Principal’s Message

Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence – Assembly 9.30 Wednesday 19 March

Tomorrow we will mark this day by running a number of activities to emphasise the message that bullying and violence is not OK at anytime, anywhere. In particular we will emphasise the message of not being a passive bystander if you see this happening. We will commence the day by holding a whole school assembly at 9:30am where presentations, performances and formal pledges will take place to impress upon our community our position on this societal problem. From the assembly students will return to their classrooms to write their anti-bullying/violence pledges which will be displayed in classrooms. The children will also return home with a pledge sheet where they have been asked to construct a family anti-bullying and violence pledge with their family members. Please take this seriously and assist your child in composing a family pledge and when finished, display it prominently in your home. Also try to join us for the assembly tomorrow; it is important that we stand together as a community on this problem.

Harmony Day Assembly and Activities – Friday 21 March

On Friday we will hold another assembly, again commencing at 9:30am, to celebrate the diversity of cultures in the Australian society. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Did you know:

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.
- People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes.
- Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

To bring the occasion alive, students are being asked to wear orange muffin or a traditional cultural costume on Friday. Orange is the colour being used to represent Harmony. I would love to see many parents join us (dressed in orange of course) on Friday to celebrate this enormous diversity so please come along.

New Student Movement Policy

Today we commenced the new student movement policy at the school. This new policy will lead to a quieter, more orderly school where students are ready to learn when they enter classrooms. It will also lead to safer movement with students no longer running in corridors and hallways and reducing the disruption of other classes.

As part of this policy students will now be dismissed at the end of the day from either the COLA (K-2) or the Amphitheatre (3-6). Parents are being asked not to take their child from lines if their class moves past or near them at the end of the school day. They must be formally dismissed by staff before going to parents. To allow staff to manage students efficiently I ask that you adhere to this requirement at all times.

Homework Policy

A new school homework policy will be sent home next week. It will provide details of the school’s approach to giving students homework and our communities’ expectations in relation to how homework is managed in the school. The best homework policy is the one that builds a strong partnership between students, parents and teachers and this policy attempts to emphasise and promote this partnership. Please take the time to read the policy when you receive it. It is an important part of your child’s education and you need to develop a good knowledge of the school’s expectations in this regard.

* Till next edition

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

Notes you should have received this week:

- Canberra medical permission note – Years 5-6
- Stage 1 transport excursion – Years 1-2
- School census information (due 21st April) – Years 1-6

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

**TERM 1 2014**

**Week 8**
- **Tuesday 18/3** Road Safety meeting – 3.30pm staffroom
- **Wednesday 19/3** Anti-bullying assembly – 9.30am
- **Thursday 20/3** Classroom connector training 9-11am
- **Friday 21/3** Harmony Day assembly – 9.30am

**Week 9**
- **Tuesday 25/3** Band parent meeting - 7pm staffroom
- **Wednesday 26/3** LMG Student Leadership Conference
- **Thursday 27/3** NVHS Accelerated class selection test

**Week 10**
- **Wednesday 2/4** School photographs
- **Thursday 3/4** Stage 3 open classrooms – 9am

**Week 11**
- **Monday 7/4** Transport excursion Stage 1
- **Tuesday 8/4** 5/6M & 5/6D science visit NVHS
- **Wednesday 9/4** 4/5/6C Art gallery excursion
- **Thursday 10/4** Easter hat parade
  - Easter raffle drawn

**VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL APP**

Our school app is now available in the Apple app store and the Google Play store.

The username is community

The password is valleyviews

If you have any problems come into the office and we will help you download it.

**AMMENDMENT**

Stage 1 Transport Excursion Itinerary – Please note there was an error on the itinerary page of the excursion note. The date should read Monday 7th April 2014 not 7th May. The permission note has the correct date.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Latisha L. from 1DO who received the Central Coast Select Properties weekly award for showing outstanding school pride.

**EOI FOR YEAR 7 2015**

All Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 2015 need to be returned to the office by this Friday 21st March.

**SCHOOL CENSUS FORMS**

Please fill out and return these forms to the front office as soon as possible. We need to update this information so that our school receives the correct funding in 2015.

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**NVHS INFORMATION NIGHT**

There will be an information evening for interested parents on Wednesday 19th March at Narara Valley High School from 6.00pm-7.00pm for all students and 7.00pm to 8.00pm for specific Accelerated, Sports and CAPA class.

**HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY**

A reminder that this Friday 21st March is Harmony Day. Parents are invited to attend our Harmony Day assembly at 9.30am in the hall. Children can come to school dressed in multi – orange for Harmony Day or in cultural dress.

**SPORTS REPORT**

**Brisbane Water PSSA Zone Swimming carnival**

On Monday 10th March we sent a group of our students to the Peninsula Leisure Centre at Woy Woy for the zone swimming carnival. The students performed well with most improving on their times from our school carnival. Congratulations to all of the squad who were good ambassadors while representing Valley View.

Our best performers were Jack Vaughan who placed 2nd in the 9 Year boys 50m freestyle and junior 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke events.

Luke Moffitt came 2nd in the 50m 12yr freestyle and in the 50m 12yr backstroke.

Both will be swimming at the Sydney North PSSA regional carnival to be held at Sydney Aquatic Centre at Olympic Park, Homebush on Tuesday 24th March. We wish them well!

**Brisbane Water PSSA Zone AFL trials**

Last week on Friday, 7th March we sent 5 boys along to the Central Coast combined zones AFL trials at Bateau Bay. Selectors were keen to see boys with athletic ability and willing to play AFL tryout. Luke Moffitt, Cooper Jacobsen, David Luders, Drew James and Jordan Ellerson were our school representatives who trialled but missed out on Central Coast team selection.

**Brisbane Water PSSA Football trials**

Last week we had the zone selection football trials for both a boys and girls teams. Liam O’Connor and Ronan Clements – Lee made the boys team. Olivia Abra-Colman and Ariana Hull were selected in the girls’ team. Both teams will be participating in the combined Central Coast zones football championship to be held at the International Football school grounds at Mt Penang Gardens on Wednesday, 19th March. Hopefully they will be selected to represent the Central Coast at the next Sydney North PSSA regional football Carnival. Good Luck to the players and Ms Jessica Tysoe who is manager/coach of the girls team.

Thank you again to our wonderful parents who have helped with supporting and transporting our students to the various events over the last couple of weeks. Without your assistance our students would not be able to participate in these sporting opportunities.

**Next week:**

Boys cricket KO report v Niagara Park P.S.

BWPSSA and Southern Central Coast PSSA combined rugby league trials for U11’s and Opens teams.

Phil Toomey
Sports Organiser
BAND MEETING
There will be a band meeting for all parents of training band and concert band children on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm in the staffroom.

BUSWAYS
Transport for NSW has advised Busways that the current practice of issuing students with a travel authority letter is invalid. Bus drivers will no longer accept travel authority letters as a permit for free travel.
In line with the NSW Government’s Terms and Conditions of Issue, students who cannot produce a valid 2014 bus pass will be expected to pay the appropriate fare for the trip.

ROAD SAFETY ACTION GROUP
Last year several parents expressed their concerns regarding the frustrating traffic situation around our school before and after school. In response we held a forum to gain parental feedback and invited the Road Safety Officers from both Gosford City Council and DEC to consult with us.

If you are interested in being a part of our parent Road Safety Action Group you are invited to come along this afternoon Tuesday 18th March at 3.30pm in our staffroom. All welcome!

CLASSROOM CONNECTORS
If you have volunteered as a Classroom Connector a reminder that our training session will be held on Thursday 20th March in Room 5 from 9-11am.
Please bring along some ideas about how we can strengthen community ties and enhance our communication at Valley View PS.

P & C NEWS
Isn’t this term going quickly! Thank you to everyone who attended the monthly P & C meeting last week. It was wonderful to see many new faces attending in support of our school. Some exciting news from the monthly P & C meeting is that we have decided to hold a Valley View Fete in August. The exact date will be set shortly. We are going to require substantial support from parents and the community to make this successful, so please let us know if you can help in any way, big or small!

Easter raffle donations update - Thank you to everyone who have already donated items for the raffle. Just a reminder that we are asking that you please place a note inside the plastic bag stating the class you would like the donation tallied against or write on the bag itself. We have had to slightly change the procedure this year due to donations being given directly to the front office. Remember there is a class party for the most donations! Please keep them coming in, as there is not long to go now!

