



# VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

Week 10  
Term 1  
2024

Respect Responsibility Personal Best

## IMPORTANT DATES

### WEEK 10

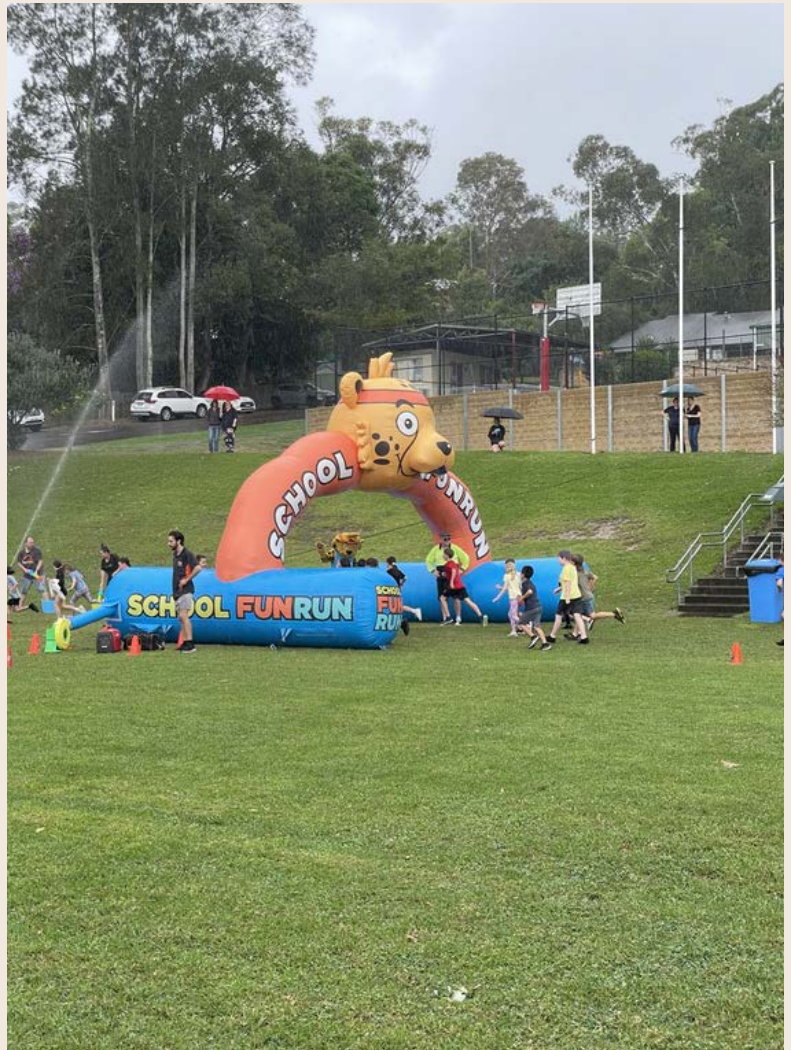
- **Mon 1 April**  
Easter Monday
- **Tues 2 April**  
Sydney North Swimming
- **Wed 3 April**  
LHS Transition Day Yr6
- **Fri 5 April**  
3-6 Assembly 2pm

### WEEK 11

- **Tues 9 April**  
Athletics Carnival
- **Thurs 11-12 April**  
State Swimming
- **Fri 12 April**  
PBL Rewards Day  
K-2 Assembly  
Last day Term 1

### WEEK 1 Term 2

- **Mon 29 April**  
Staff Development Day
- **Tues 30 April**  
Students Return for Term 2
- **Wed 1 May**  
Anzac Day Assembly



Major P&C Fundraiser - The School Fun Run

# Principal's Message

## **Communication**

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. We know that you play a crucial role in helping your child become a motivated learner. Communication between our school and our community is critical for us to partner together.

To give our teachers the opportunity to recharge, spend time with their families and bring their best creative selves to work, we are setting clear expectations for when and how they respond to communication outside school operating hours. This means teachers may not reply to non-emergency messages or emails outside of school operating hours.

Please use the school's email address for non-emergencies in the first instance or Class Dojo. Our staff will respond to your queries within 2 school days under normal circumstances.

For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers directly, at a time that works best for everyone.

Our staff will always stay in touch because open communication is what's best for your child and their education. We don't want you to stop communicating with your teachers – we still want to hear from you if you have any questions or need to discuss a matter about your child. We know it's often easier to send emails or messages after work.

Our dedicated teachers want to help our students achieve their best – we're on the same team.

Thank you for treating our staff with kindness and respect.

