Principal’s Message

Aboriginal Education Forum
Last Thursday, Mr Sutton and I led our first Aboriginal Education Forum. The main discussion was around the concept of Cultural Safety. Cultural Safety means that no matter what your cultural background, skin colour, religion race or creed, you feel safe and a sense of belonging in an environment. That is, "it’s just part of what we do" in our organisation. At our school part of our planning for the next three years includes the notion of being culturally safe. From the forum we have outlined three strategic priorities for aboriginal education in our school and building on the notion of cultural safety. These are:
- An Aboriginal Cultural Group which runs alongside our regular scripture classes.
- Using the '8 ways of learning' process in our planning, programming and everyday teaching.
- Developing an Aboriginal Education component in our school, similar to that of Indonesian to teach about facets of Aboriginal culture.

We believe that with understanding and an appreciation of our Indigenous culture we can break down some of the many stereotypes we have in our wider community.

Sing Out
It was wonderful to receive updates and photos from Sunday nights ‘Sing Out’ celebration at Town Hall. Our senior choir performed at this event and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience. Thank you to Mrs Morrow and Mrs Gadd for their organisation.

SWOT Surveys
Thank you to the many families who returned their SWOT surveys. I will be collating the results this week and publishing them in next week’s newsletter.

2015 School Planning
Currently we are in the middle of planning for our next three years. Recently we have been evaluating many of our key programs and speaking to our staff, community and students to determine the best direction for our school. We have decided on three priority areas. These are:
- Academic Excellence
- Innovative Education and
- Positive School Culture.

Next Monday our teams will be meeting to finalise the plans. We invite any members of our community who would like to be part of the process and add input into any of these areas to attend the last planning meeting on Monday 17th November. If you have any other questions please contact myself at the school.

Remembrance Day Assembly
On Tuesday at 11:00am the school will stop for a minutes silence in recognition of Remembrance Day. This Wednesday at 9:15am we will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

Teacher Leave
From this week Ms Tisdell will be on leave for two weeks. Mr Jacob Ramm will be teaching 4/5/6C in his absence. We welcome Jacob to our school and look forward to working with him.

Stage 2 Energy Projects
Last Friday I had the pleasure of viewing all of the wonderful experiments and creations made by our Stage 2 students. These students have been investigating electricity and creating circuits. I was amazed by the inventions and creativity shown in the task. Bring back 'MacGyver I say!' Or is that just me showing my age?

Band Awards from Band Fest
Congratulations to our Training and Concert Bands for their wonderful efforts on the weekend at Band Fest. Our Concert Band finished equal first with a Gold Award and our Training Band came second and received a Silver Award. Well done to all involved.

Dave Stitt
Rel. Principal

Notes you should have received this week:
Information Evening – Stage 3
Chamberlain Gardens Visit – 4H & 2/3K
Reptile Park Excursion – Kindergarten
Band Information Evening
Central Coast Band Festival Information – Band Students

All notes are now on the school website at valleyview-public-school@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen Roster Week 4

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 6
Monday 10/11 Reptile Park Excursion – Kindergarten Riding for the Disabled – 2-6S
Tuesday 11/11 School Spec Rehearsal ViewStart
Wednesday 12/11 Whole School Assembly 2:00pm Band Recruitment Evening 6:30pm ViewStart
Thursday 13/11 Individual Student Transition Meetings

Week 7
Monday 17/11 Swim School (Monday to Friday)
Tuesday 18/11 ViewStart
Wednesday 19/11 PA Class End of Year Concert
Thursday 20/11 Helpers Morning Tea
Friday 21/11 Graham Brown Basketball Gala Day Combined Schools Band Tour

Week 8
Monday 24/11 Swim School (Monday to Friday)
Tuesday 25/11 Art Attack 4&5/6C
Wednesday 26/11 School Spec Rehearsal NVHS Taster Lessons 8:30-2:30pm Infants Assembly
Thursday 27/11 School Spec Rehearsal NVHS CAPA/ACCE/TSP Taster Lessons 8:30-2:30pm
Friday 28/11 Schools’ Spectacular

Week 9
Tuesday 2/12 NVHS Band Tour
Wednesday 3/12 Whole School Assembly 2:00pm Year 6 Orientation Day 9:00-2:00pm
Year 5 Fun Day NVHS 2015 Info Session 5:50-6:30pm
Thursday 4/12 P&C Disco from 4:00pm
Friday 5/12 Presentation Day 9:30am
Sunday 6/12 School Carols Night

COAST SHELTER CAN DRIVE
The classes are keeping a tally of who brings in the most cans. Last year we raised over 1000 and we want to match or beat that!!!

P & C NEWS
Concretor – The P & C are currently seeking a member of our school community with concreting experience who can assist with the redevelopment of the area in front of the canteen. If you are able to help, please contact us either via email secretaryvvpcc@hotmail.com or call Trish on 0426 212 766.

