Term 2  Week 4  FRIENDSHIP  Tuesday 20th May, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

NAPLAN
Last week students from Year 3 and Year 5 sat the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Results of the testing will be released later this year.

Canberra
Stage 3 students are away this week on their Canberra excursion. This is often a highlight of a student’s primary schooling and reinforces the ‘Government and Democracy’ unit taught in classrooms. Mrs Gadd has put a lot of energy into making the excursion a success and we are sure the students will find the experience, exciting, educational and memorable. We wish them safe travel and look forward to seeing them back on Friday. Please have students at school by 7:00 am on Wednesday. The buses are due to return to school by 5:15 pm on Friday.

Classroom Connector
Please remember to send your contact details into school for our Classroom Connector Program. This is designed to increase communication between yourself and your classroom teacher. Many of our connectors are organising events to get to know your fellow parents better. Look out for information coming home regarding your specific class.

Parent Engagement Program. (PEP)
Mrs Morrow and Mrs Barrett have been working hard on an exciting new initiative for our Valley View Community. The Parent Engagement Program or PEP will begin this term and provide parents with the opportunity to attend tutorials designed to inform them about current educational trends and issues. Parents attending these tutorials will work through hands on activities to improve their knowledge and understanding of key educational programs being run within Valley View and can use what they learn to assist their own child’s education. This term the PEP program will be running three sessions around 21st Century Learning. The tutorials will cover the key issues of cyber safety for the home, programs the school is using and how you can use them at home and what is a 21st Century learner? Details about times and dates of these tutorials will be provided in the coming weeks.

Binya Avenue Access
Recently we had visitors from Gosford Council viewing the pick up and drop off area at Binya Avenue. There have been some concerns over child safety due to cars being parked in the No Parking areas around the Avenue which makes it hard for cars to effectively make a simple turn. Mrs Morrow will be attending an information session from the council to develop some improved ideas to make Binya Avenue an effective and safe area for all of the community. In the meantime please refrain from parking in No Parking zones. School executive will be out in Binya in the coming weeks and will be asking cars to move on if they are parked there. Please do not take offence if you are asked to move on.

Tree Felling
We have identified a number of trees which contain branches in danger of falling and injuring students. As a result over the coming weeks many trees will have their branches reduced and 6 trees will be felled completely. Already two trees near our basketball court have been felled. In the coming weeks a large tree at the front of the school will also be felled and this may cause some disruption to electricity supply in the area. Exact details and information will be coming.

Cross Country
Thank you to the staff, students, and parents who attended the cross country at Alan Davidson Oval. We were finally able to get some clear weather to hold the event. Congratulations to all the participants and the eventual winners. Notes for the district carnival will be handed out soon.

Playground Opening
On Friday the 30th May we are holding a special assembly to mark the opening of the new playground area outside of rooms 3, 4 and 5. This project has been strongly driven by Ms Tami Saxon and in conjunction with amazing support from Burnings, who supplied all the resources, and parents the students have an amazing place to wind down and play. All parents are invited to see the official opening and take a tour of the new facility.

Current Issues Project
Classes in Stage 3 have been working through a current issues project designed to show how as a citizen in a democracy you have a voice and can make a difference. So far students from 5/6D have completed their projects and have produced some amazing ideas. Students have investigated issues such as bullying, clean waterways and disabilities. Below is a link to a YouTube clip by a Lachlan Farrow titled ‘Spread the word, to end the word’
http://youtu.be/D3hNZTR-YSE

This highlights the wonderful work our students can achieve.

*Till next edition

Dave Stitt
Rel. Principal

Notes you should have received this week:

Central Coast Dance Festival – Selected Students
Australian Mathematics Competition – Stage 3
Celebration Sing Out – Choir
Costume Information – CCDF Selected Students
PSSA Knockout Netball – ONLY Selected Students
BWPSSZ District Cross Country – ONLY Selected Students

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

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 2 2014**

**Week 4**
- Tuesday 20/5: Opera House Rehearsal
- Wednesday 21/5: Stage 3 Canberra
- Thursday 22/5: ICAS Computer Test
- Friday 23/5: Stage 3 Canberra, NSWPSA Classic Shield Semi Finals

**Week 5**
- Monday 26/5: Reconciliation Week
- Tuesday 27/5: Girls Netball KO v Gosford
- Wednesday 28/5: Whole School Assembly
- Thursday 29/5: CC Dance Festival Dress Rehearsal
- Friday 30/5: BWPSSA Zone Cross Country, NSWPSA Classic Shield Semi Finals

**Week 6**
- Tuesday 3/6: NSWPSA Basketball KO Gala Day
- Wednesday 4/6: Primary Assembly 1:50pm, ICAS Science Test
- Friday 6/6: Give Me 5 for Kids Pyjama Day

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**CANBERRA EXCURSION REMINDER**

Parents, please remember to pack your child’s school uniform in their luggage. School uniform MUST be worn when we visit Parliament House. Thank you.