## **Mobile Phones**

Just a reminder that mobile phones are banned in all public schools in NSW. We understand that some students require a mobile phone after school in order for parents to contact them after school in regard to pick up arrangements and/or for their safety walking to and from school.

It is a requirement that all students who bring mobile phones to school, take them to the front office on arrival at school and sign them in. They will then need to collect them after the bell in the afternoon.

Please note: if any student is found to be in possession of a phone during the school day, it will be confiscated. Parents will be required to pick up the phone in person in order for it to be returned. Please talk to your child about the system in place and ensure they are bringing the phone to the office each morning. Furthermore, if they do not need it for safety reasons, we recommend they do not bring it to school at all.

## **EFTPOS**

Payments for all school-based activities and events can now be made through our new EFTPOS facilities in the front office. Please note however, payments for uniforms are still run through the P&C, not the school.

## **Year 7 – High School Expressions of Interest**

Parents / Carers of our current Year 6 group are reminded to please complete the Expression of Interest for Year 7, on-line for 2025. All submissions are due by Thursday, 4th of April.

# Principal's Message

## **Brighter Beginnings**

The Brighter Beginnings Parent and Carer Information Hub has been launched to help parents and carers navigate the first 5 years of life, from pregnancy to age 5.

The hub brings together NSW and Federal Government resources as a one-stop-shop to find the information and tools they need to support their child's health and development during this time.

The hub can be accessed through the following link:

[Early childhood development | NSW Government](#)

## **Opportunity Class**

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2025 open 4 April and close 20 May 2024. Below are key dates for the application process.

- Thursday 4 April to Monday 20 May 2024 – Applications open for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2025. The application link will be published via Application process on 4 April.
- Wednesday 22 May to Friday 7 June 2024 – After applications close, principals with students with specific reasonable adjustments will be asked to provide additional information about applicants online via the Selective High School and Opportunity class schools system (SHS and OC schools' site). School assessment scores are not required.
- Thursday 1 August 2024 – Candidates sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

## **Holidays**

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break, ready for the final two weeks of Term 1. The last day for students is Friday, 12th of April.

Staff will return to school for professional learning which will focus on the new Years 3-6 English and Mathematics Syllabuses on Monday, 29th April.

Students' first day of Term 2 is Tuesday, 30th of April.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on the 30th of April.

Kirsty Squires  
Principal



# Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st of March, Valley View Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that highlighted the importance of embracing and respecting cultural differences. We had a special Harmony Day assembly, where we appreciated our school's diversity, shared stories, and had a beautiful performance from our Support Unit and school choir. It was lovely to see families and carers attend the picnic lunch and engage with one another. Overall, Harmony Day was a huge success, and we are proud to be a diverse and inclusive school community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special and we look forward to celebrating Harmony Day again next year.

Kimberley Thoseby  
Valley View Public School  
Classroom Teacher  
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# Easter Hat Parade

What a wonderful Easter Hat Parade this year! Students in K-2 were so creative when making their hats and they looked absolutely amazing on the day. The recorder groups blew us away with their performance, Mrs Horncastle and Mrs Jones were so proud of them. The parade was so much fun and K-2 performed their songs so well. We also of course enjoyed having our little siblings join us at the end.

When we arrived back at the room - The Easter Bunny had visited! Thank you to the families for supporting our parade and hat making, and the teachers for such a lovely afternoon.

Amy Anderson  
Assistant Principal





# School Fun Run



**What a fantastic time everyone had during the highly anticipated P&C School Fun Run. The students (and staff) had a wonderful time running the course and dodging some highly accurate water gun shooting from our parent helpers. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members come along to watch on the day, these family events are always so well supported and are a great reflection of our amazing community.**



**Congratulations to the P&C, especially their fundraising VP Mona Strickland, and our community for raising close to \$16 000 - what a great effort!**

**Kirsty Squires**

**Principal**





# Sydney North Swimming

Best of luck to our swimmers who are competing today at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival at Homebush.

Keep an eye out for an update on the school's Facebook page!

Kirsty Squires

Principal



# Explaining every absence

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



**Let us know**

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

**Every Day Matters**



Dear parents and carers,

As we head into the end of Term 1, it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills.

We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays.

Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.

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

Assistant Principal (Relieving) Stage 3|Well-being and Learning Support



# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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

## Week 11

### At Valley View Public School

We are aware of our surroundings when we are out in the community and we can identify safe adults. We are able to explain safe and unsafe situations and how we should respond.

Coming up to the school holidays it is important that we understand that it is our responsibility to always let an adult know where we are and who we are with.

We also understand that stranger danger can also be a challenge when we are online. It is important that our safe adults know who we are talking to or playing games with.







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