



Valentine Public School

Grapevine

Term 3 Week 3 2019

Connect Respect Inspire



What's on at VPS?

	Mon 12 th Aug	Tue 13 th Aug	Wed 14 th Aug	Thur 15 th Aug	Fri 16 th Aug
Term 3 Week 4	▪ NBN Junior Journos	▪ PSSA Rugby Union V's Bolwarra PS	▪ S1 Excursion (1CH, 2G, 1/2L, 2FS)	▪ S1 Excursion (1NH, 1S, 2Y) ▪ NBN Journos	▪ PSSA Cricket KO V's Kahibah ▪ K-6 Assembly Hosts 1NH / 3WM
	Mon 19 th Aug	Tue 20 th Aug	Wed 21 st Aug	Thur 22 nd Aug	Fri 23 rd Aug
Term 3 Week 5			▪ S3 Newcastle Permanent Math Competition ▪ KINDER 2020 Expo		

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Last week we gathered for NAIDOC Day in our school community. I would like to thank Mrs Lawson and Ms Campbell for their efforts planning a wonderful day of activities and experiences wrapped around the theme 'Voice, Treaty, Truth'. Our students danced, painted, played Aboriginal games, discussed totem, played didgeridoo and sang together.

At our next P&C meeting (Tuesday 20th August), we will be introducing:

1. Our new **Valentine Public School Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan** and **Valentine Site Management Plan**: including safety around entries and exits, traffic flow, student attendance and communication to parents. An opportunity to consult.
2. **Valentine PS and P&C Site Action Plan**: a three year plan that considers all factors of our site; safety, access /equity, Lease Agreements, Sporting Fields, courts, playground equipment, celebration spaces, catering provisions, care and maintenance. A chance to dream big!
3. Begin a discussion around school plans to create a **Nature Playground** - opportunities to research, gather evidence, visit other schools, create our own Valentine model, reflective of our community.

We are looking for parent voice through meeting discussions and written comment via the P&C Facebook page. Meetings are more rigorous when our community share their ideas and give us feedback for future direction. If you can't get to a meeting, please comment on the P&C Facebook page.

It was so wonderful to spend time in classrooms with students, parents and grandparents during our Open Classrooms last week. I had fun in Mrs Faulkner's class but some visitors and I were not feeling 'Smarter than a 5th Grader!'

Thank you to our community for supporting our students and teachers in their learning. Your presence in our school means so much. **Mrs Lee Saurins Principal**



What's Hot @ Valentine

- Our amazing CATALYST LAB Team: Mrs Vale, Miss Duck and Ms Turnbull - 5 days at District Office this week developing their idea with experts. We are so proud of their flexibility and tenacity, not to mention superb intellect mixed with cutting ICT and beautiful design skills - what a team!
- Go Team Valo – Friday night award night in Sydney - we are up for **BEST STEM PROGRAM!**
- Our inspiring students, singing collectively, with their hearts open to Judith Durham's "Advance Australia Fair". Thank you Mr Morris.
- Our Premiers Debating Team v Dudley last week - fantastic effort girls!
- Our Zone Athletes - thanks Mr Soorley and team
- Our new roof on Block B (2Y and 1/2L)
- Our new decking (1S and 1NH)

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! CLOSING THURSDAY 15TH

MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT

Our School has submitted a community project grant to construct a multi-sports court for our students and community.

Don't forget to vote! Click on the link. Swansea electorate

<https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/projects>

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our award winners



Kindergarten 2020 Expo
Wednesday 21st August 2019
6.30pm-7.30pm



Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY PARTY IDEAS

Parents and teachers can shift the focus for school parties from unhealthy food to fun healthy food.

You could serve snacks with fun plates, napkins, cups or straws, or have a tasting party where children can vote for their favourite healthy snack. Why not try some of the following:

- Fruit kebabs
- Orange quarters – try them frozen in summer
- Fruit smoothies
- Melon balls
- Berries
- Frozen fruit blocks
- Apple slinkies
- Vegie strips with low fat dip or salsa
- Sandwiches
- Raisin bread
- Pikelets
- Rice crackers
- Scones
- Cheese cubes
- Low fat popcorn



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