Principal’s Message

Welcome Back
Welcome back to everyone in the Valley View School community. I trust you have had a restful and relaxing break with your families and you are ready for the busyness of the upcoming year. Personally it is terrific to be back in the school after eight months away working in Sydney and I greatly appreciate the warm and kind words that I have received from many of you welcoming me back into the school. I thank Mr Dave Stitt for his leadership of the school and keeping things going in the direction we had set throughout 2013/14. My returning will see us continuing to build the concept of a 21st century learning environment and through the delivery of innovative and creative educational programs will ensure that we are preparing your children to become successful citizens in a rapidly changing and progressive world.

I thank you for the way in which you have returned your children to us, they look resplendent in their full school uniform. Also thank you for the purchase of the book packs, this will ensure your children are fully ready to engage with their learning program.

New Staff
The school has opened with an enrolment of 430 students, with a big Kindergarten enrolment of 71 students. Staff who left us at the end of last year included Ms David Stitt, Ms Kimberley Mountfort, Mr Phil Toomey, Mr Doug Angus and Ms Tracey Randell. We thank them immensely for their valued contribution to our school and wish them all the best for their prospective futures in new positions or in retirement.

I welcome to the school the following staff who have joined us for the first time:

- Ms Vanessa McCarthy—School Librarian
- Ms Kristy Davies—Multi-Categorical Class Teacher
- Ms Karen Sammut—Learning and Support Teacher
- Ms Natalie Goodman—Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher
- Ms Kelly Lothian—Relieving Assistant Principal (Term 1)
- Ms Christine Jack—Reading Recovery teacher (2 days per week)
- Mr Wayne Hill—School Counsellor

Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 11 February
Again this year you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s classroom teacher and learn about the educational program that they will be undertaking in 2015. There is important information provided to parents/carers, particularly in regards to the teacher’s expectations about homework, technology and communication interactions and class volunteering opportunities so please come along next week.

We have staggered the times to allow those with a number of children to attend each class.

- K-2 – 5:00-6:00
- 3-4 – 6:00-7:00
- 5-6 – 7:00-8:00

School Programs
Essentially you will see a continuation of the key curriculum and whole school programs that have been conducted in the school over the last two years. There are effective whole school, class and targeted programs in place to support the development of literacy and numeracy skills of all students K-6. Additionally, this year will be delivering a program called Taking off With Numeracy (TOWN) to strengthen the support of numeracy development for students in Years 3-6. The Positive Behaviour for Learning Program, introduced last year, has gained good traction and we will continue to embed this program into school practice. The classroom connector program will run again and I know Ms Morrow will be calling for volunteers for this program this week. The SOL space program will be rolled out to all classes this year and will ensure student engagement with our new collaboration room.

School Chaplaincy Program
Last year Ms Stitt had engaged in discussions with a group called Generate Ministries about the possibility of employing a school chaplain at the school. Funding for this program is made available through the Federal Government. Whilst it seems quite likely that we could receive funds for this program I am not prepared to employ a chaplain until I am certain that the school community is receptive to this idea. As a result, this week you will receive a letter providing you with further details about this program and a survey form will be seeking your feedback about us employing a chaplain at our school. Please take the time the complete and return the survey.

Swimming Carnival
Thank you to all those students who participated so enthusiastically in the carnival today. There were some strong performances and personal bests from many of the students. Also thank you to the parents and families who joined us, your presence and efforts were much appreciated. I am very keen to see this become a whole school carnival next year and I will be discussing this possibility with staff and the P&C over the coming weeks. If this were to happen we would relocate to Mingara as Gosford cannot accommodate us sufficiently. Happy to hear your thoughts on this. Big thank you to Ms Gadd and her team for the work in delivering very successful carnival.

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

Notes issued this week:
Stage 1 Book Packs
Training Band Information Note
Concert Band Information Note

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

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

Email Address: valleyview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1

Week 3
Tuesday 10/2 P&C AGM 7:00pm staffroom
Wednesday 11/2 Meet the Teacher BBQ

Week 4
Wednesday 18/2 Primary Assembly 1:50pm

Week 5
Wednesday 25/2 Whole School Assembly 1:50pm

VALLEY VIEW RELAY FOR LIFE RE-LOVED BALL

The staff of Valley View Public School extend an invitation to our school community to participate in our Relay for Life Re-Loved Ball on Saturday 28th March at the Central Coast Leagues Club Parkview Room.

Tickets are now available from the office $85.00 pp. Includes 3 course meal and drinks. We will be running an auction and raffles on the night. We really hope the school community will get behind us help raise funds for this very important cause. Why not get a group of friends together and join us for a fun night. We would like to sincerely thank our sponsors who have donated some amazing items for our auction and raffles, a list of these companies will appear in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back to what we anticipate to be a great year in Sport and Fitness at Valley View!

