



# VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

Week 8  
Term 1  
2024

Respect Responsibility Personal Best

## IMPORTANT DATES

### WEEK 8

- **Tuesday 19 March**  
NVHS Information Evening
- **Wed 20th March**  
School Photos
- **Thurs 21st March**  
Harmony Day
- **Friday 22nd March**  
P&C Fun Run
- **Mon 18 - Mon 25 March**  
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### WEEK 9

- **Thurs 28 March**  
K-2 Easter Hat Parade
- **Friday 29 March**  
Good Friday

### WEEK 10

- **Mon 1 April**  
Easter Monday
- **Tues 2 April**  
Sydney North Swimming
- **Wed 3 April**  
LHS Transition Day Yr6
- **Fri 5 April**  
3-6 Assembly

### School Fun Run Information

Our School Fun run is on this Friday. All students will participate.

On the day students will need to wear:

- Mufti clothes
- Joggers

These items will be worn for the fun run and will get wet.

Students will need to bring:

- Change of clothes
- Change of shoes
- Towel
- Plastic Bag (for wet items)

### Valley View Fun Run

12.50 - 1.10 3-6 Fun Run

1.10 - 1.20 Teacher Slime time!

1.55 - 2.15 K-2 Fun Run

Parents are welcome to come along and watch on the day.

Front and side gates will be the only access.

# Principal's Message

## **School Photo Day**

Smile everyone, tomorrow is our annual school photo day. All students are asked to come in their summer uniform which consists of the teal school polo shirt, navy shorts/skort and white socks with black shoes if possible.

All families should have received an email with instructions from the photography company on how to order and payment details. If not, please contact MSP Photography, contact details for the company can be found in the information sent out in the last newsletter, on Class Dojo and Sentral.

## **P&C**

Last week the P&C held their Annual General Meeting and it was lovely to see so many parents attend. Congratulations to the new executive on their successful nominations and a huge thank you to the outgoing committee. 2023 was a successful year for the P&C and we look forward to working together to support the needs of our students and community in 2024!

## **P&C School Fun Run**

The highly anticipated P&C School Fun Run will take place this Friday on the school oval. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and watch. Information regarding times and what children will need to bring on the day can be found in this newsletter and on Class Dojo.

Don't forget to keep those donations coming in, we can't wait to see the final tally!

## **Easter Long Weekend**

The Easter weekend falls during the school term this year, with Good Friday being the 29th of March and Easter Monday the 1st of April. We hope you all have a wonderful long weekend!

## **School Community Charter**

Attached to this newsletter is the School Community Charter, a document from the Department of Education that sets out the responsibilities of parents, carers and school staff in ensuring our schools are collaborative, supportive and cohesive. I ask that you take the time to read it.

The charter also points out, that in all workplaces people have the right to feel respected and that aggressive and disrespectful behaviour will not be accepted.

Let's keep working together in a respectful and positive manner to ensure the best outcomes for all.

Kirsty Squires

**Principal**



# School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat each other with **respect**

## What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



## Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

**Unsafe behaviour** is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

**Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.**



We  
all play  
our part

We create  
**collaborative**  
learning  
environments

We work  
**in partnership**  
to promote  
student  
learning

## Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

[education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

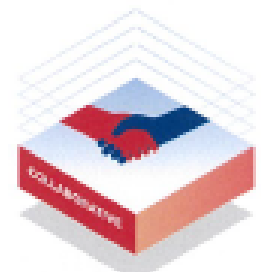
## Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.  
Respectful.  
Communication.**

**School Community Charter**

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# P&C NEWS



**FUNDRAISE WITH US!**

*Bakers Delight* LOVEour LOCALS™

**HELP US RAISE SOME DOUGH WITH DELICIOUS HOT CROSS BUNS!**

To further our 2024 Fundraising goals and help support a local business that continues to support our school, we are happy to advise that we are doing a Hot Cross Bun Drive.

Orders should be submitted to the office, with money, by Friday 22nd March. Orders will be sent home on Wednesday 27th March.

