PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

New P&C President

Congratulations to Ms Trish Clark for her selection to the position of P&C president for 2014. I welcome her and her team to their respective positions and very much look forward to working with them closely over the coming year. I would like to thank the outgoing P&C president, Ms Amanda Martin and her executive for the outstanding service they provided to the school over the last year. I watched them work tirelessly throughout 2013 to support the school and gave so much to ensure that their activities and events were successful. I particularly thank Amanda for her leadership and her unending support of the school and of myself. It has been a pleasure working with this team and our school is in a better place because of their commitment and dedication. Thank you!

School Committees

Also thank you for the parents who volunteered to be on our school priority teams. I believe this to be a first for the school that parents have a valued place on our teams. These people will attend meetings and provide a voice for the parent community on key school decision making. They will report back to the parent community via reports at the P&C meeting each month.

School canteen

As you would be aware the school has assumed the full control of the canteen this year. It has been a significant administrative task to ensure that the service was in place from the beginning of the year and I thank Ms Katrina Rossetti, our admin manager, for all her work over the school holidays in ensuring that this happened. A canteen committee including staff and parents has now been formed and their work will be to develop and improve this service, including the canteen menu, making sure that it meets our community’s expectations. You will be asked from time to time to complete surveys on this service with your thoughts and ideas contributing to the ongoing improvement process. Please do not expect changes overnight but be confident that they will happen throughout this year.

New Community Connector

Again I want to introduce Ms Karen Morrow to the role of Community Connector. This role will serve to develop greater inclusion of our community into the learning partnership with the school. Ms Morrow will this week be sending home information about the classroom connector program and inviting you to consider becoming one of these people. Look out for the note in your child’s bag and on the school website.

Excursion Schedule

At the P&C meeting last week I tabled a new draft plan for school excursions in 2014. This plan included an increased number of school activities and events to be offered to the students this year. It was the view of many that the school had not been offering enough ‘beyond the classroom’ activities for the students over the last several years. The plan was given full endorsement of the P&C and therefore will move to implementation over the year.

THE WEEKLY 2013
School Pride – Have you got it?

FRIENDSHIP

The plan is receiving some final details and will be available as an attachment to next week’s newsletter. Please look out for it.

‘Till next edition

Graham Holmes
MEd Admin, B.Ed, Dip Teach
Grad Cert Public Sector Management
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1 2014

Week 5
Wednesday 26/2 Rugby League Blitz
Friday 28/2 Whole School Assembly

Week 6
Tuesday 4/3 NVHS Taster Lessons 9.30am
Wednesday 5/3 NVHS/LHS Information meeting

Week 7
Monday 10/3 BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 12/3 Infants Assembly
Thursday 13/3 Selective High School Placement Test

DRIVEWAYS

Parents are reminded not to drive up our driveways to drop off their children. This is for the safety of all students. The school does not enjoy the luxury of driveways free from pedestrian traffic.

Notes you should have received this week:

School photos – Whole school
Classroom connector – Whole school
Gosford Regional Gallery excursion – 4/5/6C
Beginner Recorder – Interested Year 2-4

All notes are now on the school website at Valleyview-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to all the people who offered to cover books. We will contact you when there are books that need covering. Ms Evans still needs helpers in the library. You first need to complete a new working with children check. This can be done online at [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au)

**Book Club**

The brochures have gone out. Orders are due back this Friday, 28th February. *We do not accept cash*, please pay by cheque made out to Scholastic or online by credit card. Place the order in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it and give it to the teacher.

**TRAINING BAND**

Anyone still wishing to join the Training Band please contact Karen Morrow via the front office by Thursday this week as applications close on Friday 28th February.

**BEGINNER RECORDER**

The Beginner recorder group is starting tomorrow (Wed 26th Feb) for Years 2-4. If your child is interested and hasn’t already received a note please contact Karen Morrow via the front office.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking day will be on **Tuesday** in 2014. Banking will begin Tuesday 11th February.

**YEAR 6 SHIRTS**

Year 6 shirts need to be ordered and paid for by this **Thursday 27th February**. No orders will be accepted after this date.

**PARLIAMENT SESSION**

On Thursday 20/02/2014 in our first Parliament there was a motion that we should have stick bins. This was passed in Parliament so we took the idea to the staff meeting and they said the bubblers already get cleaned regularly. We also took this to the staff meeting and they said the bubblers already get cleaned regularly.

**SPORTS REPORT**

**BRISBANE WATER PSSA BASKETBALL**

Last year whilst in Year 5, Caitlan Finn made the Sydney North team that competed in the NSWPSSA State Carnival at Thornleigh. On Tuesday, 11th February, in the first stage of the 2014 process, Caitlan once again was successful in gaining selection in the combined Brisbane Water/Southern Central Coast zones basketball team. This team will be participating in the Sydney North basketball selection trials at Terrigal on Thursday, 6th March, 2014. Congratulations Caitlan and we wish her well in her endeavours to be selected in 2014.