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**ADOPT A CHICK!**

There is an opportunity for families to adopt a pair of chicks. Kindergarten will be given priority. Chicks must be adopted in pairs. Chicks must be collected by 29th May. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Anderson.

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**KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS**

Please contact our Kindergarten Enrolments Officer, Carol Murch, if you are interested in enrolling your child in Kindergarten 2015. If you know of any other families who are looking to enrol their child, could you please let them know that we are now taking enrolments.

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**VALLEY VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL APP**

Our school app is now available in the Apple app store and the Google Play store. Please search for Valley View Public School. The username is community. The password is valleyviewps. If you have any problems come into the office and we will help you download it.

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**LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL TARGETED PROGRAMS 2015**

Applications for these programs are now open with the forms being available on Lisarow High School website and from our school office. The three programs are Elite Sport, Dance and Technology.

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**P & C NEWS**

Only a brief note for the newsletter this week. Thank you to everyone who attended the monthly P & C meeting, we sincerely appreciate it. As you may be aware we have started advertising the upcoming fete. We are still in need of donations for prizes and if you are able to help in any way please let us know.

**Upcoming events:**
- School disco to be held in Week 6
- Planning meeting 2nd June @ 1:30pm in the planning room (next to sick bay in the office)
- Community fete will be held on the 31st August, 10-2pm. Please like our Facebook page for all the information regarding this event. The link is to this page is on our P & C Facebook page.
- P & C monthly meeting 10th June @ 7:30pm in the staffroom

We are currently looking for additional help for our upcoming fete. If you are able to assist us in any way (i.e. volunteering, donations, ideas) please contact us on secretarvvpcc@hotmail.com

We hope you all have an exciting week.

-Trish Clark
P & C President (0426 212 766)

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen no longer sells “Quenchers” drinks.

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School Website: valleyview-p.schooils.nsw.edu.au

Email address: valleyview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
HEADLINE
There is an outbreak of nits in the school. Please be vigilant and check your child's head. If there is any sign of headlice, you will need to treat your child prior to returning to school. Students discovered with headlice will be sent home as per the Department's policy. Thank you for your support.

GIVE ME 5 FOR KIDS
PYJAMA MUFTI AND MONEY SNAKE DAY
Friday 6th June, 2014
Friday 6th June has been declared Give Me 5 for kids Pyjama Day across the Central Coast. Valley View students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school and make a gold coin donation. Over $2 million has been raised for children's services and equipment at Gosford and Wyong Hospitals, plus local organisations catering to children's needs over the last 20 years. Also students are encouraged to bring in their 5c pieces on the day and make a giant money snake under the COLA. Georgia from 5/6G has organised for our school to participate in this very worthwhile cause. Well done Georgia!

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&C, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

PLASTIC JUICE BOTTLES
If you have any 2 litre juice bottles, can you please send them to school to Mrs Woodhead – thank you.

INFORMATION
Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hVtn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/1jiIt/sY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1mQagnk

BOYS OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE
Big congratulations to the boys rugby league team who won 2 games on Friday and are now heading to the Semi Finals. Well done boys. Thank you Mr Fisher for taking the boys.

CHICKEN HATCHERY
The chickens have arrived! What an amazing experience Kindergarten are having. Today we watched a chicken hatch!
## Class Awards Term 2 – Week 4 - 2014

Congratulations to our award recipients.

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### Library
- Rachael L - KA

### RFF
- Week 3 – Soleil P – 2D
- Week 4 – Hannah P – 1G

School Pride
Have You Got it!
Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched the sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child’s mind,
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher;
the tools he used were books, and music, and art.
One, a parent with a guiding hand,
and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled,
with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parents labored by his side
and polished and smoothed it o’er.

And when at last their task was done,
they were proud of what they had wrought.
For this thing they had molded in the child
could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed he would have failed
if he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school
and behind the teacher, the home.