**Principal’s Message**

**Principal’s Address**
Wow! It is hard to believe that 2014 is now almost over. It has been a year with many changes and I believe many positives. I am proud of the work which has been achieved by our teachers, students and community this year. As a community we have worked hard to move our school forward. We are focused on preparing our students better for a changing world and providing them with more engaging and relevant learning opportunities. Some of the plans we have begun to implement will only begin to bear fruit in the next few years, so it is with a bitter sweet feeling I move on to new adventures as Principal of Narara Public School.

I take this time to thank all of the Valley View community for their support, cooperation and well wishes. As I said in my Presentation Day speech, “I love this school”. I have invested 7 years of my being into making it a better place for everyone. I hope in some way I have done that. I will miss it all greatly. To all of my community, have a safe break. Relax and enjoy your time together as a family, because we all know how quickly our kids grow up and if you’re not careful you can blink and miss it.

**Step Up Day**
This day went ahead without any major disruption and the children seemed to enjoy meeting their new class and teacher for 2015. We still have a question mark on Mr Stitt’s position for next year. Mr Holmes is conducting the panel and we will have it filled before the end of 2015.

**Presentation Day**
A great Presentation Day was held last Thursday. This gives us an opportunity to recognise significant achievements of our students in 2014. Congratulations to all of the successful award winners and a massive thank you to Mrs Barrett and Mrs Randell who coordinated the whole event.

**Carols**
Thank you to all of the families who attended our regular carols for 2014. Despite the weather conspiring to make the day challenging it was an enjoyable afternoon for everyone involved. Thank you to our P and C who organised the event and gave up a lot of time and Mrs Morrow who coordinated all of the music.

**Farewells**
Words can often never express the emotions and feelings felt when staff members move on. Some have stayed with us for a short time and others for a long time. Mrs Randell and Mr Toomey are setting off into retirement and we will definitely miss their efforts and work over the many years. Mr Toomey has been a major contributor to sport at our school. He has coached a number of teams and coordinated our programs. Mrs Randell has been running our Learning and Support program and has worked tirelessly with students and parents. Both will be sorely missed. Mr Gordin, Miss Folley, Mrs Hetherington, Mrs Mountfort and Mrs Knight are all taking up new opportunities. Mr Gordin is intending to study some more and become a High School maths teacher. Mrs Hetherington is wishing to spend more time with her family and is only looking for a few days work. Mrs Knight has full time employment at Somersby and Miss Folley will still be employed as a day to day casual, and Mrs Mountfort is taking up a library position at Ourimbah Public School. We also say goodbye to Mrs Mary Kershaw who has been in charge of our Glenvale satellite class for the last two years. Mrs Lynden Scott will take on board that role next year and we welcome her to our community.

**Year 6 Graduation**
This was held last night at the Central Coast Leagues Club. The students all looked amazing and it was great to see the opportunity for the children to let their hair down. Look for the pictures on Facebook.

**Talent Quest and Farewell Assembly**
These will be on Wednesday. The Talent Quest begins at 12:00 pm and the Farewell Assembly at 1:45 pm. It is a chance to see off our departing teachers and year 6 students. I understand that there will be a few special performances on the day so we look forward to seeing a great community turnout.

Dave Stitt
Rel. Principal

**School Calendar**

**TERM 4**

**Week 11**

**Tuesday 16/12**
Stage 3 Surf Fun Day
Variety Xmas Party 2-6S

**Wednesday 17/12**
Valley View’s Got Talent 11:50am Hall
Farewell Assembly 1:45pm in the hall
Last day of School for students

**2015**

**Tuesday 27th January**
Staff Development Day

**Wednesday 28th January**
Students return to School

**Retirement Farewell**

Come to wish Mr Toomey and Mrs Randell farewell at a special whole school assembly on Wednesday 17th December at 1:45pm in the hall – All welcome.

Farewell
P & C NEWS

Firstly, a sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted with both the carols and the school disco. We were overwhelmed with offers of support! Both events ran smoothly and were successful. Santa also recovered his wedding ring, which Mrs Claus is grateful for! A special thanks to Mrs Morrow for all of her hard work in preparing/organising the Christmas Carols and to Mr Gordon and Mrs Gadd for their wonderful musical contribution on the night!

This year has certainly been a busy one. We have successfully run many events and our organisation at these events has significantly improved. Our fete was definitely the highlight of the year for us. While being financially successful, it was also an amazing community event which we plan to continue on an annual basis. The executive committee has worked tirelessly on all of these events with many hours and late nights being required! We would like to extend our gratitude to Mrs Sharlene Nielsen who stood down from the committee this year, your hard work and commitment to Valley View is outstanding and we thank you!

Finally, thank you to all of the parents who have supported our events this year and attended meetings. We would not achieve what we did without your support.

We hope everyone has a restful, safe and enjoyable break over Christmas and we look forward to working with you again in 2015. We wish you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Final business for the year ......

- Engraved Pavers
  Unfortunately, due to the lack of support received for this proposed project we will be unable to pursue the engraved paver project. We received 20 expressions of interest in total and this is simply not adequate to continue. As discussed in a prior meeting, we will be concreting the area in front of the canteen and providing tables and chairs.

- AGM will be held on Tuesday, 10th February 2015 from 7pm in the staffroom.

Have a fabulous final week!

Trish Clark, President (0426 212 766)

UNIFORM SHOP

We will be open on the Staff Development Tuesday 27th January from 9.30-11.30

Also open Thursday 29th Jan 8.30-9.30 and Friday 8.30-9.30 then back to normal Tuesdays 8.30-9.30

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 contact Lisa via front office or at uniformsvvpc@hotmail.com. Thank you.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets in our Christmas Raffle. All proceeds will go to finishing off the collaboration room. **We raised $1,086.50.**

Our lucky prize winners are:-

1st - Karissa Bailey
2nd – Lucy Wilson
3rd – Hannah Godfrey
4th – Peter Parry
5th – K. Rodrigues
6th - Jacquelyn Staszewski
7th – Nilsah Nicholac
8th – Phillips family
9th – Carol Murch
10th – Judy O
11th – Anthony Blyton
12th – McElhone family
13th – Phone number – no name
14th – Office
15th – Riley Wilson
16th – Tyler
17th – Peter Parry

Congratulations to all our winners and Merry Christmas

 coordenador: Kathleen Jackson
Before care: 6:30 am – 9:00 am
After care: 2:50 pm – 6:30 pm
At OSHC This week:

We attended the carols on Friday and we enjoyed ourselves very much.

Just a reminder that we will be running on the pupil free days Thursday the 18th & Friday the 19th.

It is the last week of school and we wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year. We hope to see you in the New Year.

Regards Kath and the Team
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All program fees include GST. For other information on each program, please phone 4362 3184 or see www.dsr.nsw.gov.au. The Central Coast Office is closed from Monday 22/12/14 & reopening on Monday 5/1/15, however, bookings can still be made on 131302 except for public holidays.