



# Connect Respect Inspire



Grapevine - Term 4 Week 2  
Tuesday 23rd October 2018  
*From the Principal's desk.....*

Dear parents, carers and community,

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 4 students who soaked up World Heritage spaces and took on risk-taking challenges in the Blue Mountains last week. What an inspiring experience, especially considering that all of our students are learning under the Global Concept of **Sustainability** this term. All reports speak of loads of learning, socialisation and fun from our well-behaved students. They represented us with pride. Thank you to our parents who ensured bags were packed well and early morning drop off and night pick up's were achieved. Special thanks to Mrs Adams-Jones, Mrs Hoppe, Mrs Vale and Mrs McCurdy for your commitment, care and time given for our students— *"We learnt a lot about our history including traditional Aboriginal dreamtime stories about the Three Sisters, the discovery of the Jenolan Caves and our native flora and fauna. We also made new friends from other classes in what was a memorable excursion."* - Kiran & Brooke 4/5M.

This Friday is "A Day for Daniel" and we are all encouraged to wear **RED** to help raise awareness around child protection across the school. This will be the third year of involvement with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and promoted awareness around safety for our students. It is indeed timely to reiterate the message of Child Protection as there has been some media coverage around this topic recently. Teachers will be presenting lessons around Child Protection this week to support deeper understanding for our children.

Furthermore to add to child protection strategies at our school, CENTRAL text messaging has been added as a service to our parents. Our office started messaging absences from the start of T4. Parents of students marked absent will receive an automated message at 10am. Thank you to our P&C who have given us a \$1000 towards our text messaging service to our community. This is your P&C working for you.

Quality *Teacher Professional Learning* is vital in progressing the skills and knowledge of teachers across our country. Our Professional Learning Plan

is aligned with our 2018-2020 School Plan and is considerate of the learning needs of teachers emanating from their PDP (Professional Development Plan). Next week we will experience our final 3-hour course "Teaching Students Who Have Experienced Trauma". As the teaching staff and School Learning Support Officers have completed four three-hour PL sessions during the year, they will not be on-site for the last two Staff Development Days at the end of term four. The school office will be opened on these two days.

A new PBL/Kidsmatter initiative, extending to our amazing teaching and non-teaching staff. Each Wednesday is now 'Wellbeing Wednesday'. Staff are encouraged to go home earlier (by 4pm) to spend more 'me' or 'family' time. It works.

Our new trampolines are ready to be used by the students. This is a welcome addition to our playground to encourage more active play. There are two trampolines. A schedule will be prepared to allow equal access to all grades. The school has prepared a risk assessment and will ensure that appropriate supervision is provided. This is just an addition of extra equipment for our students to engage with and another opportunity for them to progress physically, socially and emotionally. There will be simple rules to follow with an emphasis on student self-management around time sharing.

- Students are not to attempt backflips on the trampoline.
- An agreed time on the equipment is adhered to.

If your child has any medical reason why they cannot participate, please provide written advice to the office so that information can be added to our processes.

It is almost 'VPS Family Fun Day' time...hope you have it in your diary!

*Lee Saurins*  
Principal

Term 4 Diary	
Thurs 25 Oct	Bandfest—Senior Band Kinder Orientation #2
Fri 26 Oct	Day for Daniel - Mufti Day Wear something red
Tues 30 Oct	Wast Warrior Workshop
Wed 31 Oct	State Athletics
Thurs 1 Nov	ES1 Zoo excursion State Athletics
Sat 3 Nov	VPS Family Fun Day

## What's Hot?!

- ☺ Our P&C planning for VPS Family Fun Day
- ☺ VPS Family Fun Day Guessing Competition- see canteen
- ☺ Our canteen volunteers.....*thanks sooo much...*
- ☺ Relay teams in training with Mrs King
- ☺ Our Stage 3 teachers...fresh from Project Nest Professional Learning where the facilitator sent a message exclaiming...'they are on fire'
- ☺ Year 4 rock!

