



# VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

Respect Responsibility Personal Best



## IMPORTANT DATES

### WEEK 1

- **Tuesday 6 February**  
Kindergarten First Day

### WEEK 2

- **Monday 12 February**  
Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday 13 February**  
P&C Meeting 7pm



**New Basketball  
Court**



# Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome our students and families back to Valley View PS for 2024 and extend a warm welcome to the new families that have joined our VVPS family this year. It has been so lovely to see the smiling faces of our students return for another year of learning.

The year began with two School Development Days for staff where we engaged in professional learning on the new English and Mathematics syllabuses, school organisation for 2024, mandatory training and CPR and anaphylaxis training.


This year we have 12 mainstream and three Multi Categorical classes, with all classes being finalised on our first day back, leading to a successful and smooth start to the year. Please remember that staff have had many detailed conversations and taken the following aspects into account when placing students into their new 2024 classes: academic, social and wellbeing needs. We ask that you trust in our decisions as we want every student to be known, valued and cared for.

We would like to extend a warm VVPS welcome to our new staff members and are delighted to have them as part of our school community:

- Mr Ben Thompson– Classroom teacher
- Mrs Vanessa Jones – Support Unit teacher

2024 classes are as follows:

Class Name	Teacher/Staff
KAM	Mrs Anderson/Mrs Manson
KM	Miss Monks
1B	Mr Boreland
1K	Mrs Koopman
2HM	Mrs McCabe/Mrs Horncastle
2/3T	Mr Thompson
3/4B	Mrs Bulloch
3/4J	Mr Jarrett/Mrs Hearne
4/5H	Mrs Hollingsworth/Mrs Tomlinson
5/6HW	Mrs Harpur/Mrs Wilson
5/6S	Mr Smith/Mr Jarrett
5/6T	Mrs Turner
K-6J	Mrs Jones
K-6T	Mrs Tweedie/Mrs Brown
K-6K	Miss <del>Thoseby</del>
Library	Mrs McCarthy
Release from Face to Face (RFF)	Mr Kelly/Mrs Hearne
Learning Support	Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Curtis/Mrs Brown



It certainly was an exciting time welcoming our new Kindergarten students to 'big school' today. Their enthusiasm cannot be denied and it is always such a privilege for our school to be able to help grow and nurture the youngest members of our school community. We truly hope that you and your children enjoy the start of the school year.

Term 1 is set to be a busy time at VVPS so please keep an eye out on Class Dojo and the Sentral Parent App for updates and permission notes. It is extremely important that you are set up on both apps so please contact your child's class teacher or the office for support with this as soon as possible.

### **Holiday Works**

During the school holidays there were lots of projects being worked on, in and around the school grounds. We had several trees that were deemed dangerous removed and lots of pruning completed. Initial works have been completed, ready for the installation of our new electronic sign which should happen soon. The damaged shade sail and soft fall have been repaired, and last but not least, the greatly anticipated basketball court was finished! Our students have been enjoying the additional play space and we've noticed lots of budding young basketballers loving the new court.

### **Morning Supervision**

Please note that staff do not commence duty until 8:30am each morning. Students should not arrive at school until supervision is available. This is a welfare and safety issue.

Please note that our before and after care service with OSH Club is up and running and are taking bookings.


### **Family Contact Details**

Are your details up to date? Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. We particularly need to keep phone numbers up to date for emergencies. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **Reminders**

A reminder that all students need to come to school in their full school uniform with a school cap/hat (these can be purchased from the uniform shop, canteen or office) and bring a refillable water bottle, especially with the weather being so warm at the moment.

Kirsty Squires  
**Principal**





# Sports News 2024



We have an exciting year of sport planned for VVPS in 2024!

Next Monday is our first major carnival for the year, the Swimming Carnival! All students in Years 2-6 will attend our carnival at Woy Woy Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The carnival will be split into two parts. The first part being the competitive carnival for students who are capable of swimming 50m confidently. After the competitive carnival is complete, all students will have the opportunity to participate in structured novelty activities. This includes use of the water splash park, water slide and shallow play pool.

