



Connect

Respect

Inspire



Grapesvine - Term 3 Week 8
Thursday 13 September 2018

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents, carers and community,

What a joyous day was had last Friday as our students and teachers dressed as farmers for the day to buy some hay. Mrs Gaden drew a huge map of Australia on our COLA surface and then she invited classes to come down and fill the land space. Kinder started by outlining the coast and then we started to fill in the states. It was fun, the children knew exactly why we were designing with coins and we know that some farmers will smile as they take delivery of hay from the Valentine Community. Thank you for your kindness...we will be donating close to \$4,000 on behalf of our community.

Our hard-working P&C have this week voted to contribute \$50,000 towards playground equipment. The school has \$30,000 to contribute so we will be able to construct a significant outdoor playground with this money. This is a magnificent decision as we currently do not have any playground equipment, only fitness equipment.

P&Cs often get accused of being 'clicky' in schools. This may be because so few people out of such a large community put their hand up to be involved. Currently we have only four people who are putting together our 'VPS Family Fun Day', where previously more than 4,000 people have passed through our gate and around \$20,000 can be made in around 4 hours. It is an event to be proud of and yet no-one in our community is willing to help out, even after many call outs.

I am currently concerned about the workload of these organisers, most of whom work as well and are just having to do too much in the lead up to this event. So I am begging our community...when they call for volunteers on the day in a week's time can you please consider donating one hour of your time.

Since I have been here the P&C has donated over \$130,000 to provide interactive panels, air conditioning, laptops, quality readers, robots, support for student representatives and more....and yet only a handful of people are responsible for enhancing your child's learning and development experiences. Please consider.

VPS Family Fun Day (renamed after LMCC advice that we cannot use 'market' in our title without paying extra fees) will go ahead on Saturday November 3rd....save the date!

Unfortunately, we have not received our NAPLAN results yet. We will advise as soon as they are published. Next week, after the show, we are programmed to trial NAPLAN ONLINE for ACARA.

In terms of staffing, we are about to advertise through iworkforNSW our General Assistant permanent job and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Natalie Evans (who is currently in our office) has been employed as our new permanent SAO (School Administration Officer), replacing Helen Gleg-horn.

We have sold close to 1,200 tickets for our 'Times...they are changing' show at NEX. There are tickets available in the matinee performance if you are considering inviting grandparents and extended family. CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SHOW....see you there.

Lee Saurins, Principal

Tell them from me survey

If you haven't taken the time to complete, please give us your feedback. Link on skoolbag and Facebook.



ATTENTION YEAR 4 FAMILIES

BYOD (Bring your own device)
There will be a session early Term 4 regarding BYOD for your child in 2019.



Our School Vision:

At Valentine Public School, we apply a Growth Mindset to become globally connected, innovative and lifelong learners who embrace diversity and change.

Term 3 Diary

11-14 September	Yr5 Great Aussie Bush Camp
17-21 September	Online NAPLAN practise Year 3 & 5
17 September	Concert dress rehearsal
18 September	School Concert!!
21 September	Celebration Assembly
27-28 September	Band Camp

Our Celebration Assembly has been moved to Week 9 due to Band Camp in Week 10.

Kindly note - there will be NO school banking on Tuesday, 18 September due to our school concert.

What's Hot?!

- ☺ Our amazing school community supporting the farmers and raising a whopping \$3870... incredible VPS!
- ☺ New school promotional photos being done next week- some students involved
- ☺ The show.....rehearsals are in full swing
- ☺ Ms Denz....show guru
- ☺ Mr Morris....his musical skills are in full action supporting our show...so grateful to have a teacher so willing to share musical expertise
- ☺ Stage 2 Signing Choir- just magic
- ☺ Year 5 at Great Aussie Bush Camp - having a ball!
- ☺ Kidsmatter- VPS leading the way in the District- our work an inspiration for others- great leadership Mrs Vale and Kidsmatter Team

Our PBL focus this week is:

Connect

Our affirmations is:

"It is ok to make mistakes... as long as you learn from them".



WORDS FROM THE DEPUTY



CLASS	CONNECT AWARD	RESPECT AWARD	INSPIRE AWARD
KB	George W	Lilah B	Freya F
KC	Kobie A	Liam S	Isaac D
KGB	Saxon S	Conor C	Olivia H
KD	Alex D	Imogen S	Stevi F
1NH	Sophia M	Eva V Will Y	Jack B
1CB	Hunter B	Stella T	Charlee R Delphie S
1I	Lauren G	Reuben C Ellyssa B	Milla W
2L	Kai C	Cooper W	Jackson F
2Y	Neo S	Alex F Harry A	Stella O
2FH	Grace M	Mia R	Sam L Isabel B
2/3R	Rylan B	Sean B	Jemma B Luke T
3G	Zahira T Steele E	Sophie C	Artie Mc
3GB	Bella S	Lloyd B	Flynn S James T
3/4AJ	Joshua B Aphia S	Lukas DW	Ava G
4H	Hunter D	William P	Ginger G Isaac S
4V	Archer R	Nate M-W Hollie W	Ochi T
4/5M	Molly D Bailey Q	Bridget B	Rebecca F
5F			
5S			
5/6D	Connor S Zara O	Matthew W	Darcy S
6D	Darian L Amber O	Lucas Mc	Isabella M
6WL	Ivy F	Ebony G Jarod N	Preston H



Connect Respect Inspire

Bands in The School - BandITS...