### 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



WOW! These are our award winners for Week 1!

CLASS	CONNECT AWARD	RESPECT AWARD	INSPIRE AWARD
KB	Austin V	George W	Rowan T
KC	Ava M	Mia S	Liam S
KGB	Joel J	Molly M	Zac W
KD	Zander D	Lucas W	Lachlan J
1NH	Nate S	Laura O	Isabella R Lara J
1CB	Delphie S Malachy G	Amelia B	Addison F
1I	Chloe L Oliva C	Oliver M	Prin K
2L	Cooper M Evie R	Lily M	Chloe W
2Y	Sophie K	Bryce T James D	Ella B
2FH	Zoe B Grace W	Mia R	Sam L
2/3R	Hannah K Ella V	Amelia P	Lachlan D
3G	Michayla M	Hayden W	Tori O Branan B
3GB	Amy H	Lilly W Sylas E	Amber T
3/4AJ	Toby H	Lachlan B	Taj L Declan M
4H	Sienna H	Charlie I Harry K	Clare S
4V	Matthew M	Hudson L Isla H	Finn M
4/5M	Alessia R Lucas L	Mackenzie H	Allira S
5F	Kaelan G Cooper H	Bella W	Alison M
5S	Harrison D	Tom D Rudi M	Xander C
5/6D	Bianca W	Joshua C Dakota N	Aden C
6D	Erika E	Hollie F Amy G	Lucy P
6WL	Tadhg L	Milly D	Jakcie PJ Rachel B

**Our PBL focus this week is:**

**Connect**

**Our affirmations is:**

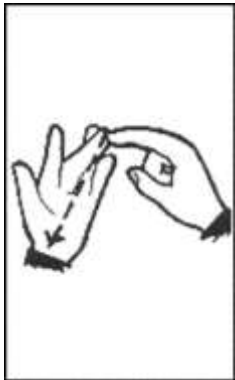
*"When things are hard, say I haven't figured it out yet".*



## This week's key sign...

This Term we are learning to sign the alphabet.

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## K-6 Intervention

### MiniLit Program

MiniLit is an evidence-based and effective early literacy program that is implemented at Valentine Public School by the Learning and Support Team. MiniLit is specifically aimed at struggling Year 1 readers, but may also be appropriate for 'at risk' Kindergarten, and some struggling Year 2 students. If your child is going to be involved in this program, you will receive a letter to notify you and provided with more details about the program.

The program focuses on three main components:

- Sounds and Words Activities
- Text Reading
- Story Book Reading



6 week Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Program

## TUNING IN TO TEENS

Where: Samaritans, 4a Pacific Highway, Gateshead  
 When: 10AM-12PM Term 4  
 Tuesday 23rd October- 27th November  
 Contact: Samaritans  
 4942 5275

What: Tuning in to Teens supports parents to enhance teens emotional intelligence. A program that aids in developing tools to overcome conflict. Encourage talking and understanding your teen and build upon stonger and positive relationships

Our school is participating in Hunter New England Health's *Good for Kids. Good for Life* program which has been working with schools in our region for more than a decade to implement healthy eating and physical activity programs.

As part of the program *Good for Kids* are returning in term 4, 2018, to measure the activity levels of students. Students who participated in the initial data collection will again be wearing an accelerometer each day while at school for one school week. An accelerometer is worn on the wrist and looks like a watch but captures activity levels.

This data is collected to assist in providing support in schools with the scheduling of physical activity.

This includes the provision of professional development for our staff as well as the provision of resources and on-going support from the *Good for Kids* team.



VALENTINE BOWLING CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Hope For Halle

26th October 2018  
 6pm till Close

AT VALENTINE BOWLING CLUB  
 17A VALENTINE CRESENT, VALENTINE

Live Band Raffles  
 SILENT AUCTION  
 and much much more.

