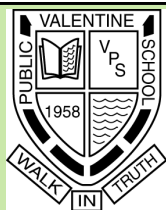


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The Weekly Newsletter of Valentine Public School



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Principal's Report

Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis

The staff have just completed CPR and anaphylaxis training and I thought that the following might be appropriate:

Food allergy continues to increase at alarming rates. Whilst researchers across the world try to understand more about food allergies and the increase, those in the Australian community live with the challenge of managing risk whilst maintaining a good quality of life. One in 10 infants now have a food allergy. The foods that trigger 90% of food allergic reactions in Australians include cow's milk, egg, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish. Further information is available from the Food Allergy Aware website, foodallergyaware.com.au.

The most well known allergen is peanuts which often comes to school as a peanut butter sandwich. Our canteen no longer sells peanut butter and parents are asked not to use peanut butter, nut spreads or send nut bars in school lunches. There are many other allergens, eggs, dairy products, fish, etc so the importance of children not sharing their food is one that needs to be stressed both at school and at home.

The school, in consultation with parents has developed Emergency Medical Plans for all children known to have severe allergic reactions. If your child has been recently diagnosed or the school has not been informed please contact the school office immediately.

Bomb threats

A number of schools in our area (and across the nation) have been subjected to hoax bomb threats. While we are aware that they are a hoax and, apparently, the work of overseas hackers any hoax must be taken seriously.

In the event of our school being subjected to a hoax we will follow our prescribed evacuation procedures. The call will be made by the Executive as to whether it is on, or off site.

While we would make every effort to inform parents of any eventuality the fact that it is an evacuation means that all staff must leave the buildings.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions will be set at the next P&C meeting Tuesday 8th March. We hope to see as many parents/community members as possible present. It is also the P&C AGM.

Different Hat Day

For no particular reason other than a bit of fun we are having a 'Different Hat Day' next Tuesday. This may be your favourite hat, something weird or a cardboard box. No gold coin donation necessary.

Help wanted

If anyone has contact with someone who has a bobcat can you please contact me. We need to have the pile of mulch moved and it is so compacted that it is really difficult to shovel. I am also hoping to have the oval cored so that we can effectively fertilise.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

This year, we have changed our format for Parent/Teacher interviews. We will now be holding interviews during Week 8 and 9 of this term. This will allow you to meet your child's teacher and be able to discuss your child's strengths, progress and discuss any other areas of concern. These interviews will replace the Parent/Teacher interviews normally held at report time in Term 2. A separate appointment will be made during that time if required from the class teacher.

A notification regarding online bookings will go out soon. However, we do understand that some appointments will need to be before and after school due to parent work commitments, therefore you will need to organise with your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements.

A questionnaire will be sent home with each child and families will need to complete and bring along to the meeting to discuss.

Regards, Mr R Budden, Principal

Notes home this week

2016

27 Feb	Thalia's benefit night.
26 Feb	Hunter Tennis Trials
29 Feb	Orienteering
1 Mar	Different Hat Day
3 Mar	Regional Swimming Carnival.
7 Mar	Orienteering
8 Mar	Orienteering
8 Mar	P & C Meeting 7 pm
11 Mar	Life Education Starts
to 24 Mar	Life Education Last day
24 Mar	Easter Hat Parade.
24 Mar	Year 6 Sausage Sizzle
25 Mar	Good Friday.
28 Mar	Easter Monday
6 & 7 Apr	State Swimming.
8 Apr	Last day of Term 1
25 Apr	Anzac Day Service 10 am at Allambee Park
27 Apr	Students return to school for Term 2
28 Apr	School Cross County
10 May	Naplan
11 May	Naplan
12 May	Naplan
17 May	School Photos
18 May	Zone Cross County
31 May	School Athletics Carnival

Student of the Week

KK	Lexi S	KN	Oban K	KR	Hannah N	KT	Amelia P
1C	Lukas DeW	1G	Zac M	1K	Zavier L	1W	Jasper B
2C	Ginger G	2D	Piper D	2L	Tyler A	2TW	Jakye G

3C

Kye D	Student of the Week.
Matthew W	Outstanding work in Mathematics.
Aaleyah T	Writing a super dooper sentence, keep up the good work.

3V

Charlie R	Student of the Week.
Aiden C	His excellent knowledge of Maths problem solving strategies.
Joel H	Adopting a calm and settled approach to his classroom behaviour.

3Y

Connor L	Student of the Week.
Mia C	Persistence and effort in Maths activities.
Emily S	Always having a positive attitude to class work.

