



# Valentine Public School

Grapevine

Term 4 Week 3 2019

Connect Respect Inspire



## What's on at VPS?

	Mon 04 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue 05 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 06 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thur 07 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 08 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Term 4 Week 4</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW State Athletics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW State Athletics</li> <li>Kindergarten Orientation #3 2pm-3pm</li> <li>Disco</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Host 6D &amp; 6C</li> </ul>
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Term 4 Week 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drug Forum-TBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 BYOD Parent Session 6-7pm</li> <li>P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brainstorm Production-Anti-bullying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten Orientation #4 2pm-3pm</li> </ul>	



### From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

This week we have had a visit from our DoE Assets team who were here to scope out a significant amount of work to be done to the school. This is in line with a NSW Government commitment to ensure that the backlog of maintenance work in each school is fulfilled. The majority of the work is in classrooms, painting and updating interiors. The most disruptive piece of work will be the re-asphalting of both of our driveways - the top half of the main driveway, near the hall and the full staff carpark. You may have noticed the yellow circles we have painted around the numerous potholes as part of the WHS requirement. This work will mostly occur in the later part of this term and over the Christmas holidays. We will inform you via Sentral Parent Portal if there are any changes in circumstance for your child's class. We are grateful for these updates to our school.

Thank you to those parents who have contacted the school via email or phone to discuss any special circumstances or need that you may wish us to consider in terms of class placement 2020. We want to ensure that our students are safe and happy.

Our Orientation processes for our incoming Kindergarten are going really well. What an amazing group of young learners! You may see them around, rocking their new bright green t-shirt, emblazoned with 'I'm going to big school at Valentine Public School'.

I would like to congratulate Charlie Radvan and Daniel Leggett who stepped up to lead a grade based VPS Handball competition that runs at lunchtime. Year 3 have completed their competition this week. This is a wonderful leadership initiative as many things had to be considered to make this successful. Hopefully it will be something that our students might like to do each year. Good luck to Year 4 participants who begin their two week competition phase next week.

I would like to acknowledge the incoming Principal at Warners Bay High, Mr Marcus Neale. We have already had our first Warners Bay Community of Schools (WBCOS) meeting and we have some exciting plans in preparation for 2020 and beyond. I would like the community to know that the four schools leading into Warners Bay High: Eleebana PS, Biddabah PS, Valentine PS and Warners Bay PS work together to design cutting edge professional learning opportunities, student experiences and aligned targets in our school management plans.

This week I have been in attendance at the Primary Principals Association Annual Conference 'Building Us' in Sydney. Totally inspiring! In my absence I would like to thank Mrs Rich and the admin team who were so immediate and comprehensive in their plan to ensure that our students were safe in the 'smokey' situation we were in this week. Every child known, valued and cared for.

**Mrs Lee Saurins Principal**

## What's Hot @ Valentine

- Stage 1 Bee Launch – fabulous seeing our Stage 1 staff dressed up as bees to engage and excite Stage 1 students.
- Our ES1 & S1 teachers completing their L3 training.
- Our 93 2020 kindergarten students on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Orientation session making hungry caterpillars!
- Our Year 6 & kinder working together – We love our buddy program.
- 67 kindergartens enjoying their excursion to the Hunter valley zoo today!
- Mrs Winterbine getting our 2019 Year book ready to celebrate our awesome year of learning.
- Our GA Mr Mick! Thank you for making our school look amazing! We love our new bike racks!



## SCHOOL NEWS

Don't forget ...  
Our disco is on  
next Thursday!



Valentine Public School  
**Halloween Party**  
**THURS. NOV. 7TH**  
dancing, games, prizes & fun!  
Calling all Witches, Monsters, Ghosts & Ghoulies  
**Valentine Bowling Club**  
Years K - 2      Years 3 - 6  
5.30 - 6.45pm      7.15 - 8.30pm  
\$5 Entry VPS Concert Band Fundraiser



LIONS AUSTRALIA



### LAP THE MAP for DIABETES

**Sunday,  
17<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
staggered  
starting from  
7:30 through to  
9:30am



**\$5 participation**

(includes sausage  
sizzle, bottle of  
water, piece of  
fruit, certificate)

\*Come and join our "Valentine Lions Lap the Map" family friendly, community walk (walk, run, ride, scoot, push a pram, lead a dog, etc).

\*This event is to raise awareness of the Diabetes epidemic in Australia and to promote a healthy lifestyle.

\*Lions clubs around Australia will be reporting the length of everyone's walks (including babies in prams and dogs on leashes) and are aiming to cover a combined distance that will exceed Australia's circumference of 25,760 kms.

\*Participants may wish to seek sponsors per km or just enjoy the walk (a distance of your choosing) and healthy refreshments. This event will go ahead despite the weather.

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**START and FINISH at  
Valentine Heated Pools**

and have your  
combined distances recorded



*Don't forget to donate  
items for our Drought  
fundraiser.*