**BALLOON POP**  
 Dress in purple if you please!

FOR REGULAR UPDATES  
 f #HALLESHOPEFORAMIRACLE  
 #WHOWIEWITHADAPPECHOWIE  
 @HOPEHALLE

BVC

Come Join us for a fun filled night and help in efforts to raise money for beautiful local 4 year old girl, Halle. Diagnosed with a rare chromosome deletion, SQ14.3. All funds raised will go towards much needed therapy at the NAPA Centre. Full story see below link.  
[www.valentinepublicschool.nsw.edu.au/2018/10/16/hope-for-halle/](http://www.valentinepublicschool.nsw.edu.au/2018/10/16/hope-for-halle/)

# Year 4 Blue Mountains Excursion

Last week, from the 17th to the 19th of October, Year 4 had great fun in the Blue Mountains. They enjoyed the hospitality of the CMS Conference Centre and visited many interesting and exciting places. Highlights include the Imperial and Chifley caves at Jenolan Caves, the Skyrail, the convict cell and courthouse at Hartley Historic Village and the historical walk and talk on Cox's Road. The children are looking forward to taking their parents on the same tour and teaching them some interesting historical and geographical facts. The students were beautifully behaved and a credit to the school.

Year 4 Teachers.





## Our Fun Day is next week!

- **VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE DAY.** We are only asking for 1 hour, please head to our website to sign up. [www.vpsfamilyfunday.com](http://www.vpsfamilyfunday.com)  
\*As a thank you all volunteers are entered into the 'Volunteer Raffle' to win a \$200 Charlestown Square Gift card!
- **CAKE STALL** - This year all families are kindly being asked to contribute items for the VPS Cake Stall at our Fun Day. A Cake Stall is always a hit at markets/fairs and we would love to offer our fun day patrons a huge variety of baked good to purchase on the day. For ideas please head to the website: [www.vpsfamilyfunday.com](http://www.vpsfamilyfunday.com) - A note and plate will follow later in the week.
- **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 completing request for more books on packet provided to P&C drop box in office. New ones will be sent out to class.
- **GAZEBOS & TABLES** - We would be grateful if we could borrow your gazebo or fold up table for the day. With so many VPS stalls the school just doesn't have enough. Please drop them at the school hall on Friday 2nd - please clearly label your item with your name and phone number for ease of return (pick up available from 4pm Saturday 3rd). If you could email us and let us know you have ones that would be appreciated. [vpsfamilyfunday@gmail.com](mailto:vpsfamilyfunday@gmail.com)

### BID ON ME

we now have  
a Silent Auction  
of a Vuly Lift  
2 Medium  
Trampoline  
(valued at \$1000)



Silent bids taken on the day!

### Ride Wristbands!

Wristbands are \$25 per a child (\$30 on the day), pre purchase your ticket NOW online via our website for credit cards or from Monday 29/10 each morning at the Canteen (cash only).


**Our unlimited 5 hour wristband includes: Clown Factory, Twister, Pirate Ship, Jet Chairs, Crash Course & Sports pack! PLUS Slot Cars and the Petting farm.**

On the day single ride Tickets are \$5. For the little ones a gold coin donation will be accepted for the Petting Farm.



## Tallawalla Treat News...



Term 4 Week 2 Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY
Sharon D <b>Helper Needed</b>	Kristen McK Sheridan E Kellie W	Ingrid P Vivienne B <b>Helper Needed</b>	Karen H Wendy H Paul	Lisa G Kathie K Mel E Jo W
Term 4 Week 3 Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY
Vivienne B Brooke S Renta B	Tania W Jocelyn U Kelly S	Megan R Monique Venetta L Halloween Special Treats 	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.**

**The canteen is in need for helpers for the following dates:**

Thursday 8th November

Friday 9th November



**A Day for Daniel Mufti Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Day for Daniel**  
Friday 26 October 2018

Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Safety School

Register for Day for Daniel and join our broadcast!