The smell of cakes and sausages wafted through the air. The music drifted past those seated on chairs in front of the band, to others picnicking on blankets in the glorious sunshine. Such was the ambience at BandITS last Sunday.

Valentine Junior Band kicked off proceedings. This event was only their second public performance and they played superbly! Several students spoke well when they were put on the spot with an impromptu interview with the MC about their instruments.

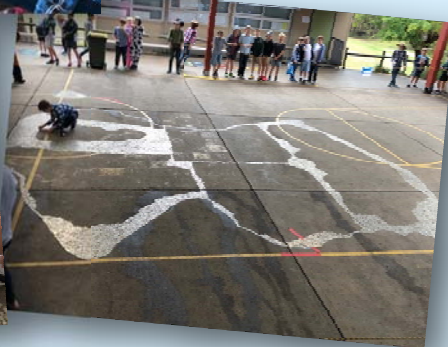
Valentine Senior Band played around lunch time and played commendably, achieving an amazing sound. Imagine how good our bands will sound after 2 solid days of rehearsals at band camp later this term!

Concertgoers were also treated with outstanding performances from Lake Macquarie Winds, Floraville Public School Senior Band, Belmont High School Stage Band and Warners Bay High School Concert Band. We thank these bands for joining us for such a wonderful day. The community feel was obvious throughout the day, with some members of Lake Macquarie Winds joining the primary school bands to bolster their numbers. The day finished with members of other school bands joining the Lake Macquarie Winds for their final pieces.

A special thank you to Steve Walter and the Lake Macquarie Winds for their part in the organisation and smooth running of BandITS, as well as the wonderful music throughout the whole day. Our school band shares with the Winds a love of music, a rehearsal space, percussion instruments and a long history of cooperation. With another successful joint fundraiser for our bands this year under our belt, there is no doubt this is set to continue for a long time to come!

A big thank you to all of the parents who helped through bringing cakes to sell at our cake stall, manning the stall throughout the day, setting up or packing up. Your assistance and support is so valuable.

For those of you who missed out, the next chance to see our fabulous Senior Band play is before our concerts net week! See you there.



Sport News...

PSSA Rugby Union State Championship

Congratulations to our Rugby Union team who have represented VPS with pride and have come away with a 2nd in NSW at last weeks State Championship in Sydney.

We came up against Kingscliff PS in the Semi-final and had a tough but convincing win 38-5.

We then went into the finals playoff for 1st and 2nd quite nervous, but determined to do well. We came up against the well drilled Newport PS.

We played our little hearts out but unfortunately went down and the score did not reflect the spirit of the game. Thanks to our captain Zac and vice-captain Jamie for leading the boys with a never give up attitude.

There were so many comments from parents, referees and a special mention from the PSSA convener to our boys on their talent, skill and sportsmanship.

We thank our coach dads (Greg Hodgson, Matt McRae, Kirst Rich & Va Talaileva) for again giving up their time and effort to coach our boys over the year. These boys have been training since February this year and came together as a formidable team. And that is due to not only their commitment, but of our coach dads as well.

It has been a long road this year, but the results have been worth it! 2nd in NSW IS INCREDIBLE!!!

These boys are inspiring! It was humbling to take this group away time and time again as they really live up to our VPS values of Connect, Respect & Inspire!

Mrs Rich

Sport News...

Boys PSSA AFL Knockout State Finals

Last Monday, the boys AFL team travelled to Blacktown International Sports Park to compete in the State Finals of the PSSA AFL Tony Lockett Shield. The VPS team were super-excited about playing at an amazing stadium where some of the Sydney Olympic events were held and where the WAFL GWS Giants train! The ground was in excellent condition and despite the weather being quite chilly, windy and drizzly, the team's spirits were high. Our semi-final match was against Deniliquin South Public who had won the competition for the past 2 years. The first three quarters were very tightly contested with both teams tackling fiercely and scoring opportunities were hard to come by. Deniliquin South had a 14 to 3 lead in the fourth quarter but our boys showed their VPS 'never give up' attitude and kicked to great goals to go ahead 15 to 14 near the end of the match. To their credit, Deniliquin South showed the skills that led them to later win the shield and kicked a late goal to break the hearts of the VPS team and win 20 to 15.