4AJ

Xander T	Student of the Week.
Olivia S	Confident, focussed application to all learning tasks.
Nicholas P	Completing class tasks in a neat and timely manner.

4H

Caleb McC	Student of the Week.
Zara O	Intelligent, well thought out contributions to class discussions.
Caiden A	Settled work habits and a respectful attitude.

4/5C

Bella L	Student of the Week.
Bodi S	Being an enthusiastic, hard working student.
Danielle M	Insightful contributions to class discussions.

5D

Ashley W	Student of the Week.
Jasper L	Being a great listener during class activities.
Luke A	Displaying enthusiasm in everything he does.

5M

Georgie-Anna E	Student of the Week.
Adia McQ	Confidently displaying her knowledge for punctuation and grammar rules.
Ben G	Settling well into class routines and his ability on the sporting field.

6S

Charlie P	Student of the Week.
Thomas M	Improved application to learning and confident contributions in class.
Ellie T	Consistently demonstrating organisation, initiative and helpfulness in the classroom.

Silver:

Isabella M	Confidence in all learning areas. Being a thoughtful friend and having an excellent attitude.
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Platinum:

Jessica McD	Producing skilful artwork, application of learning to writing tasks and consistently enthusiastic, positive approach to all areas of school life.
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Term 1 Week 5 Monday 29th of February – Friday 4th of March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Peta B Alice M Kristy H	Kristen M Sheridan E Kellie W	Luisa H Venetta L Ashley M	Shane S Kelly D Karen L Julie M	Tania M Melinda A Di B Helper Needed

Please join our Facebook page - VPS Canteen - to keep up with any news or changes in the canteen.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help in the Canteen this year. We have vacancies on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested in helping in the Canteen this year please come and see Tania and/or Kelly in the Canteen between 8am and 11am Monday to Friday. It is a really lovely way to get to know your school community. And your children love seeing you in the Canteen.

CAN'T MAKE YOUR DAY?

If you can't make your canteen day please try to arrange a replacement using someone from the reserves list or find a person to swap with from the roster. Also we ask that you please notify Tania or Kelly in the Canteen of any roster changes and contact the other Canteen helpers that you volunteer with of these changes. Could you please contact Tania or Kelly in the Canteen between 8am and 11am Monday to Friday with any roster enquiries or changes. The Out of Hours contact person for the Roster is Karen on 0417 272 635. Please note this number is to be used for emergencies only. Thank you.

2016 CANTEEN ORIENTATION KIT

The 2016 Canteen Orientation Kit, including the Roster, is now available to be collected from the Canteen.

2016 CANTEEN ROSTER

There is an updated Canteen Roster available in the Canteen. Thank you to everyone for being patient with the ever changing Roster.

LUNCH WALLETS LABELLED CORRECTLY

Just a reminder to make sure that your child's lunch wallet is labelled with their 2016 class. Thank you.

AN EXCITING NEW MENU HAS ARRIVED!

An exciting new menu has arrived for 2016. Please read thoroughly as there has been some price changes and some new specials have arrived for 2016.

NEW ITEMS ON THE MENU!

Homemade Bliss Balls	\$0.50
Milo Popper	\$1.80
Chicken Mamee Snack Noodles	\$0.60
Cheese Stick	\$0.80
Tropical Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Spaghetti and Meatballs	\$3.50

The Limited Menu on Fridays will continue this year. The following items are available for lunch on Fridays;

<i>Salad boxes</i>	<i>Pies</i>	<i>Pizza</i>
<i>Sausage Rolls</i>	<i>Sushi</i>	<i>Hot Dogs</i>
<i>Toasted Sandwiches</i>	<i>Wedges</i>	<i>Chicken Tenders</i>
<i>Garlic Bread</i>	<i>Hash Browns</i>	<i>Spaghetti & Meatballs</i>
<i>Noodle Cups</i>	<i>Macaroni Cheese</i>	

BURGERS, WRAPS, ROLLS AND FRESH SANDWICHES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS

The full menu will be available Monday to Thursday. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sticky Beaks Re-usable Lunch Bags are now in stock. Lunch Wallet - \$12. Insulated Lunch Wallet - \$15. NEW ITEM - Utility Bag - Black Bag that can be used for many different uses - library bag, sports bag, swimming bag, school excursion bag. Great compact size and easy to clean - \$10. Please remember to wipe your child's reusable lunch bag out regularly Thank you.

