



# Connect Respect Inspire



Grapevine - Term 4 Week 3  
Tuesday 30th October 2018  
*From the Principal's desk.....*

Dear parents, carers and community,  
This is a huge week for our school. The VPS Family Fun Day is almost here and the weather report is looking good. There are more rides this year, fantastic market stalls...an Art Show featuring your students where you can buy a framed (or unframed) print, the fabulous Sesames Pop Up Thai restaurant, live entertainment and more. It really is a fantastic day and I am in awe of the P&C parents who are making it all happening. Annika and her team have been working so hard and the end result is fantastic! This fundraiser is helping our school grow and develop. This time our fundraising dollars will go towards new \$80,000 fixed playground equipment that we so desperately need. See you there on Saturday!

If you are a parent or VPS family member, staff member or friend of the school that has volunteered ...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU....we couldn't do it without you and we are so grateful.

Staffing in a school can take place in two ways. We alternate between taking a transfer and Merit Selection. We have two new classroom teachers activated, one through merit and one through transfer processes. Miss Catrina Ienco was the successful candidate from a state-wide merit selection process held recently. I thank the panel, and particularly our parent representative from the P&C as this can be an arduous task, particularly when there is a strong field. We would also like to welcome Alison Summers to our team, who is coming in on transfer from Gwandalan Public School. It is exciting to welcome new people and the skills they bring and the relationships they will form with our students to our wonderful school.

Our School Administration Manager (SAM), Ms Janine Dickinson, is on loan to Eleebana PS this term and our lovely

Mrs Melissa McLeod will be stepping up to that role this term.

The mere thought of our Kindergarten children at Hunter Valley Zoo sends warmth through the heart. What a wonderful experience for them.

Our Stage 2 students have their new 'watch' on their wrist that will track their movements (teachers too) for the Good for Kids, Good for Life Project that Mr Soorley is organising. What a wonderful initiative for our school as we gather evidence of movement in our school.

Congratulations to our Hunter Region Athletics Representatives who will be attending the State Athletics Carnival. This is a proud experience for the students (some of whom are experiencing this for the first time), their families and our school as they represent us with pride. Big thank you to Mrs King for giving up her lunchtimes to train our relay teams to be ready for such a high level of competitiveness. All in the name of Valentine pride....can't buy that passion!

Last week Stage 3 held their launch of this term's R.E.A.L Project in the hall. Hundreds of students delighting in their teachers dressed up in 'Green Garb' and inspiring our students by dumping big bags of garbage around and then donning gloves to sort through our own rubbish. Awwghh, eeewwghh, agghh... but it's real, it exists...what can we do about the War on Waste? Totally inspired...watch this space as our Stage 3 students solve real world problems....

Josh Carter is a Spelling Super Star...this week he will travel to Sydney to compete in the Stage 3 Premier's Spelling Competition...totally proud of him and wishing him the best as he takes the stage...go Josh!

## Term 4 Diary

Wed 31 Oct	State Athletics
Thurs 1 Nov	ES1 Zoo excursion State Athletics
Sat 3 Nov	VPS Family Fun Day
Mon 5 Nov	Debating Finals
Wed 7 Nov	Year 5 Leadership Day

**Reminder: VPS Presentation Day**  
**Friday 14 December 2018**  
**10am start for Kindy to Year 2**  
**Morning Tea**  
**Followed by Year 3 to Year 6**

## What's Hot?!

- ☺ VPS Family Fun Day...see you there!
- ☺ Our P&C...fantastic work...we are so grateful
- ☺ Kindergarten 'at the zoo'
- ☺ Our teachers- 'Trauma' Training this week
- ☺ VPS Family Fun Day Guessing Competition- see canteen
- ☺ Josh Carter...Spelling champ
- ☺ Our State Athletes!
- ☺ Our canteen volunteers..... thanks sooo much...

## Our PBL focus this week is:

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#### Our affirmations is:

*"When things are hard, it might take time and effort to achieve results".*



## 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 2!



(Tia photographed with Min. Rob Stokes and Gabi Hollows)

## Fred Hollows Humanity Awards – NSW Parliament – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Last Monday I had the privilege of attending the Fred Hollows Humanity Awards with Tia.

Tia, along with 72 other students from schools across New South Wales received a certificate in recognition of the compassion that she shows others, following in the footsteps of Professor Fred Hollows.

Tia volunteers with Rotary Warners Bay, giving her time to help those who are in need.

Congratulations again Tia!!

You inspire everyone in our school and community!

CLASS	CONNECT AWARD	RESPECT AWARD	INSPIRE AWARD
KB	Lilah B	Hunter K	Kai S
KC	Lachlan H	Willow DS	Hamish a
KGB	Luke G		Florence M
KD	Patrick S	Lexie W	Hannah P
1NH	Zahlia L Jack B	Jaylen L	Annika L
1CB	Malachi B	Shylah-Jade B Sienna G	Kaili W
1I	Finn M	Tom S Evie H	Levi B
2L	Amber S Jackson F	Grace A	Koby L
2Y	Liam D	Marli D Sabine I	Bella W
2FH	Emily V Georgia K	Grace M	Orlando M
2/3R	Matilda B	Sophie W Cameron W	Luke T
3G	Artie M Sophie C	Nate M	Isabel C
3GB	Koby H Flynn s	Jasper B	Kaelyn S
3/4AJ		Harmony S Oliva H	Jayden R Alyssa H
4H	Banjo N	Will M	Cameron G Sianah P
4V	Olivia A Nic R	Holly W	Jarrah L
4/5M	Charlie R Bridget B	James V	Connor R
5F	Lukas T Isabella S	Ezekiel W	Tenesha L
5S	Sophie B	Hallie J	Kai D Maya T
5/6D	Darcy S Samantha L	Lily M	Matthew W
6D	Alexis M	Sebastian W Luke K	Jack F
6WL	Blake F	Ebony G	Jasmine C Angus M



