staff Development Day

Week 2 2025

- **3 Feb – 5 Feb**
Staff Development Days
- **Thurs 6 Feb**
Students start school

Week 3 2025

- **Tues 11 Feb**
P & C Meeting

Week 4 2025

- **Tues 18 Feb**
VVPS Swimming Carnival

Thank you to our 2024 Leaders



Congratulations to our 2025 Leaders

Principal's Message

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank our wonderful school community. The school has continued to flourish with the continuation of quality education and a broad range of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Firstly, I would like to thank the students here for their positive and happy approach to life and learning. There have been countless success stories and opportunities for our students to shine this year.

Thank you to all parents and carers. Your support and participation in education is greatly appreciated and is a major contributing factor to the successes of the school. A big thank you to those parents and carers who have volunteered throughout the year in various capacities including canteen, uniform shop and the successful P&C run events this year.

Finally, thank you to the staff of VVPS. Teachers, support staff and administration staff all willingly go above and beyond each day to ensure the success and wellbeing of every student. I wish them a well-deserved and happy holiday break. I trust you will all have a happy holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

School Leaders 2025

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 students who recently stood for election to become a School Leader for 2025. All students who stood in front of the school and delivered their leadership speeches should be extremely proud of the way they confidently addressed the students and the teachers.

I would like to thank Miss Betteridge and the Stage 3 teachers for supporting our students throughout this challenging, and sometimes nerve-racking task. It is important the students of Valley View PS continue to have a voice and are part of the decision-making processes that impact their education.

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in being elected into the 2025 Student Leadership Team:

- Captains – Zoe J and Layla A
- School Leaders – Aadil K, Lucy A, Qusay M, Matilda D
- Support Unit Leader – Richard B

Sport House Captain 2025

Congratulations to the following students on their successful nominations to be a Sports House Captain next year:

Bradman – Alex B-W and Thomas C

Fraser – Ivy W and Heath C

Laver – Madison M and Anais H-A

Mackay – Benjamin W and Judah McD

Annual Presentation Day 2024

Last week we welcomed families, friends and guests to our annual Presentation Day. It is always extremely difficult for teachers to have to limit their certificates to a handful of students from each class – as teachers we want to give every student the opportunity to connect, thrive and succeed in their learning. To our wonderful students: you have shown determination, creativity, and kindness throughout the year. Whether excelling in academics, participating in sports, showcasing talents in the arts, or supporting your peers by being a great friend, you have made our school a better place every single day.

To our incredible staff: your dedication, hard work, and passion for teaching make this school a place where children can grow and learn as individuals and as a collective. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing our students and guiding them toward success. Your efforts often go beyond the classroom, and I want you to know how much it is appreciated. A full list of major award recipients will be further in this week's newsletter.

Staffing Update

As the year comes to a close, it is inevitable that each year schools farewell valued staff members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following staff and wish them all the best for 2025: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Brown, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Fullagar.

I would also like to wish Mrs Bulloch safe travels as she spends 2025 travelling around our wonderful country, we can't wait to hear about your adventures!

School Security

As we approach the holidays, I ask all families, if you hear or see anything of concern during the holiday period on school grounds, please contact the School Security Unit (1300 880 021) or the local police.

School Development Days

Students last day for this year will be Wednesday 18 December. Staff will finish on Thursday 19 December as they have completed twilight Professional Learning sessions to trade off the last day of the year (Friday 20 December). School development days are used by schools to build on the knowledge and skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff through a targeted professional learning program.

Next year, all students will be starting school on Thursday 6 February, following 4 school development days. These school development days provide teachers time to be best prepared individually and collectively to implement curriculum.

A full list of School Development Days for 2025 are as follows:

- 4 days at the start of Term 1 (31 Jan-5 Feb)
- 2 days at the start of Term 2 (28-29 April)
- 1 day at the start of Term 3 (21 July)
- 1 day at the start of Term 4 (13 October)

2025 Classes

Next year we will begin the year in a 'holding pattern' where we will have students in their 2024 classes with their current teacher where possible so we can finalise our 2025 classes. This model is very common with most public schools and allows classes to be formed accurately with leaving and arriving students being catered for. We appreciate your understanding with this.

As Kindergarten will be starting the year on the same day and time as the rest of the school this year, to make the transition as smooth as possible, our current Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students will meet on the handball court and our new Kindergarten students will meet under the COLA. This will be the routine for the first two days and will give our little ones an opportunity to know where to line up without too many students around them.