Upcoming events:
Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th November from 7pm. This meeting is held in the staffroom. If you would like to discover further information about the P & C please join us!

School disco will be held on Thursday, 4th December from 4pm. We are excited to invite our ‘new’ kindy children to attend. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon/evening of dance and laughter!

Christmas Carols will be held on Saturday, 13th December from 4pm until 7pm. The carols will have a BBQ, ham raffles, fairy floss and a special visit from a jolly fellow!

Remember to ‘like’ our Facebook page (Valley View Public School P & C Association) for all the current information. Have an incredible sixth week of term!

Trish Clark, President (0426 212 766)

2015 ENROLMENTS
If you are not intending on returning to Valley View in 2015, could you please contact the school office as we would like to finalise numbers for the next year and inform students of their classes for 2015.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The uniform shop is in need of new volunteers. Most of the current volunteers have children in Year 6 and will leave the school at end of year.

If you would like to volunteer you need to be available Tuesday morning from 8.30 - 9.30am and have completed a working with children check.

If you are interested please call Lisa via front office or at uniforms@vvpcc@hotmail.com. Thank you.

2016 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
Applications for Year 7 selective high school placements in 2016 close at 10:00pm on 17th November. Anyone who intends to apply but has not done so should apply as quickly as possible. All parents must apply online. There are no paper applications this year.

SCHOOL APP
Parents, just a reminder that you need to log out of the school app to receive any changes that may be made to dates and notes. We advise that you sign out each day. You will still receive notifications as normal.
User name – community
Password – valleyviewps
LOST PROPERTY
This is an area which has driven most of our school community crazy over many years. As a result we are introducing new procedures aimed at cleaning up the mess, which is the Lost Property Bin (LPB). As of today the LPB will be moved from inside the hall to outside the uniform shop. (Cottage area) The LPB will now be in the form of a large box which can be closed. Any loose items will be deposited in the box. Each week the items will be sorted and any found without names will be placed with the uniform shop used items stock. Those with names will be redistributed back to the classroom. Children will be reminded to collect items after playtime and after sport sessions.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)
This week our PBL focus is: Toilets

Valley View students are expected to behave safely and responsibly in and around the toilet blocks.

Some of the behaviours targeted this week include:

- Safe movement to toilets
- Good hand washing techniques
- Voice level
- Respecting the privacy of others

Last week our PBL focus was Walkways. Students have been moving quickly and quietly around the school and are returning to class settled and ready to work. Well done Valley View!

The name suggestions for our mascot have now closed so stay tuned for an exciting announcement......!

_The PBL team_

INTER-SCHOOL CHESS GALA DAY
Last Wednesday Valley View Public School hosted an interschool chess gala day in the school hall. Sixty five children from schools all over the Central Coast came to participate in the event.

Well done to the following students from Valley View:


They all tried very hard and were successful in many of their games. A big thank you to Mr Vaughan and Mrs Stanbury who gave up their time to help in the morning of the competition.

LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION
We, in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty at Lisarow High School are excited about our upcoming whole school Art Exhibition, "Here and Now". It is an eclectic array of works showcasing the creative talents of our Visual Arts and Photography students from Years 7 to 12, including the current HSC artworks. We welcome you to come along to the school hall, either on the opening night Wednesday 19th November, between 5:30pm-8:00pm or during school hours, Thursday 20th November between 9:00am-2:00pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Kylie Bolger
Head Teacher CAPA

VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
We are looking to make up Christmas hampers for the school to raffle with all proceeds going to finish our Collaboration Room in D Block. If you are able, can you please send in items for these hampers – some suggestions would be:-

Christmas food such as chips, mince pies, bath bombs, bubble bath, chocolates, puddings, cake, soft drinks, Christmas stockings, small gift items for children, gift cards.

Please bring items to the office and give to Miss Rossetti. Raffle tickets will be issued to families at the end of November.

CENTRAL COAST BAND COMPETITION
On Sunday our school concert band won the Central Coast Band competition!! We also had our Training Band win silver out of all the schools on the Central Coast – we are amazing!!

Ayesha V

VALLEY VIEW'S GOT TALENT
Auditions for Valley View's Got Talent are every Thursday lunchtime. Gold coin entry donation for performers, silver coin donation for audience. This will go towards our Nepalese fundraising. Performers will be given 60 seconds to demonstrate their talents.

_The show will be on Wednesday 17th December in the hall at 11:50am._

SING OUT CELEBRATION
On Sunday some of the choir went to the amazing Town Hall and performed in Celebration Sing Out. We spent most of the day rehearsing and perfecting the beautiful songs, then finally performing in front of hundreds of people. We all had an amazing time and are looking forward to doing something as wonderful as this experience again.

Torah P

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