

## GRAPEVINE



#### The Weekly Newsletter of Valentine Public School

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**Principal's Report** 

#### Thankyou Morning Tea - 25 November 2013

The school staff would like to invite all parents and friends who have helped in the classrooms or at the school during 2013. This might include but not be restricted to: reading helpers, gross motor program, excursions, P&C, canteen, sport drivers, coaches and coaching and anyone else who has helped during 2013. Please join us on Monday 25 November at 11.15am in the staffroom.



#### **Band Solos Night**

It was a great pleasure to attend the Band Solos Night on Tuesday evening. The students performed a collection of individual and combined pieces. The quality of the performances was truly remarkable especially considering that many of the students had only begun learning their instruments at the beginning of the year.

I would like to congratulate Mr Geoff Franks and his committee for the wonderful work they do in supporting the band. This school and parent partnership for the good of the students has produced rich rewards for all. The success of the program is underpinned by the excellent work of Miss Crisp. Miss Crisp works tirelessly to ensure that everything runs smoothly and the achievements of the students are testament to this. Next year Miss Crisp will share the load with Mrs Lawrence who will be the Band Coordinator in 2014.

Miss Crisp is ably supported by our conductor Mr Jobson who has done a marvellous job in bringing the band together musically. Mr Jobson may be leaving us next year and we thank him and wish him every success for the future. Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful year.

#### **Annual Presentation Day**

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Friday 13 December 2013 in the school hall commencing at 9.45am. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. This event is an opportunity to recognise the excellent performance of our students. The ceremony will be held in two parts with K-2 students receiving their presentations followed by Years 3-6. K-2 students will receive their class awards between approximately 10.00am and 10.30am. Class awards for students in Years 3-6 and major school awards will be presented after this. The program will conclude at approximately 12.00 noon.

Additional assemblies will be held at school before the end of the year in which all students will be recognised.

#### **Captains and Prefects 2014**

This week we heard the speeches from the candidates for school captains and prefects 2014. The standard was extremely high and I would like to congratulate all of the girls and boys on their efforts. The results will be announced on Presentation Day.

Mr McCallum - Principal



### Earn Your School \$200!

Simply use or refer CENTURY 21 Stals & Kirk to sell or manage a property, complete a voucher available from the school and we will DONATE \$200 to your school. Call 4942 8377 for terms and conditions. W: century21.com.au/valentine Proud sponsors for over 10 years

#### NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Library Notes - Last Days

Please ensure that all notes/money are handed to the class teacher.

The school office is often approached by parents to change notes into smaller denominations. As money is not kept onsite, we are unable to do this. We apologise, and appreciate your assistance in this matter.

#### **Calendar** Notes

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25th Nov	Thankyou Morning Tea
	11.15 am
25th Nov	Year 6, Parents and older siblings
	drug Forum
26th Nov	Kindergarten 2014 Activity
	Afternoon
28th Nov	Kindergarten 2014
	Activity Afternoon
29th Nov	Senior Band to the
	Conservatorium
2-5 Dec	Canberra Excursion - Year 6
	(Money to be finalised 20/11/2013)
4th Dec	Warners Bay High School
	Information Session Year 7 2014
7th Dec	Carols in the Park - 5.30pm
9th Dec	Kindergarten/Buddies Christmas
	BBQ Day
10th Dec	Xmas Hamper Collection -Mufti
	Day
12th Dec	K-2 Movie Day
13th Dec	Presentation Day - 9.45 am
16th Dec	K-2 Christmas Assembly
17th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
18th Dec	Last day for 2013

#### **STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 5**

KH Shelby T 1GP Olivia S 2HB Aymara W 4CTess L 6Y Ashley W

KJ 1K 2L 6H

Olivia T Rueben A 4/5M Mia M Jarrod L

Grace K

KK Samantha L 1WHudson W 3C Heidi G 5AJ Jamie E

KN Samuel V 2F Natalie H-H 3L Lachlan U **5**S Shelby L

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Silver: Ebony G, Eva H, Adia McQ, Toby E, Imogen B, Luke B, Gold: Lauren J. Grace M Platinum: Jessica S Reading Awards: James H, Kai D, Harrison D, Joel H, Samuel V, Zoe C, Allira S, Klay N, Emilee W, James L, Toby E, Joshua B, Hannah W, Olivia W



Monday 25th November 6.30pm in the school's Library. Year 6, parents and older siblings are invited to attend \$10.00 per family entry.

#### **Gifted and Talented Literacy**

A selection of students from Stage 3 have been busy writing and illustrating children's books in Semester 2. We have been fortunate enough to have a local author visit our school and give the children tips and pointers on the writing and illustrations. Her input has been invaluable and she has been patiently talking to each student individually. I can't wait to see the finished products.

#### **Band Solos Night**

On Tuesday evening the band held its annual Band Solos Night at Belmont 16 Footers. All band members are to be congratulated on their outstanding performances on the night and their hard work throughout the year.

Congratulations to our Year 6 soloists on their wonderful performances - Eliza B, Jessica E, Lucy H, Sydney M, Damien P, Chloe P, Cooper S and Mia W.