Kirsty Squires

Principal

SWIM SCHOOL

During Week 7 and 8, Year 2 and 3 attended Swim School at Gosford Olympic Pool. They learnt valuable skills about water safety, whilst learning and practicing a range of survival swimming techniques. Over the course of the 10 days, every student showed fantastic growth, improving their ability in different strokes, treading water, floating and swimming to survive. Our teachers were also extremely impressed with their behaviour and responsibility in public! It is also extremely important that students continue to practice these skills, especially heading into summer. Well done everyone!

Mr Thompson and Mrs McCabe



Presentation Day 2024

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the achievements of all Valley View students at our annual Presentation Day. We acknowledged students in the area of academic, sport, extra-curricular, values and citizenship. We are so proud of all students' efforts and achievements this year.

Class Award Winners

Class	Academic	Academic Improvement	Class	Citizenship
KAM	Stephen H	Ryder C	Paige D	Henry H-A
KM	Lincoln W	Ronan E	Evie-Lee C	Harper B
1K	Jack M	Charli-Rose F	Kai W	Zoe M
1B	Alexander B	Otto D	JR S	Harriet D
2HM	Anthony P	Ian O	Tyler W	Anna H
2/3T	Hooper T	Lennox S	Azura W	Marcella G
3/4J	Lincoln B	Oliver B	Evan D	Olivia C
3/4B	William K	Noah C	Eira-Rose K	Remy N
4/5H	Lachlan D	Mia W	Lachlan O	Matthew M
5/6HW	Josephine C	Zoey J	Matilda D	Anita W
5/6T	Onat O	Fergus N	Emma S	Layla A
5/6S	Elise C	James C	Abbey Nicole L	Oliver V D
K-6T		Richard B		Harrison C
K-6K		Matthew S		Adrian E
K-6J		Zayden P		Tyler S

2025 Sports House Captains

Bradman	Alexandra B-W Thomas C
Frazer	Heath C Ivy W
Laver	Anais H-A Madison M
McKay	Judah McD Benjamin W



2025 School Leaders

Captains Layla A
 Zoey J

Leaders Lucy A
 Matilda D
 Aadil K
 Qusay M
 Richard B (Support Unit Representative)



Major Award Winners

Award	Recipient
<i>Sport House</i>	Fraser
<i>Sportsperson</i>	Charlotte D
<i>Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal</i>	Callum O'
<i>P&C</i>	Rebecca V D
<i>Lions Club Award</i>	Josephine Savannah F
<i>Dobel Award</i>	Oliver G
<i>Sustainable Futures Award</i>	Beau S
<i>EALD Award</i>	Aadil K
<i>Band</i>	Training Band - Xander T Concert Band - Fergus N
<i>Library</i>	Anita W
<i>Public Speaking</i>	Jensen H
<i>Art</i>	Tara B
<i>Performing Arts</i>	Jensen H
<i>Science</i>	Fergus N
<i>K-2 Citizenship</i>	Sophie M
<i>Major Citizenship</i>	Mia C
<i>Values</i>	Penny O
<i>Mathematics</i>	Onat O
<i>English</i>	Elise C
<i>Most Outstanding Student</i>	Elise C

**Congratulations to all
 award winners and newly
 elected leaders.**



Whole School Assembly - Week 8

3/4B

Richie K
Hannah G
Finn S

1K

Gabe B
Savannah W
Riley C

1B

Hazel B
Sam S
Tane A-R

KAM

Elena B
Stephen H
Oliver N

KM

Evie-Lee C
Dawn Mc
Luke C

5/6T

Alice T
Onat O
Ruby M

4/5H

Ruby-Rae H
harper W
Tom C

2/3T

Iel O
Kai K
Ben B

2HM

William L
Anna H
Victor R

3/4J

Lincoln B
Preston M
Aria S

5/6S

Naisy H-A
Sophie E
Aadil K

5/6HW

Madison M
Isaac O
Freddy B

K/6J

Max B

K/6T

Owen S

K/6K

Adrian E

Congratulations

P & C NEWS

Wow, what a year! We have enjoyed ourselves so much with all the events we have held this year and have been especially pleased to hold some new ones. We kicked off the year with the Fun Run, which was a great success, and allowed us to hold a free Disco for Valley View Students. It was amazing to see the huge turnout for the Family Movie Night and Carols in the valley which were also very successful.