Although they were disappointed, the team rallied together to take on Griffith East Public in the playoff for 3rd place. It was another tense game with both teams having strong periods of play and much of the scoring being done at one end with the wind. Going into the last quarter, VPS held a small lead but Griffith East were kicking with the wind. The team dug deep and held their opposition out for most of the quarter but Griffith East scored a goal with a few minutes left to go up 28 to 23. In a nail-biting finish, our boys mustered up one last attacking raid against the wind and kicked a behind and then a goal after the final siren to win the match 30 to 28 and clinch 3rd place! It was a fitting way for this champion team and team of champions to end a truly wonderful year of PSSA AFL. The determination, skill and sportsmanship they displayed throughout every match is something they should be proud of because we are certainly proud of them. Congratulations boys on a remarkable year of AFL and special thanks to our parent helpers who transported and supported our team on the day!

Mr Soorley



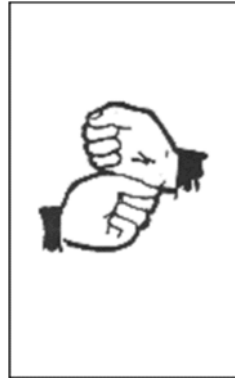
Congratulations to Thor who represented VPS and the Hunter last week at State softball at Bankstown. Hunter came 9th overall. Well done Thor.



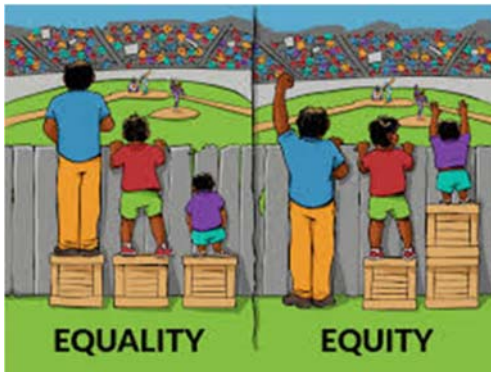
This week's key sign...

This term we are learning to sign the alphabet.

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Intervention...



The Learning and Support Team have been working hard to further our knowledge in the areas of Differentiation and Adjustments. We recently attended a Professional Development session that will help us to further support both students and teachers in providing differentiated learning to our students.

Throughout the course we were told that "Sometimes we treat people differently in order to treat them the same." This focus on differentiating learning to suit the needs of students is an important message. It allows educators to ensure equity in our classrooms and emphasises the need to tailor instruction to meet individual needs.

Teachers cater for individual needs in a range of ways such as differentiating the content, using hands on resources, assistive technology, the learning environment, assessments, visuals and many more.



School News...

Our VPS KidsMatter Library is up and running!

Located just inside our library foyer, our KidsMatter Library is stocked full of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) books, available to be borrowed by staff and families. Our KidsMatter Committee has carefully selected and purchased a large range of books about **emotions, grief, friendship, kindness, challenges, identify, dealing with feelings** and more. Please feel free to utilise these great resources, to help our children understand or think more deeply about feelings or issues that may arise.

We will be regularly featuring a book in future Grapevines to showcase the range we have on offer.

To borrow, simply take the book, note your name and book title on the clipboard (found inside) and be sure to return it when you are done, so other families and classes can enjoy it too.

Happy reading!

KidsMatter Committee



Sport News...

NSW Schools Orienteering Champion



Erika Enderby competed in the 2018 NSW Schools Orienteering Championships last weekend in Sydney.

On Saturday she did two sprint races. The first at The Hills Grammar school and the second at Cherrybrook Technology HS. She won both races to take the overall win in the Girls 12.

On Sunday, she competed in the bush race at Wianmatta Regional Park where she also won the Girls 12.

She will now compete in the Australian Orienteering Championships in the October school holidays in South Australia.

Well done Erika!!



Our fundraising goal is for a new play structure

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

\$4,000

\$3,000

\$2,000

\$1,000



7 weeks to go!

Calling for Sponsors

Do you own a business?
OR work for a local business?

Calling all businesses for an opportunity
to promote your business and support
your local school.

We have just finalised our Sponsorship
packages, please ask around you never
know who might like to be a sponsor!

