

Connect

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Grapesvine - Term 4 Week 1
Tuesday 16th October 2018
From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
Welcome back... we hope you have had a lovely break with your family and that you have been able to have deeper family connections with more sleep-ins and down time. It was delightful to see our children's faces as they returned, looking slightly older, as they prepare for their last term in their grade.

Reflecting back to last term, we were left with a very poignant message from our whole school concert about the importance of the concept of time in our lives and just how precious our children and families are. On behalf of the staff, may I say a big thank you to our parents for your support to the school and your student/s during our biennial show. We received many positive reviews about the show and strong feedback that the change of venue is the right move for our school.

This term we welcome some new staff to our team. Mr Morris will be teaching 6W as Mr Wilson is relieving as Deputy Principal for the term as Mrs Rich is taking extended long service leave. Mr Shoesmith will be working four days a week, on Stage 3 and Kindergarten and Ms Baillie will be taking 1NH for four days a week for the remainder of term to replace Mrs Nicholls. Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Franks are also taking leave for a very special occasion for the first two weeks of term. We also welcome Mrs Holzigal who is working in Stage 3 as a School Learning Support Officer two days a week this term. Congratulations to Miss Ienco who was married in Perth during the holidays.

Congratulations to our Band students, Conductor Janelle, Mrs Vale, Mrs Lawrence, Mr Shoesmith, Mr Morris and the VPS Band Committee for a very successful Band Camp experience during the last week of term... a big effort after the show! It is fantastic to see our band respond to high expectations as they prepare for Bandfest this week.

I would like to thank Mrs Vale and Mrs Cummings who organised a very special visit last term through *KidsMatter*. Ahmed Kelly was an absolute inspiration to our students and teachers as he shared his experiences and demonstrated persistence and skill that was just so admirable. We are so grateful for his presence in our school and for our excellent *KidsMatter* programs that support our students' wellbeing so effectively.

If you haven't been able to connect much with the school this year, please consider giving an hour or two on Saturday 3rd November at our VPS Family Fun Day... the P&C will truly appreciate it. They have just committed to providing \$50,000 towards playground equipment, which is fantastic as we don't have any fixed equipment. Please check out and share the link to the VPS Family Fun Day and come along and have some fun... it's great to be back!

Lee Saurins
Principal



Kindly note that our Term 4 calendar will be sent home early next week

What's Hot?!

- ☺ The Big Idea for this term is 'Sustainability'...we are all learning about it!
- ☺ Year 4 are off to the Blue Mountains...have fun
- ☺ Our teachers...great work in stage planning days
- ☺ Stage 3 teachers- off to 'Project Nest' this week- professional learning around 'Project Based Learning'
- ☺ Check out our new 'welcome' mats
- ☺ Mrs Turnbull inspiring Principals from other schools in our Media Centre on the last day...



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.

WORDS FROM THE DEPUTY



Welcome Back Everyone!

I'm fortunate enough to have the opportunity to act as Relieving Deputy Principal in Mrs Rich's absence in Term 4.

I look forward to working with the whole school community throughout the term which has hit the ground running very quickly!

Mr Morris will be taking 6WL for the remainder of the year, but I'll be sure check in on them whenever I can.

Dan Wilson
Dep. Principal (Rel.)



CLASS	CONNECT AWARD	RESPECT AWARD	INSPIRE AWARD
KB	Henry B Chase H	Ted F Benjamin B	Lujain T Kai S
KC	Brie R Henry T	Will B Isaac D	Harper H Will B
KGB	Will G Florence M	Hayden S Lachlan D	Zali W Emily S
KD	Milla F Layla W	Lewis W Stevi F	Mia D Charlotte R
1NH	Nate S Izzy R Jemma K	Laura Grace J	Luca G Flynn S
1CB	Amelia B Armaan S	Harrison H	Tom S
1I	Emily M	Mia F Halle B	Koby W
2L	Matt G Annabel S Kai C	Kai C Mitchell S	Soraya B Koby L
2Y	Mackenzie A Beau H Bella W	Olivia DW Mia B	Zoe F Harley B
2FH	Alex C Mia J Cara R	Grace M Emily V	Ari M Savannah T
2/3R	Gracie V Abbey W	Faith J Isabella B Rylan B	Lachie D Ryan S
3G	Artie Mc Branan B	Hayden W Ella M Zahira T	James G Oliver M
3GB	Ash L Sylas E	Lola S Ocea G	Zac M Allegra H Kayla M
3/4AJ	Declan M	Jack W Harmony S	Xanthe H
4H	Cameron G Liam A Brayden B	Austin B Lila W	Emmerson W Charlie I
4V	Finn M Lucas C Michal W	Tanner B Angelica B	Isla H Billy M
4/5M	Mia S Makayla M Kiran U	Molly d Dan L	Charlie R Eva B Finn Mc
5F			
5S			
5/6D	Joshua B	Amaya H Riley A	Samantha L
6D			
6WL	Tia N	Jamie A Hudson W	Hunter T

Band Camp...