If you wish to participate in the competitive carnival, you **MUST** fill out the 'Competitor Nomination Form' on Sentral, by no later than Tuesday 6th February. All students **MUST** fill out the 'Permission Note' which is also on Sentral and needs to be filled in no later than Thursday 8th February.

Students are required to bring their own crunch and sip, lunch, afternoon tea, and water. Students also need to bring swimmers, a towel, and a change of clothes. Students must wear their school uniform or sports house coloured shirt to and from the pool. The canteen at the Peninsula Leisure Centre will be open on the day for staff and spectators only.

We invite parents and spectators along to the carnival; however, they will be seated in a designated area in the grandstand. Spectator Entry is \$4.00 and is to be paid at the pool on the day. If you wish to sign your child out early, please see the office staff at the desk at the end of the pool. Please do not approach your child's classroom teacher.

If you have any questions, please ask your classroom teacher.

## Other Important Dates

VVPS Athletics Carnival: Tuesday 9th April

VVPS Cross Country: Wednesday 8th May

Brisbane Water PSSA Swimming Carnival: Friday 8th March

Brisbane Water PSSA Cross Country: Friday 24th May

Brisbane Water PSSA Athletics Carnival: Friday 30th August



Throughout the year, Stage 3 students will also have the opportunity to trial for our school sports teams. These include Basketball, Touch Football, Oz-Tag and Football (Soccer). Trial information for these team sports will be announced later in the term.

Students who play in a team sport at Representative level will also have the opportunity to trial for the Brisbane Water teams. More information will be passed on to students about these opportunities later in the term.

This term also sees classes participate in our Sports in Schools Australia program. This term we will have tennis coaches come in and give tennis lessons to our students (on our brand new court).

# PBL



## Kindness

Valley View Public School is a proud, inclusive community. We welcome everyone to sit, learn and play together regardless of their age, race religion, gender or disability.

### At Valley View Public School...

We are engaged and attentive in our learning to ensure we demonstrate our Personal Best. By working together to create a classroom vision, we feel known, valued and cared for. We value our learning, we are resilient and we are persistent when working towards our goals.

# PBL



Our 2023 Year 6 cohort kindly donated a new PBL OK ticket Rewards Box for their school gift. During the holidays our GA, Michael, installed the box ready for the new school year. The PBL box is for the OK tickets we earn on the playground for demonstrating positive behaviour which reflects our school values of respect, responsibility and personal best. Each tier will earn the students a new reward as a whole school. Tier 1 = 10 minutes extra playtime, Tier 2 = a lunchtime disco and Tier 3 = Motiv8Sports Day at the end of the year. Next time you are in the office, be sure to have a look! We can't wait to see it full of OK tickets and earning those extra rewards!

Kind regards,

Natalie Betteridge



# Road Safety – a Shared Responsibility

When thinking about road safety, what is shared responsibility?

It's a way for us, individually, to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

Central Coast Council regularly reviews the environment around our many schools, improving areas such as the setup of parking restrictions or the upgrading of crossings. Supporting schools to educate their school community about road safety outside schools is also a role of our Council.

Everyone in the school community - parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, students, bus drivers, crossing supervisors and motorists passing through the area – all have a responsibility for the road safety of our children.

Please consider the following to help keep the members of your school community safe

- If you drop off or pick up children to or from school, please follow the Road Rules
- There are designated areas that allow for parking but there are also areas that do not allow parking
- Pedestrian and / or School Crossings provide the safest options for crossing the road
- Speed limits are set at 40km/hour to help keep people around school areas - especially children - safe.

Road safety around schools is about shared responsibility. Addressing road safety issues are not always about needing more parking spaces.

***Children are great imitators so please set a good example and model safe behaviour.***

The Safe System Approach to Road Safety has been adopted in NSW. The following is taken from the NSW Towards Zero Road Safety Campaign:

*People are at the heart of the safe system approach to road safety.*

*Road safety is a shared responsibility – everyone needs to make safe decisions on and around the road to prioritise safety.*

*All road users owe it to themselves and to everyone else on the road to follow the road rules and drive to the conditions. Crashes can be prevented, and lives can be saved, by making safe choices.*

<http://www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au/safesystem>

Source: NSW Centre for Road Safety





# Enrol today for 2024!

## Outside School Hours Care



Dear families,

Starting school for the first time is a big transition for children and families. There is a lot of new information to remember, a new routine to adjust to and lots of big emotions for everyone involved.