**The 6 packs of buns are \$10 each - for every pack sold, \$2 is donated to the school.**

Valley View Public School **P&C** ASSOCIATION

## P&C AGM

**Our P&C AGM was held on the 12th of March, and we had a great turnout.**

**We are excited to say we now have two new Uniform Shop Coordinators!**

**Amy White and Jenny Bell have joined the team and they will be training to take over the running of the Uniform Shop this year, welcome to the team!**

**The secretary role is still vacant so if you are interested in this opportunity, please contact [presidentvvpc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentvvpc@gmail.com).**

**The newly elected P&C executive committee for 2024 is as follows:**

**President – Fleur Cuttell**

**Vice President – Shannon Osmond**

**Vice President Fundraising – Mona Strickland**

**Treasurer – Melanie Williams**

**Grants Officer – Rebecca Stallman**

**The P&C has many exciting events planned for 2024 and we look forward to seeing everyone enjoying themselves and your continued support of our fundraising efforts for the year.**

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND TO MAXIMISE LEARNING

Dear parents and carers,

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school.

We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.

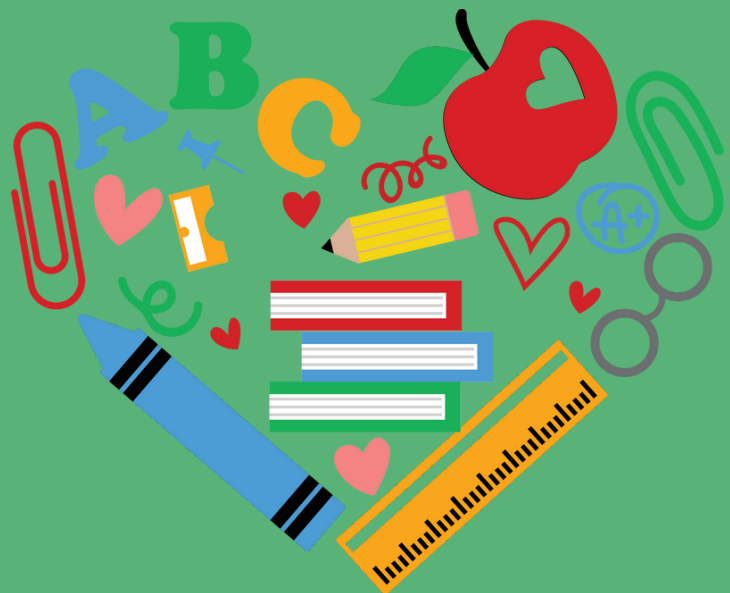
When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

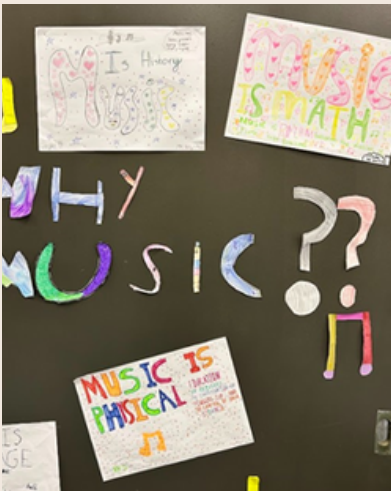
Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning.

Kind regards,

Natalie Betteridge



# MUSIC LESSONS!



Our CAPA Music lessons have been progressing extremely well over Term 1. Students from Kindergarten through Year 6 have learned some of the elements of music including dynamics, pitch and rhythm. We have combined musical theory with practice, exploring sounds with untuned instruments such as drums, triangles, maracas, tambourines and claves (clapping sticks) and also with our brand new class set of wonderful ukuleles. Singing has also been a big part of our music program. Locations have included the Music Room, the rear playground behind our Library, and even a few serenades outside the Principal's office. Students are learning about the importance of music in our daily lives. It involves maths, science, English, history and fine motor skills. Class 5/6S are building a Spotify playlist with parents and carers sharing favourite songs from a range of genres, as part of music appreciation. We have over an hour of music so far. Next steps will involve using glockenspiels and djembe drums. Many thanks to Mrs Squires for her support of musical education at our wonderful school.

Paul Kelly  
Teacher



# SPORTS

# NEWS

## Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 8th March it was a great day to be poolside to support our Valley View Students who competed in the Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival. The students displayed excellent sportsmanship, encouragement and participation and should be commended on their excellent behaviour. Our students had a fabulous day of competition and achieved some outstanding results. Please see below:

### Charlotte D-

1st 12yrs - 50m freestyle

1st Open Girls- 100m freestyle,

1st Senior Girls Individual Medley, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly

Senior Girls Zone Age Champion. This is the third consecutive year that Charlotte has taken out the Zone Swimming Champion which is such a remarkable achievement.