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## Valentine Public School **Family Fun Day**

**SAT**  
**3 NOV**  
**11am-4pm**

### Our Fun Day is THIS week!

- **VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE DAY.** We are only asking for 1 hour, please head to our website to sign up. **NO ID CHECK REQUIRED.**  
[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!
- **MEGA RAFFLE** - Ticket stubs must be returned by THIS SATURDAY 11am-TO BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAW! 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.
- **CAKE STALL** - This year all families are kindly being asked to contribute items for the VPS Cake Stall at our Fun Day. For ideas please head to the website: [www.vpsfamilyfunday.com](http://www.vpsfamilyfunday.com) -  
**Please drop off all baked goods to the Staff Room on Friday 2nd November during school hours OR from 8.30am on Fun Day to the Cake Stall Stand.**

### 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 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.







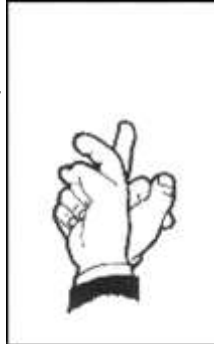
## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



## This week's key sign...

This Term we are learning to sign the alphabet.

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## National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey...

### What's your health story?

Tell us by taking part in the **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey** (NATSIHS) - Interviewers from the **Australian Bureau of Statistics** (ABS) are now knocking on doors in your area, so make your story heard!

The NATSIHS collects information about the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will ask you a range of questions face-to-face about your health and lifestyle, such as:

- visits to doctors, nurses or Aboriginal health workers
- health conditions
- medications
- smoking
- exercise
- what you eat and drink

You will have the opportunity to **take part in a voluntary hearing test** and have some physical measurements taken, if you agree (height, weight, waist and blood pressure).

For general enquiries, visit the ABS website at [www.abs.gov.au/surveyinfo](http://www.abs.gov.au/surveyinfo)

## School news...

PREMIER'S  
SPELLING BEE  
2018



The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. Students enter the spelling bee at the classroom level and continue on through stage based competition to qualify as the school's representative at Regional level.

Congratulations to Joshua Carter of 5/6D, who was the regional winner and is competing at the State Final this Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the ABC Centre, Ultimo. We wish Joshua the best of luck on Friday.

## School news...

Please take five minutes to complete a survey.

[Parent survey](#)

[School survey](#)

If you have any questions please visit:

[www.diabetesaustralia.com.au](http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au)



## A Day for Daniel 2018

30.10.18

On Friday, 26th October Valentine Public School was a sea of **RED**! The students and staff of Valentine Public School wore red to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and to help raise awareness of child safety. Throughout the day, students were involved in lessons about child protection strategies and some even took part in an online broadcast of 'Australia's Biggest Child safety Lesson'. Some of the messages taught were about:

1. Understanding feelings
2. Recognising body clues
3. Looking after my body
4. Body ownership
5. People you trust

Mrs Denz





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# Paper, Scissors, <sup>we</sup> Rock!

Don't miss our talented Junior, Senior & Combined Bands perform at the Opening of the Valentine School Family Fun Day this Saturday, from 11am. Come along & support your VPS friends, enjoy this fabulous performance and see how far they've come.



## BANDFEST 2018 Band Competition

*Great results!...*

**Junior Band**  
**'COMMENDATION'**  
in the Novice Section.

**Senior Band**  
**'HIGHLY COMMENDED'**  
in the Premier Section.



**Congratulations  
and Well Done  
to all our Band  
Members!**







## Stage 3 REAL Launch Day 2018

**"It's not easy being Green!"**

30.10.18

On Thursday 25th October, the stage 3 students were surprised (and a little bit scared!) by a special event in the hall to help kick off their REAL Project for Term 4. All Stage 3 students were falsely 'lured' to the hall for a discussion from Mrs Faulkner, however a few minutes into her speech, an emergency siren started going off and alarm bells were ringing. Students started to panic and their hearts were pumping fast, not knowing what was going on. Luckily it was a "fake" emergency, but in truth, the emergency was (and is) VERY real!

Throughout the day, students learnt about the alarming amounts of food waste that is going into landfill every day and the negative, devastating effects it is having on our planet. They watched an episode of *War on Waste* and then got to sort out some rubbish that had been collected from only two school bins over two days! The waste was weighed and they found out that after only two days, the students from Valentine Public School had wasted more than 15kg in food waste alone! They did the maths calculations and figured out that this alarming amount equates to over 1500kg in one year! And that was only from TWO BINS!

This term, the REAL project will focus on educating the students about Green waste and will have the stage 3 students persuading council to get Green bins into our school, along with designing stickers to share their knowledge with the other students and the wider community.


Watch this space as their designs take shape!

The Stage 3 Team



## Tallawalla Treat News...



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
				

Term 4 Week 4 Monday 5 November to Friday 9 November				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY
Peta B Alice McD Kristy H	Miriam T Lisa W Hope J	Sonia C/B Kim A Rowena	Kerry B Stacey Helper Needed	Michele S Robyn T Helper Needed x2

\*\*\* 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 (2 Helpers Needed)



## Trampoline news...

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.