One thing that you may not know much about is Outside School Hours Care and how it can support the transition to school.

If you have a child starting school for the first time this year, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to the OSHClub service and tell you a bit about our Programs. A few things you may not have known about OSHClub:

- Before and after school care is eligible for childcare subsidy, meaning the government may fund up to 90% of the session fee\*
- Holiday programs are also eligible for childcare subsidy, and your child is welcome to join the program at your school or another OSHClub location
- Enrolment in OSHClub is free, so it's a good idea to enrol now, just in case you need it throughout the year
- Your child's enrolment is managed via Services Australia. You can view our how-to enrol guide [here](#)

### About our programs:

Our Adventure Program is a globally informed pedagogy framework that is run at our before and after school sessions – "Rise then Shine" and "Stay and Play". Backed by research into child development, and created in partnership with experts, the Adventure Program provides children with the opportunity to learn essential life skills and empowers them to choose how they spend their morning and afternoon via a selection of 7 Adventure Categories.

Holiday HQ is our exciting holiday program which is jam packed with a variety of activities, incursions and off-site experiences to keep the kids having fun and making friendships throughout the school holidays.

### Early enrolment gift!

We are so excited about welcoming new children into our service this year. For all families who enrol by Sunday 31 January, we will be sending a personalised OSHClub backpack tag with your child's first name printed on the front along with some novelty stickers they will love! You don't need to book your sessions yet, just submit your enrolment application online (via Services Australia) and we will post out the welcome pack and free gift for you.

We wish you and your family a happy new year and look forward to welcoming you to the OSHClub family!

The team at OSHClub

1300 395 735



\*Childcare subsidy eligibility varies, depending on your household income  
# Subject to availability within the program



## Take control of your finances

For every **dollar you save**, you will receive **another dollar from ANZ** to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



**Saver Plus** gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), **ANZ will double it.**

### What can the \$500 be spent on?



Laptops and tablets



Uniforms and shoes



Vocational education



Lessons and activities



Books and supplies



Camps and excursions

### To join Saver Plus



Be 18 years or older



Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card



Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself



Get a regular income (you or your partner)



Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

**Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits.** It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au) 1300 610 355



## Join the Mighty Storm in 2024

# GOSFORD KARIONG STORM

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



For more information  
Phone 0402 190 282  
Email [gkrego@outlook.com](mailto:gkrego@outlook.com)

With quality coaching and support, children get to experience the great game of Rugby League in a fun and inclusive environment. With a focus on effort and determination, your child is encouraged to give their best and be there for their mates. All players with Gosford Kariong receive a club shirt, socks, and shorts as part of their registration. They also receive a trophy at our end of year presentation event.



# GOSFORD CITY FC SEASON 2024



**Information and Try Football Session  
Sun 11th Feb, 9-11am @ Gavenlock Oval, Narara**

**Come down and ask us anything about the upcoming season.**

**Try Football sessions run for 30 mins at 9am, 9:30am,  
10am and 10:30am. All Ages are Welcome.**



**2024 registrations are open  
[www.gosfordcityfc.org.au/registration](http://www.gosfordcityfc.org.au/registration)**

**Join us at your local club- family friendly,  
new or experienced players, all welcome!**

**Under 5's to Over 45's teams / Mixed teams /  
Girls only Comp from 5 years up**

**For Fun, Friendship, Fitness & Football!**

**[www.gosfordcityfc.org.au](http://www.gosfordcityfc.org.au)**

Go4Fun

Central Coast Local Health District



**FREE healthy lifestyle program**



10-week program for 7 to 13-year-old kids and their families\*

Go for healthy eating advice, active games and positive changes for the whole family. Most importantly, go for fun!

\*contact us to see if it will suit your family



Programs run every school term

Register now: call 1800 780 900 or  
visit [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)

