**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Anti-Bullying Assembly**
Thank you to those parents who attended our day of action against bullying and violence assembly last Wednesday. This was a powerful assembly where students engaged in performances, presentations and pledges about what we as a community feel about bullying and violence in our community. The P&C, the school captains and myself signed pledges on behalf of the families, the students and the staff, stating our opposition to these problems in our society and what we as a community would do to stop it in our school. These pledges will be displayed in our school foyer. Students wrote their own individual pledges and they would have returned home that afternoon asking that your family design your own pledge. Bullying and violence is a society problem that must be addressed by us all. I trust that your family pledge is now displayed prominently somewhere in your home and has real meaning for you and the members of your family. There are tips for families about bullying further into this newsletter.

**Harmony Day Assembly**
Another powerful assembly was held on Friday to celebrate the cultural diversity of our great nation. Australia is the most multicultural nation in the world and the diversity of cultures that exist in harmony alongside each other is a real feature and strength of our country. It is important that we ask the students to stop and think about and celebrate this diversity. Here at Valley View we have 24 different cultures represented in our community with many students having Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi as one of their first languages. The assembly was very moving with dances, speeches and interviews really bringing the message of diversity to life. Thank you to the many families who joined us and a big thank you to Mrs Morrow our new Community Connector, for the organization of the event. Well done, our school really shined on Friday.

**School Band**
Valley View has a long and proud tradition of having outstanding orchestral bands. In past years these bands have had a profile of being the most proficient school bands on the Central Coast. We are very keen for this tradition to continue but in my discussions with Mr Phil Rutherford from the conservatorium, he has indicated that there is a waning interest in students joining our band groups here at Valley View. This, he said, is contrary to what is happening in most schools on the Central Coast. For example Gosford PS currently has 70 students in their band program while we only have 30. We are keen to address this and are looking for students to join our bands. If you would like to give your child the gift of music in a very affordable and convenient way please see Mrs Morrow as soon as possible. Let’s see if we can return our band program to its former glory by getting more children involved.

**Classroom Connectors**
Our classroom connector program has got underway with our wonderful connectors meeting last Thursday as part of their training and orientation to the position. This role is to increase the level of communication between school and home for families connected to each class. A note will be sent home by Ms Morrow soon asking you to provide contact details so that you can be contacted about important classroom information in an ongoing way. The success of this program will be hinged on the quality of the information flow between the school and yourself. Please complete that form and return ASAP.

**21st Century Homework Policy**
Last week I discussed this policy with the classroom connector group and took them through the policy for their discussion and to seek their feedback. This group almost unanimously endorsed the introduction of a consistent homework approach at the school as described in the policy. It is my intention to release the policy to you in the coming weeks with full implementation commencing Term 2. The policy is going through its final touches but you can expect to receive a copy very soon.

You will notice that the policy of work done at home is consistent with the school’s philosophy is continuous and can take place across a range of environments at any time. It is also premised on the homework being connected to current learning in classrooms and is issued in a way not to be onerous to families and if we get it right the homework would be something that your child recognizes as being important and therefore be willing and happy to complete it.

*Till next edition*

Graham Holmes
**Principal**

**Notes you should have received this week:**
- Stage 3 Open Day
- Expression of Interest Reminders – Year 6
- Transport Excursion Reminders – Stage 1

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

**TERM 1 2014**

**Week 9**
- Wednesday 26/3: Primary assembly
- 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: Whole school assembly
- Friday 11/4: 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 **valleyviewps**

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 Marlee C - 24/3, Emily S - 31/3, Koby F - 7/4 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 should have been returned to the office by Friday 21st March. If you haven’t returned it please do so as soon as possible.

**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.

**CANTEEN**

Please ask children to give lunch orders to the canteen before the morning bell goes to go to class.

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**BULLYING**

Bullying is a bad thing to do and if you’re a bully I’m asking you to stop being a bully. If you are ever bullied what would you do?

1. **Tell them to stop**
2. **Walk away**
3. **Tell the teacher or an adult**. When you bully someone does it feel good or does it feel bad. If you bully someone they won’t be your friend any more. When your bullied do you fight back or do you walk away? If you are being bullied and someone is just standing there they are called a bystander. If you’re the victim that’s the person who’s getting bullied. If you like being a bully it is likely you’re going to be suspended and if you get three strikes in high school you get expelled. 