2016 School Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday, students from Years 2-6 participated in the annual Valentine Public School Swimming Carnival at Speers Point Pool. We enjoyed good weather at a great venue and it was fantastic to see our students enjoying being active outdoors and supporting each other. A wonderful day was had by all involved and there were many outstanding performances, not only from our competitive swimmers, but also from the many students I watched challenging themselves and 'having a go' in a range of events. I would also like to commend all students on their behaviour throughout the day and a special thanks to our house captains and Year 6 false start helpers who fulfilled their duties admirably. Finally, as always, it was wonderful to see so many parents and a huge thank you to all timekeepers, lifesavers and school staff in organising and running the day. These events simply wouldn't happen without your support. The Zone Carnival is being held this week and a report will follow in future Grapevines.
Mr Soorley



PSSA Zone Tennis and Basketball Trials

Last week, James W participated in trials for the PSSA Zone Tennis Team and Nik B and Billy K trialled for the PSSA Zone Basketball Team. All three students were excellent representatives of the school performing with great sportsmanship, skill and enthusiasm. James and Nik were successful in gaining selection to their respective zone teams and will now compete at the regional trials. Well done to all three students and good luck James and Nik!

Mr Soorley

Second-hand piano for sale - Good for a beginner to learn on! \$50 ONO
See Miss Duck or Mr Budden or more information.



Valentine Primary School - 50 Years of Community Service

The school has located some books which were printed to celebrate Valentine Public Schools 50 Years of Community Service (1958-2008). The books contain photographs of classrooms and classes, history of the School and other interesting photographs. These books are on sale at the school office for \$10.00.

Found

Garmin Vivofit found in the playground. Please call into the office if you have lost one.

Community Notice

Australia Air League

If you are over 8 years old and interested in aviation come and visit our Belmont Squadron!

Cadets will participate in, Aviation theory, Marching, Camps, Flying Days. For more information please contact: 0409030867 or visit www.airleague.com.au

Aatuka Netball Club

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- Memory Lane •
- Interviews of Previous Students Teachers •
- Guided Tours of the School •
- Concert •
- Fashion Parade "Through the Years" •
- Café •
- Memorial Garden - Time Capsule •
- Street Theatre •
- Aerial Group Shot •
- Engraved Bricks available until mid October - See School Website •

Saturday 19th March 2016
10am to 5pm

Attention Ex-Students! Calling all Fashionistas!

Warners Bay High School is celebrating our **50th Anniversary** on 19th March, 2016 and one of the highlights will be our **"Fashion through the Decades"** fashion parade! Please assist us in making this a memorable experience for all.

We need your generous support in sourcing a number of apparel items for our 50th Anniversary fashion extravaganza. Please begin your stroll down memory lane by searching through your wardrobe archives in the quest to find the following much sought after items:

- School uniforms, both male and female, in particular students who attended in the late 60s and 70s
- Formal attire from each decade; both male and female
- Ports, globite cases and rucksacks or knapsacks

If you are able to assist in any way your support would be gladly welcomed. Help us to help you 'remember the days of the old school-yard.'

We are also looking for volunteers for the production on the day to help us with:

- Sound, multi-media and lighting
- Production and styling
- Hair
- Make-up
- Models

If you could spare your time and expertise to be part of a significant day, please contact:

- **Nina Parker-Kennedy** at Warners Bay High School on 49 549488, Facebook or nina.kennedy@det.nsw.au

Or

- **Janelle Lawrence** on 0459671788 or lawrenceim4@bigpond.com

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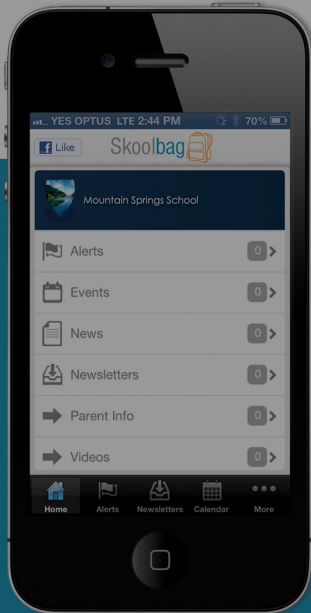
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_____ Paper copy given to my youngest child: _____ Class: _____

_____ I will view the Grapevine online at Valentine Public School Website/ or Skoolbag

Skoolbag

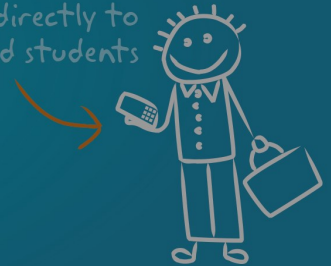
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5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

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1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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