The Sport and Health Unit have been working hard over the holidays, developing a new and exciting fitness program which we hope will commence in week 5.

We have also cleaned and tidied the sports sheds and storerooms around the school which now look fantastic!

This year we are looking for parent volunteers to help coach our school sporting teams. If you have a background or expertise in a particular sport, we would love to hear from you.

The sport teams we will be running this year will be boys and girls soccer, boys and girls touch football, boys and girls basketball, boys rugby league, boys cricket and girls netball. If you are at all interested in coaching or supporting any of these teams, please see Miss Tysoe in the next few weeks.

Many thanks,
Sport and Health Unit

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION FORUM

Valley View Public School had their second Aboriginal Education Forum on Thursday 11th December. It is a collaborative process between staff and the community, which has led to the development of our school’s Cultural Safety plan. The community involvement has been fantastic, with a greater number of families attending and providing their unique perspectives. The Aboriginal Education Forum meetings will continue to develop in 2015 with the help of our local community.

Steve Sutton

OURIMBAH RAZORBACKS RUGBY UNION

Razorbacks Rugby Club prides itself on being a family club that caters for all ages from Under 7s upwards.

Players from Under 7s to Under 13s are invited to make new friends and have fun in a safe and family-friendly environment from our home turf in Currimbah.

Registration Fees: U7, U8 & U9 FREE, U10, U11 & U12 $50 & U13 $110 INCLUDES shorts, socks and polo shirt for all new players.

REGISTRATION DATES:
8th & 15th February, Razorbacks Rugby Club, 10 Chittaway Rd, Currimbah, 3 - 6pm approximate season length: April - late August.

NEED MORE INFO:
Don’t hesitate to call Cathie Ropoama on 0425 283 451
Website: www.razorbacks.com.au

WYOMING NARARA NC

Our club is a family oriented club, looking for registrations in all age groups, Net-Set-go ages 5-7, Nettas aged 8-9, Juniors 10+ and Seniors too – sign mum up as well!!

Play from 28th March to early September. For more information please contact either wnnscsec@gmail or Cheryl Hogan on 0414 533 452.

Register now by emailing us or in person on Saturday 7th February 10:00am-2:00pm at Wyoming Shopping Centre – come and join the blue & gold!

GIRL GUIDES

Come and Try Guides!
At your local Guide Unit. For girls aged 6-17 years.

For information on the location and available meetings – Region membership adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find our more.

GOSFORD CITY DRAGONS 2015 REGISTRATIONS

Saturday 7th February at the Valley Tavern Niagara park
10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday 14th February at Gosford RSL West Gosford
10:00am to 3:00pm or register online at www.myfootball.com.au
All new players to bring photocopy of birth certificate or proof of age All ages catered for – discount available for U5 & U6 players
Shaun Holwell 0400 649 408 or www.gosfordcityfc.org.au

School Website: valleyview-pschools.nsw.edu.au
Email address: valleyview-pschool@det.nsw.edu.au

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, PERSONAL BEST
Join the Valley View PS Relay for Life Team for an evening of fun, food and dancing to help raise funds for vital cancer research.

RE-LOVED
Ball

28th March 2015

Central Coast Leagues Club, Parkview Room

6pm for a 6.30pm start

$85.00 per person

Invite friends and book a table of 10!
Includes 3 course meal, house wines, tap beers and soft drinks. Dietary requirements catered for.

Silent and live auctions, raffles and lucky door prizes.

We ask that you support your local charity shop and purchase a pre-loved evening outfit to wear on the night. Complete the cycle and donate it back!

Tickets on sale from December 2, 2015 from Valley View Public School in person or contact Katrina - 02 4328 4433 or valleyviewp.school@det.nsw.edu.au for banking details.

All proceeds raised go to the NSW Cancer Council Relay for Life 2015 funding vital cancer research, advocacy, education and support.

CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK
For more information or to register for the program:

Free call 1800 780 900

SMS for a call back 0409 745 645

Register online at www.go4fun.com.au

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Helping Kids to Become Fitter, Healthier & Happier

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Why Join Go4Fun?

- Free healthy living program to help 7-13 year olds and their families to lead healthier lives
- Make new friends
- Feel more confident and boost self-esteem
- Get fit playing fun games
- Set goals to reach and maintain a healthy lifestyle

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Who can participate?

The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight, and their parents.

What happens on the Go4Fun Program?

Sessions are held for two hours, once a week. The program runs for 10 weeks. Highlights include:

- Weekly games and activities for children
- Fun, interactive discussions to teach you easy and effective ways to improve your child's nutrition, physical activity and self-esteem
- Practical demonstrations, games and tips about healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes

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We acknowledge the Gadigal people who are the custodians of the land and pay respect to the elders, past and present.

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