**BRISBANE WATER PSSA TENNIS**

On Thursday 20th February the Brisbane Water PSSA zone tennis selection trials were held at Wyoming. We sent two Year 6 girls to try out for the opportunity to represent the zone at the Sydney North PSSA regional trials. Congratulations to both, Olivia Abra-Colnan and Alex Lecky who have qualified to play at Parramatta City Tennis Courts on Tuesday, 11th March.

**BRISBANE WATER PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Last year with the restructuring of the four central coast PSSA zones, which resulted in the new Brisbane Water zone dropping schools and student numbers, the qualifying times for the zone swimming carnival were being reviewed. We are currently waiting for confirmation of the qualifying times and conditions from the convener.

Students who performed well from our carnival will be notified shortly if they have qualified and in which particular events. For some of our event winners the step up to the next level, zone and then onto the Sydney North regional carnival needs to be considered.

**Phil Toomey**

Sports Organiser

**P & C NEWS**

I would first like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for their support in electing me as the 2014 P & C President. It was a wonderfully large group of people who attended the first meeting of the year. I am thoroughly excited for another outstanding year at Valley View Public School and hope to see many new faces be involved in the P & C.

I would like to introduce the 2014 committee:

President – Trish Clark

Vice President (standing) – Tracey Brown

Vice President (ad-hoc) – Sharlene Neilsen

Secretary - Kristy Allen

Treasurer - Narelle McGuire

There are a few events planned for Term 1 and we would like to extend a warm welcome to parents who wish to be involved.

The events are:

- Easter Raffle
- Breakfast club jar and can drive

We will be regularly posting updates on the Valley View P & C Association FaceBook page regarding any events, projects and school news. Please ‘like’ our page to keep informed. If you have any comments, concerns or ideas please do not hesitate to contact me on 0426 212 766 or via email presidentvvpc@hotmail.com

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours for 2014**

Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am

Or contact Jacki at unformsvvpc@hotmail.com or 0415 993 822 to make an appointment.

Order forms are available at the front office and on the VVPS website.

**Uniform Committee Meeting**

Monday 10th March - 9.00am in the planning room.

All welcome.
CAMP AUSTRALIA – BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Coordinator – Kathleen Jackson
Mobile – 0411 298277
Hours of Operation:
Before School Care – 6.30am – 9.00am
After School Care – 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Permanent and casual booking options available.
Camp Australia is excited to be partnering with Valley View Public School for another year.
Our programs combine active games with both structured and unstructured play, craft activities and quiet time.
We will also support families with assisting children with home work at your request.
We provide breakfast and a healthy afternoon snack too.

Registration is as easy as accessing our secure site at www.campaustralia.com.au and following the links to the parent portal.
From here you can manage your account 24/7
- make/cancel a booking
- update payment options
- view historical statements
- make bookings for our holiday club (held at our Ourimbah service)
To register your child/family is free!

You may also be eligible for government rebates, which could reduce your fees to as little as $3.12 per session. For further information please contact the FAQ to find out if you qualify.
If you would like any further information, feel free to pop in and see us in room 5 during our operating times, or call us on the number provided above.
Thank you
Kathleen Jackson
Coordinator

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer as a canteen helper please contact the front office on 4328 4433. You first need to complete a new working with children check. This can be done online at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIPLE P PARENTING - SEMINARS
A three (3) week seminar series for parents to increase their awareness of how to change unwanted behaviour and encourage desirable behaviour in their children. Suitable for parents of 2-12 year olds.
Seminars cover:
- The power of positive parenting
  Date: 27 February
- Raising confident, competent children
  Date: 6 March
- Raising resilient children
  Date: 13 March
  Time: 9.30 – 12 pm

Facilitated by Central Coast Family Support in partnership with Wyoming Public School and SACC
FREE to attend.
Venue is Wyoming Public School Hall, Maidens Brush Road.
Child Care is available. Places are limited.
Registrations Essential
Contact Central Coast Family Support on 4340 1585

TRIPLE P PARENTING - GROUP WORKSHOPS
Triple P Group Workshops expand on the seminar series and give parents more hands on application to assist at those difficult times with growing children.
Dates: Thursdays, 22, 29 May & 5, 12 June
Time: 10am – 12.30 pm
Venue: Wyoming SaCC, Maidens Brush Road (in the grounds of Wyoming Public School)
FREE to attend.
Registration Essential
Contact Philippa on 0477 317 862 or email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au

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Class Awards Term 1 – Week 5 - 2014

Congratulations to our award recipients.

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