



Valentine Public School

Grapevine

Term 1 Week 8 2019



Connect Respect Inspire



What's on at VPS?

| Week 8 | <u>PBL Affirmation</u> – “Whatever you’re thinking, think bigger”. | | | | |
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| | Mon 18 th March | Tue 19 th March | Wed 20 th March | Thu 21 st March | Fri 22 nd March |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby Union 7's U10's Knights Knockout Hunter AFL Trials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Rugby League trials (11'2 & opens) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HARMONY DAY Disco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-6 Assembly 2FS & 3GB Assembly Hosts |
| Week 9 | <u>PBL Affirmation</u> – “Always do what you are afraid to do”. | | | | |
| | Mon 25 th March | Tue 26 th March | Wed 27 th March | Thu 28 th March | Fri 29 th March |
| | | NSW PSSA Netball Knockout Rd 1 v Eleebana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Rugby League Trials (11'2 & Opens) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Hockey Trials Boys Hunter Soccer trials (TBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Netball trials |

From the Principal's desk...

This week we welcome our new P&C Executive following the Annual General Meeting. They will be led by Derek Vale who was voted in to continue the role of President. It was a really productive meeting with a lot of laughs along the way. Huge thank you to the members who came along to support the learning of their child/ren. The P&C have big plans for this year and they have a new approach to managing fundraising events across our school. They will be taking a grade based approach to ensuring that there are more opportunities for our parents to contribute once during the year without an expectation of attending meetings. They have given us \$50 000 for playground equipment and we are currently gathering quotes. We are so grateful to our parents who help us move towards our goals for our school. 2019 fundraising will focus on new Ipads for our K-2 students, air-conditioning units and a new chicken coop. We are starting to save for a new outdoor sports court that we are planning to build in the new playground area in 2020.

An important decision was to form a uniform committee. The P&C flyer that is coming home soon will inform you more about this step forward. This team will drive all uniform decisions and communication with community. Thank you so much for sending your children in full school uniform every day, it defines the high expectations that we have in our school.

Mrs Vale and Mrs Lawrence are really enjoying their roles as Relieving Band Conductors. The Band Program offers our students quality education in making and appreciating music. The lesson I saw last week with the Junior Band was exceptional. **Our Band Committee** is enthusiastic about the year ahead for our students. They are planning many musical experiences that offer our students music appreciation, individual tutoring, group tutoring, whole band experiences, Band Camp, competitions and rewards. We are so grateful of the leadership of our Band Committee that are out to ensure that our Band is really active and most importantly fun for our amazing little musicians. They rock our world!

We will have a fantastic day of connecting, respecting and inspiration as we celebrate Harmony Day next Thursday 21st March. A sea of orange will fill our site as our students participate in quality lessons that send clear messages around inclusivity, bullying and anti-racism. Thank you to our **Wellbeing Team** who have planned an amazing day for our students. Cannot wait for the whole school singing activity at the end of the day.

Lee Saurins

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our incoming P&C.

President – Derek Vale

Vice Presidents – Sharon Dare & Kylie O'Brien

Treasurer – Doug Walters

Secretary – Karen Stephenson

Publicity & Social Media – Tanya Murphy & Annika Coulson

Canteen Representative – Kylie O'Brien

Band Representative – Kylie O'Brien

Fundraising Representative – Annika Coulson

Student Wellbeing – Casey Wolfenden

Uniform Committee – Miriam Towndrow, Nicole McCarthy, Venetta Latham, Annika Coulson

Dancing • Games • Prizes • Fun!

BEACH PARTY!

School Discos

THURSDAY MARCH 21

K-2: 5.30pm - 6.45pm
3-6: 7.15pm - 8.30pm

Valentine Bowling Club

Volunteers Needed! Contact Sonia: 0404 356 286
or sign up: 'Valentine Public School Concert Band' FB page

PSSA ZONE TRIALS

It has been a big week in sport at VPS! This week we sent students to East Lakes Zone trials in boys and girls' soccer, netball & rugby league. All of our athletes represented VPS with great skill, pride and sportsmanship. Well done to everyone who tried out.



What's Hot @ Valentine

- Our Environmental Ed team and the work they are doing around our gardens and waste warriors.
- Waste Warrior Program - ours students for embracing waste free lunches. Our future is in great hands. Thanks to parents for supporting this program as we know it isn't easy.
- Harmony Day – we are excited about promoting inclusivity next week. Don't forget to wear something orange.
- KGD & 3GB for winning our COCO awards for their wonderful and respectful assembly behaviour.

Coco says...
Congratulations to our
Coco Caught You winners
K-2 – Jemma K & Annika B
3-6 – Artie Mc & Ella M



Harmony Day Thursday 21st March

Please send your child to school in something orange on Thursday 21st March to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity and a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

This year we will be combining with Anti-Bullying and Anti-Racism and classes will be participating in activities focusing on these topics. Our library door will also be getting a makeover with a collective K-6 artwork being produced by the end of the day by our clever Miss Duck around the Harmony Day theme of 'Everybody belongs'..

Our canteen has organised a special menu where students are able to order food from different countries.