Thanks to your participation in these events, the donations you have provided, and of course the time spent by volunteers to make these events happen we have raised \$15,100. This has allowed us to give back to the school which is why the P&C exists.

Thanks to the generosity of the Valley View community, we have donated the following items to the school this year to the value of approx. \$14,500

- Backflips Against Bullying performance - \$3,300
- Garden Club materials - \$363
- Laptop trolley - \$2,900
- More band shirts - \$635
- Year 6 formal Photo booth - \$560
- Motiv8 end of year - \$1,700
- Contribution towards stationary for 2025 - \$5,000
- Instrument maintenance for 2025 - Committed TBA
- Continued funding of the Breakfast Club

We can't wait to see what we can achieve next year, so please come and get involved, even a small amount of your time is valuable and will help us continue to give back to the school in a meaningful way.

Uniform Shop

To assist with back-to-school preparations the uniform shop will be open Monday the 3rd of February 8:30 – 9:30am
and

Wednesday the 5th of February 8:30 – 9:30am

Please remember you can order online at valleyviewpandc.org.au

Any items ordered before the 3rd of February can be picked up from the office from the 3rd of February.

Please ensure you child's name and the year they are going into are included in your order.

Attendance Matters



Every day matters, right until the last day of term!

There is still a few days of learning left and it is really important for students to come to school every single day, unless they are sick. Being at school every day boosts student learning and confidence and helps them build and maintain friendships.

A reminder that planned travel should only be taken during school holidays and students should be at school every day during school term, right from beginning to end.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term.



**Days
missed =
years lost**

If your child misses
as little as

1 day
per fortnight

they will miss

4 weeks
of school
per year

which adds up
to over

1 year
missed over
their school life



CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to week 10!

A few housekeeping things for tomorrow. The canteen will be offering a small menu, and we will be selling the items we have in stock. Substitutions may be offered. We thank you for your understanding.

The menu is as follows.

WEDNESDAY 18th December

MENU AVAILABLE

Cheese toasties/ Jaffle \$2

Cheese pizza \$2

Ham and cheese pizza \$2.50

Nuggets - \$2.40 (3 in pack)

A variety of Chill J's and Milkshakes will be available.

Ice blocks will be available

A HUGE THANK YOU to all my AMAZING VOLUNTEERS this year!! The canteen can't run without your support and help. It's been great to meet you all and look forward to seeing you again in 2025! THANK YOU.

If there are any questions or parents, carers or grandparents who would like to help in the canteen – my name is Bec, please don't hesitate to msg on 0438283165.

We are looking for more volunteers – If you can help once a month or for events, please don't hesitate to msg. Looking forward to seeing you.

Important Information
IF STUDENTS ORDER ICE BLOCKS on their lunch orders, they will now need to COME back to the canteen to collect.

Ice blocks will no longer be delivered to classrooms.

Thanks in advance



The canteen sells School Hats – \$5 students can purchase from the canteen Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8.30am till 1.50pm. Orders can be placed over the counter – we are cash only.

Canteen Update!

Sentral Student Pay+ is coming to Valley View!

Student Pay+ is an online system that can be accessed through the Sentral Parent Portal, or web browsers.

Sentral Pay+ allows parents to order from the canteen without needing to send cash to school.

We hope to have this system up and running in Term 4 so stay tuned for more updates and instructions on how to get started.

SENTRAL | student pay+

Community News

Public health alert – whooping cough (pertussis)

NSW Health has asked schools to share this advice with families and remind you to be aware of the symptoms of whooping cough (pertussis), as the number of cases in NSW continues to rise.

The highest rates are seen in school-aged children aged 5 to 16 years.

Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough. Coughing bouts can worsen and be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.

Children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn't go away. In adults the cough commonly lasts 5–7 weeks, sometimes longer.

Adolescents are offered a free pertussis vaccine through the Year 7 school vaccination program, as immunity decreases following their early childhood vaccines. GPs can administer free catch-up vaccination to children and adolescents for those who have missed doses. Pharmacists can also administer these free for children aged 5–19 years. The best protection against pertussis infection is vaccination.

Large outbreaks of whooping cough usually occur every 3 to 4 years as population immunity decreases. Lower exposure to whooping cough during the COVID-19 pandemic is a likely reason for this current increase.

Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months,
and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18+
or older



A regular
income
(you or your
partner)



Attend
free online
financial
education
workshops



Are studying
yourself or
have a child
at school, or
starting next
year



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