Three major awards were presented on the night: The Geat Ulanas Musician of the Year - Jessica E The Lake Macquarie Winds Encouragement Award - Sydney M The Dean Yates Junior Band Encouragement Award - Ella P

Thank you to Jeff Franks for being our MC for the evening and a big thank you to all the parents who helped transport gear to and from the venue.

Jo Crisp Band Teacher



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#### Thank you

A big thank you to all our wonderful families who supported our Crazy Hair and Glasses Mufti day Fundraiser last week. It was a great success and very much appreciated! All of the kids had a great time and the money raised has been put towards Fynn's levy for the National Athletics Carnival which will be held on the Gold Coast in late November. Thanks again everybody. Mrs King

#### Hunter Academy Sports Awards

The Hunter Academy of Sports Annual Awards Presentation was held last Friday at Souths Leagues Club in Merewether. VPS had 3 individuals Ryan P, Blake P and Fynn M who were nominated for the Hunter Academy of Sport Primary Sportsman of the Year. All of these talented athletes have been awarded sportsperson of the month throughout 2013. Although none of our stars came home with the individual award, to be considered amongst such a talented field is an honour in itself. Congratulations boys, we are all really proud of what you have achieved and the way which you have represented our school this year. I'm thrilled to announce that our State Champion Rugby League Team was announced as the Hunter Academy Sports Team of the year for 2013!!! What an amazing achievement to win such a prestigious award! The boys were joint winners with the Jewells PS Girls Aerobics team. Congratulations to Mr Youngberry and the entire team who were all there to receive the award. A big thank you again to the wonderful Dads who coached this champion team and all the parents and supporters who encouraged the boys and got them to the games. Another win for V.P.S!!!!

Mrs King

# HUNTER ACADEMY SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

#### Canteen News

VPS Canteen Roster	Monday 25th November – Friday 29th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LINDA S MELANIE S TRACEY L	TANIA W PENNY K KELLIE M	JODIE U KATHERINE E MARY C	CLAIRE G MICHELLE W KERRY B	JUSTINE L KATE B KAREN H TERESA H

\*\* CHANGES TO THE MENU \*\*

#### HASH BROWNS FOR RECESS 30c SUSHI NO LONGER ON THE MENU

\*\*\* FOR A HOT SUMMER DAY \*\* SLUSHIES \$1.70 YUMMO

Healthy Options

Watermelon or Rockmelon 30c a slice and Oranges 10c each and Grapes in a tub 60c and Apple Slinkies 60c - yummo apple with a twist!

MEAL DEAL \$2.50SUMMER MEAL DEAL \$3.50Pie or sausage rolls+ flavoured milk or juice½ Hot chicken wrap, jelly cup and bottle of water

Reusable insulated lunch bags for sale at canteen - \$10 for pink/blue or green new colours purple, red or yellow Insulated -\$12.00 each \*\* Please remember to wipe your child's lunch bag out regularly \*\*

If you cannot make your day please try to swap with someone on the same day of the week as you on the roster. Please let me know via text or call (mobile 0423 056673). Thanks, Julie.

#### SIGNIFICANT DATES

Last day for Canteen orders for 2013 will be Thursday 12th December

Canteen Clean Up day - Tues 17th December - many hands needed to make this light work!

Canteen re-opens Monday 3rd February (Week 2) 2014

\*\* CANTEEN REQUIRES SOMEONE TO OPEN THE CANTEEN EACH FRIDAY MORNING. IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CALL ME ON 0423 056673 TO DISCUSS \*\*

\*\* ROSTERS FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE CANTEEN FROM MONDAY 25th OF NOVEMBER \*\* THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED

BAREFOOT BOWLSJoin us for Social Barefoot Bowls Day being held to raise fundsTeams of 4 will play a round robin competition with a great prizWHERE: Valentine Bowling ClubDATE: Sunday 1stTIME: 2:00pmCOST: \$15 per bowENQUIRIES: Kellie 0407 208 185 or VPS P&C Facebook Pag	e hamper up for grabs! December, 2013 vler. \$5 for spectators (includes sausage sizzle)			
There are limited numbers so please send in your registration to possible. Registrations close Monday November 25th or before if filled. Sorry. Children under 16 are not allowed to	together, why not register and let us put you in a			
Please register my team for Barefoot Bowls at Valentine Bowl	ling Club.			
Teams of 4 people at \$15 per team member. (Under 16's not a	llowed to bowl)			
I have enclosed \$				
TEAM NAME TEAM CONTACT				
CONTACT NUMBER				
We would also like to book; (please write the number of)				
Non-bowlers (\$5 each includes Sausage Siz	zle)			
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED***	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Please consider donating your used school uniforms to our 2nd Hand Uniforms shop. All profits go straight back to the school! Any donations can be left in a bag at the canteen. Call Melanie on 0432 028 622 if you have any questions. Thank you.	COME ALONG AND			
BOOK FAIRBook Fair Raffle Winner:Charlotte BLolly Jar Guessing CompCallie P	SEE SANTA CLAUS!			
	AT 10AM SATURDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER			
	SANTA WILL			
	ARRIVE BY BOAT			
	WITH LOLLIES			
	FOR THE KIDS!			

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BELMONT JETTY BROOKS PDE BELMONT ESCORTED BY: THE CLAN MCEWAN PIPE BAND AND DANCERS!

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