The final two days of school were very busy for our band students! Band Camp was once again held at Catalina Conference Centre in Rathmines.

The first day of camp required a lot of focus from the students, with a new rehearsal or activity every 45 minutes to an hour. This day was largely spent in smaller groups, working with either teachers or additional instrumental tutors to build skills on the instrument and focus on the most difficult parts of the group's band music. This was interspersed with band rehearsals with Janelle and Mrs Lawrence, lunch break and sport sessions. In the afternoon, the students were entertained by a visiting performer from *Ship o' Fools*. One more band rehearsal – this time with all band students coming together as a massed band for the first time this year – and then the work for the day was done. Next was some more sport time, a pizza dinner, shower time, a sing-a-long session with our very own rock band (AKA Mr Morris and Mr Shoesmith), ice cream and a viewing of *Captain Underpants: The first epic movie*.

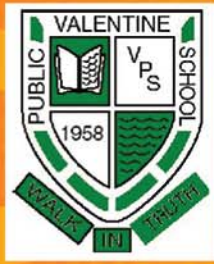
The second day saw a big focus on band time, with Junior, Senior and Combined Band rehearsals in the morning. Many family members were lucky enough to join the students in the beautiful sunshine for a barbeque lunch before our final concert. It was clear from the afternoon performance for families and friends in the afternoon just how much the students had improved in two short days. They should be very proud of their hard work, pushing through the end-of-term tiredness to get the most out of their time together. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who kept students and staff well fed throughout the camp, as well as those committee members who helped with organisation, planning and purchasing beforehand. It's a bit of a cliché but absolutely true: the camp would not be able to run without you!

Thank you to the staff who came along to the camp and shared their own musical talents with the students. We certainly have some amazing role models in the school showing a lifelong passion for music! Thank you to our incredible tutors and the four Warners Bay High School students (and ex-VPS band members) who gave up a whole day to come and mentor our young musicians.

Most of all, an enormous thanks and congratulations to the Valentine band members for your hard work and outstanding behaviour. It is you who made the camp enjoyable and worthwhile!

Bring on *Bandfest*! A few more rehearsals this week to polish our pieces then we're on stage in week 2!





Valentine Public School **Family Fun Day**

**SAT
NOV
3**

Volunteer to help us on the day for your chance to win a

\$200

**Charlestown
Square Gift Card!**



**We have over 100 positions that we need
to fill for the Fun Day to go ahead.**

From Volunteering to help set up on the day to helping
with a stall or ride - WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Please go to this link this link TO SIGN UP.

www.signup.com/go/yaAHArg

Or follow the link on our website.

TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER - MUFTI DAY



Please support our Fun Day by
wearing **Mufti** on the 2nd Tuesday
back at school in Term 4!

\$5 donation to participate

- all proceeds going towards making our
fun day better than last year!

MEGA RAFFLE

Ticket stubs must be
returned by Friday
26th October.

All tickets (sold or
unsold) must be
returned. Tickets will
be available on the
day for sale.

For extra tickets -
return original sold
tickets and money &
complete the request for
more books on packet
provided. Leave in the
P&C box in office. New
ones will be sent out
to your class.

**DON'T FORGET-
RIDE WRISTBANDS
FOR THOSE WHO
SELL THE MOST!**



Thank you to our Sponsors:



Tallawalla Treat News...



Term 4 Week 1 Monday 15 October to Friday 19 October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Corina D Mel P Leah B	Faye J Donna F Helper Needed	Jody A Amanda N Helper Needed	Karen L Julie McC Jenni T	Tanya M Nicole W Rachel G Helper Needed
Term 4 Week 2 Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sharon D Kylie O'B Kelly D	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

*** 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.

School Student Transport Scheme 2019...

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

Regards,

Transport for NSW