Thank you to our Sponsors:



Contact us at vpsfamilyfunday@gmail.com
Or online at www.facebook.com/vpsfamilyfunday

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YMCA Valentine OSHC Before and After School Program



12th-16th September

Phone: 4965 9433 or 0437 033338

Email: oshc.valentine@ymcansw.org.au

Before School Care—7am—9am

After School Care—3.15pm—6pm

Responsibility

Monday



Stain glass craft

Saladas with ham, cheese, tomato and assorted spread



Skipping activities



French Knitting

Caring

Tuesday

Nature item creations



Ham and salad wraps



Soccer ball skills



Cricket 7.30am and 3.45pm

Safety

Wednesday



Cola play from 7am

Nachos with a fresh fruit platter



Paper plate craft



Basket ball skills 3.45pm—4.30pm



Respect

Thursday

Group ball games. 8.30-8.50am



Jatz, cabanos-si, carrots, celery a and cucumber with corn relish Dip.



Cardboard roll craft /art



Totem tennis and assorted ball games

Honesty

Friday



Custard in ice cream cones with fresh fruit

Continue fixing and weeding the garden. Topping up our seed and water bird feeders.



Mosaic art

Cola play from 7am and 3.30pm



HOMEWORK ZONE

Children will be given the opportunity to complete their homework with assistance from our friendly educators if required. A large variety of free play options are available each day.

Positive Behaviour Learning-Connect

We will provide opportunities for children to extend on their PBL focus, Connect, by encouraging discussion around how we connect with the community and others. In addition, how the program and surroundings provide us the opportunity to connect. Interests and ideas will be documented for future program planning.

My Time Our Place

Learning Outcome 2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Outcome 2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.

National Quality Framework

Quality Area 4—Staffing arrangements

Standard 4.1 Staffing arrangements enhance children's learning and development.

Element 4.1.2—Every effort is made for children to experience continuity of educators at the service

In centre at Valentine OSHC this week, children will be busy creating stained glass, paper plate mosaics and cardboard roll creations. Children will also have the opportunity to practice their skipping rope skills with a variety of skipping activities. A range of resources are available for children to access at any time, hence plenty of opportunities for free choice art, craft and games.

Outdoors, cricket has been very popular so kids will again have the opportunity to get out the stumps and bats and compete in the Valentine Cup, continued from last week due to wet weather. For those not interested in cricket, basketball, soccer, football, handball and much more are on offer each day. You'll often find our fabulous Educators challenging the kids in some friendly competitions.

At OSHC, children have many opportunities to further develop their social skills and take responsibility for their environment. Children learn to value and respect their environment and are encouraged to pack up after they have finished an activity and before going home. Children are able to take on leadership roles which allow them to develop autonomy, confidence and decision making skills. Children are recognised for their positive contributions through our reward program.

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Our Spring Vacation Care program is available online. Details of planned activities are now available at the centre and are located on the sign in and out desk.

If you would like to book your child into our OSHC service, please visit our website to book on line and register for the new My Family Lounge app at ymcansw.org.au/valentine.



Week 7 activities - creating pom poms, God's eyes and attempting knitting. Outdoor cola play was popular when weather permitted.

Tallawalla Treat News...



Term 3 Week 8 Monday 10 September to Friday 14 September				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sharon D Shannon O'B Helper Needed	Kristen McK Sheridan E Kellie W	Ingrid P Vivienne B Helper Needed	Karen H Wendy H Paul	Lisa G Kathie K Mel E Jo W
Term 3 Week 9 Monday 17 September to Friday 21 September				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Canteen closed due to concert rehearsal	Canteen closed due to concert	Megan R Monique Venetta L	Allison B Karen T Sarah W Karyn B	Cea R Jemima F Emma H Candice H

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

Many thanks to everyone that has very kindly offered to help in the Canteen this year.

The end of last term we lost a few of our helpers due to work commitments.

If you are available to help out on one of the below days listed. (Even if it is part of the day).

Please contact Kelly 0423745077 or Tania 0402932532.

Or call in and see us at the canteen between 8AM and 11AM Monday to Friday.

**Do you need a coffee when you drop the kids off?
You can get one from the canteen.
\$3.50**



Birthday Packs At Valentine Public School Canteen

Here at VPS Canteen we offer a unique and extremely popular service..... Birthday Packs! Let the canteen take the worry and stress out of organising your child's class birthday treat, we co-ordinate everything!

Birthday Packs Include: Bulla Lite Ice Cream Cup lightly sprinkled with 100's & 1000's, spoons & Birthday Card all beautifully presented in a bright container, hand delivered to the classroom.

Ice Cream Cups are Gluten Free.

Cost: \$1.40 per cup Eg: \$1.40 x 22 children = \$30.80

To place a order please come to the canteen and see Tania or Kelly between the hours of 8am - 11am. We need 3 - 4 days notice.

Full payment must be made before pack can be delivered.

We can also cater for dairy allergies.

We look forward to making your child's birthday extra special!



Studi-Dance School

Principal
Olivia Williams

Dance Classes (Ages 3-Adult) - Valentine School Hall, Valentine Progress Hall, Gateshead

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