Well done Charlotte!

### Callum O -

1st 12yrs- 50m freestyle

1st Senior Boys breaststroke, 2nd Senior Boys Backstroke and Senior Boys Butterfly, 3rd

Senior Boys Individual Medley

Senior Boys Age Champion

Finn A:

2nd 12yrs 50m freestyle

3rd Senior Boys 50m backstroke



### Lachlan D-

3rd Open boys 100m

1st 10yr Boys 50m freestyle

1st Junior Boys 50m breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke.

1st Junior Boys Individual Medley

Junior Boys Age Champion

### Lachlan O-

2nd 10yrs 50m freestyle

2nd Junior Boys 50m breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly

2nd Junior Boys Individual Medley



## **William D -**

1st 8yr Boys 50m Freestyle

## **Sophie M -**

3rd 8yr Girls 50m freestyle

1st - Junior Boys Relay team (Lachlan D, William D, Lachlan O & Matthew M)

A huge congratulations to these competitors as they will now progress to the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Mrs Harpur, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hollingsworth are extremely proud of all our swimmers and wish our Zone Representatives all the best at Sydney North. We would also like to thank the Kariong and Lisarow HS students that came and assisted on the day with time keeping. It was lovely to see some ex Valley View students (Daniel, Jack and Dimitri) helping out and cheering on our VVPS competitors.

## **Sports In Schools Australia**

A huge thank you to Sports in Schools for giving us a grant for our students to develop their skills in tennis this term. It is fantastic to see all the students participating and enjoying learning and developing their skills in tennis on our new court area. Mark has been supporting our students through his coaching techniques and skills and it is great to see improvement in our students each week. The Sports in Schools is a fantastic program giving our students the opportunity to try many different sports across the year.

## **Zone Rugby League Trials**

On Tuesday 12th March, we had four students head off to the Combined Rugby League Trials with Brisbane Water, Beecroft & Hornsby PSSA zones. A huge congratulations to Judah and Donald on your successful selection in the U11's. They will now progress through to Sydney North trials next term. Valley View are very proud of your achievements and wish you all the best at the next phase of selections.

Kelli Wilson





# Whole School Assembly Awards - Week 7







# Narara Valley High School Taster Lessons

On Wednesday 6th March, Narara Valley High School came to V.V.P.S to work with our Year 6 students. Students were involved in a range of exciting English, Science and PE lessons and are looking forward to many more transition experiences this year.





# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

**A Whole school student wellbeing program that focuses on a new topic each week.  
The next two weeks topic are:**

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### Week 9

### Week 8



## I can be a good friend...

At Valley View Public School we meet lots of new people and make lots of new friends. Not everyone I meet at school always looks like me or acts like me. We have different abilities and different interests but I know that even though we may have differences on the outside, we are all the same on the inside. We all deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

### Week 8

## 3 - 6

## At Valley View Public School,

We are all different and enjoy different things.

We understand that some people are adventurous, some are creative, some are playful, some are sporty and some are all of these things. We recognise that these are traits which are a part of our identity and we know that when we can understand our own personal strengths, this helps us to recognise and appreciate strengths in others. We appreciate how our own personal strengths make us unique.

### Week 9

## At Valley View Public School

We understand that we begin school with varying levels of exposure to others who are different from ourselves. We will encounter other students, teachers and members of the wider school community who come from different cultural backgrounds, speak different languages, behave differently, have different abilities and skills, and who come from different socio-economic Strata. It's entirely natural to notice difference and to express curiosity and this can be explored through respectful discussion. At Valley View Public School, we are passionate about creating an environment which promotes greater inclusion and acceptance. We want everyone to feel that they belong. We encourage everyone to think about the question: 'What makes you and/or your family special?'







You Can Help Us To Protect Earth

Return  
and  
Earn!



Weeks  
7 - 10

**Reduce \* Reuse \* Recycle**

Students are once again invited to collect 10c refundable containers (bottles, cans and milk/popover cartons) and bring them to school for collection.

10c refundables will be collected at school each morning from 8:30 am at school gates starting Monday March 11th - Friday April 5th.

All fundraising will go towards updating and maintaining our schools sustainability program.

Count me in.

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

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