Breakfast Club jar drive update - Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated jars to the breakfast club. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are still seeking strawberry or raspberry jam, vegemite or cheese spread (any type). These can be given directly to the breakfast club room or the front office.

Upcoming events:
- Weekly planning meetings are held on Monday at 1:30pm in the planning room (next to sick bay in the front office). All welcome to attend. We will be focusing on the school fete and would love to hear from anyone who can donate time or ideas.
- Next monthly P & C Meeting will be held on the 8th April @ 7pm in the staffroom.
- Easter raffle to be drawn on the 9th April.

Please ‘like’ our Facebook page Valley View P&C Association to be kept up to date with our school and upcoming events.
Please contact me if you have any concerns or ideas that the P & C can assist with. We are here to support you and Valley View public school. My email is presidentvwpvcs@hotmai.com or mobile 0426212766. Have a fantastic week!

Trish Clark
P & C President

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours for 2014
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am
Or contact Lisa at uniforms@vwpvcs@hotmai.com to make an appointment.
Order forms are available at the front office and on the VVPS website.

Lost Property
Please help our lost property volunteer helpers by labelling your child’s clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes so that they can be returned to them.

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 homework 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(s) 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 FAO 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

COME & TRY RUGBY AT OURIMBAH RUGBY CLUB

Under 6s to Under 11s are invited to a fun morning of rugby. It’s FREE, you’ll make new friends and enjoy our sausage sizzle!

WHEN: 29th March, 10am till 12pm.

WHERE: Ourimbah Razorbacks Rugby Club, 10 Chittaway Rd, Ourimbah.

NEED MORE INFO?
Don’t hesitate to call John on 0402 022 512
Website: www.razorbacks.com.au

CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION

In our ever more digitally connected world the use of smartphones, iPads and apps has transformed the way that we connect and communicate. It can feel like the technology and culture is evolving so fast that it is hard to keep up and understand the things that you, or your children or grandchildren might be accessing or exposed to online.

If you would like to educate yourself further regarding cyber safety and keeping yourself and your family safe and secure in a digital world we invite you to attend the free Cyber Safety Information Session being hosted by The Salvation Army and The Mingara Club on the 2nd of April at 6:30pm.

The session will be presented by James Cameron, Team Leader for The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Centre in Newcastle, a Cyber communication specialist and Chairman for Cyber Speak Australia.

Please confirm your attendance at this event by calling the Welcome Desk at Mingara on 02 4349 7765.

CENTRAL COAST HEALTH DIRECTORY

Need to find a GP or a late night chemist near you? Or a specialist located close to home? Visit the new online Central Coast Health Directory for a comprehensive list of health professionals near you. This free, easy to use directory contains a list of local:

- Doctor’s surgeries
- Chemists
- Specialist allied professionals (e.g. physiotherapists, psychologists, chiropractors)
- Medical specialists (e.g. paediatricians, dermatologists, cardiologists, neurologists)
- Hospitals and emergency departments
- Dentists
- Aged care facilities
- Aboriginal health services


ROCK POOL RAMBLES

Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives will again be running our popular free Rock Pool Rambles on Central Coast beaches during the April school holidays. These walks are best suited to kids aged 8 years and over. Please note shoes MUST be worn on all walks and that children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings are essential.

DATES & SITES FOR ROCK POOL RAMBLES

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** Please contact the School Office on 02 4328 4433 if unable to attend the on the above days.
**Class Awards Term 1 – Week 7 - 2014**

**Congratulations to our award recipients.**

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Small changes, big differences.

FREE Triple P 2-8 Years Group Program
conducted by Central Coast Family Support
Come along and learn from the program and each other

Be the Best Parent You can be....
With Triple P – Positive Parenting Program
Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday concerns.
Families NSW is offering Triple P to all families with children aged 2-8 years.

Venue: Wyoming Schools as Community Centres, Wyoming Public School,
41 Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming

When: 4 Thursday sessions in term 2;
Dates: May 22 and 29 and June 05 and 12, 2014
Time: 10 am to 12:30 pm

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION
To express your interest for the Group please call Philippa at:
Schools as Community Centres on 0477 317 862
or email: philippa@beachsidefamilycentre.com

www.triplep.net

Single with Children
A non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It's a great way to meet and get to know people in your area
To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.
Call 1300 300 496
Or visit our website:
www.singlewithchildren.com.au