PLEASE BE A GOOD PERSON TO OTHER PEOPLE .... PLEASE I’M ASKING.

By Jade P - 3F

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**2014 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

As well as helping students discover a love of reading as a leisure time activity, it also helps to develop essential learning habits: being organised, meeting deadlines, being accountable, taking responsibility for their reading, valuing regular reading.

The PRC runs from **3 March to 29 August 2014**. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by **22 August**.

If they have a computer available, students can enter their books at home using their own school username and passwords.

Parents of younger students and students who experience difficulty can assist their child to enter their student reading record, adding books as their child experiences or reads them.

All students can access their own record using their **DET username and password** when they log onto the website: [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

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**BAND MEETING**

There will be a band meeting for all parents of training band and concert band children **TONIGHT** Tuesday 25th March at 7pm in the staffroom.

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**KEYBOARD LESSONS**

Anyone interested in having small group keyboard lessons before or after school on Thursdays at Valley View PS please contact Karen Morrow through the office for more information.

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**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.
P & C NEWS
A quick update on our current events, The Easter raffle is well and truly under way. We sincerely appreciate everyone who has donated baskets, trinkets or Easter eggs/bunnies, but we can always use more, please continue to bring them in! Remember the class with the biggest amount of donations will win a class party! The Breakfast club jar drive is also continuing. Please support this wonderful service.

Upcoming dates:
- Fortnightly Planning Meeting (yes, this has changed from weekly!) 31st March @ 1:30pm in the planning room. Discussions will be around our current events and planning for the fete in August. All welcome.
- Monthly P & C Meeting 8th April @ 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.
- Last day for Easter raffle donations is the 8th April @ 9am. The winning class will be announced on Wednesday, 9th April.

The school app is now available! Well worth downloading! 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 presidentvvpc@hotmail.com or mobile 0426212766. Have a fabulous week!

Trish Clark
P & C President

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours for 2014
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am
Or contact Lisa at uniformsvvpc@hotmail.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.

HOT TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Bully Awareness Program - Is your child being bullied?

Children who are being bullied may not always tell an adult. They may be afraid or embarrassed. The signs listed below may not necessarily mean your child is a victim of a bullying, so you need to discover what is worrying them or making them unhappy.

- Not wanting to go to school, finding excuses to stay home, talking about hating school, not wanting to talk about school at all.
- Bruises, scratches, torn clothing, missing or damaged possessions.
- Being tense, tearful, unhappy after school, changing relationships with siblings e.g. becoming more aggressive toward them.
- Talking about not having any friends.
- Deterioration in school work.

EASTER RAFFLE

Yes folks!! It’s that time of year, where we ask our wonderful families to donate Easter Eggs of all sizes, trinkets, or even gift vouchers & baskets for Valley View’s annual Easter Raffle.

There will be a PARTY for the class that brings in the most donations!

When
From Monday 4th March 2013, bring along donations to school and give them to your class teacher. Last date for donations Tuesday, 8th April 2014 by 9am.

Raffle Draw
During the afternoon on Wednesday, 9th April 2014. The winning children will bring their prizes home that afternoon.

Want to Help
Please come and join in to help make up & wrap baskets in the school hall from 9am on Tuesday 8th April 2014.

Morning tea will be provided for helpers.

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 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

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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BOOKINGS: please phone OCCI on 0450 990 995

KIDZ ON THE MOVE

Term 2 – Thursdays 9.45am
Commencing Thursday 8 May 2014
Wyoming Schools as Community Centre (SaCC)

Kids on the Move is a movement program for children 3-5 years.
We focus on gross motor skills as they are the building blocks or foundation movements for more complex and specialized skills required to play different games, sports and recreational activities offered during the school years and in the community.
We will guide the children’s learning opportunities through play based games and movement skills to assist them to discover their learning potential and achieve their learning goals.

Children benefit from being physically active as it can:
- Improve concentration
- Improve confidence and self esteem
- Provide opportunities of develop social skills and make friends

Free to attend. Registrations essential
Email Philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au or call Philippa on 0477 317 862

VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER, TERM 1

** Please contact the School Office on 02 4328 4433 if unable to attend the on the above days.

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Email address: valleyview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Class Awards Term 1 – Week 8 - 2014

Congratulations to our award recipients.

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School Pride

Have You Got it!