



Valentine Public School

Grapevine

Term 3 Week 7 2019

Connect Respect Inspire



What's on at VPS?

Term 3 Week 8	Mon 9 th Sept	Tue 10 th Sept	Wed 11 th Sept	Thur 12 th Sept	Fri 13 th Sept
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter Girls Cricket trials PSSA AFL State Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Great Aussie Bush Camp ICAS Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Great Aussie Bush Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Great Aussie Bush Camp Y3 Sydney Excursion ICAS Spelling HCC Public Speaking Regional Final 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Great Aussie Bush Camp Y3 Sydney Excursion Y6 Woolworths Cricket Blast @Belmont PBL Assembly (Peer Choice & PBL Hat Pins)
Term 3 Week 9	Mon 16 th Sept	Tue 17 th Sept	Wed 18 th Sept	Thur 19 th Sept	Fri 20 th Sept
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Karaoke Concert ES1 Cultural Day 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COLOUR RUN

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

This week we are in awe of our Rugby Union Team who contested the State Championship this week. They played very well on the day, just missing out on the final and proved very strong in the last game to be placed 3rd in NSW. The team, their Manager Mrs Rich and their coach Mr Matt McRae demonstrated a fantastic dedication to their sport throughout the season and they are a true representation of school community working together in the pursuit of excellence.

Our school attendance is monitored regularly through school and Home School Liaison Officer processes. Some reminders from the NSW Department of Education Policy:

- All absences need to be explained within 7 days. If they are not explained within 7 days the absence stays in the system as 'unjustified'.
- Teachers are required to enquire about absences by phone after two days. This is a Child Protection measure.
- Phone calls to the office within 7 days to explain absence will result in the absence being changed to 'justified'.
- The policy requires schools to mark absences as 'unjustified' if the reason given is doctor/dentist appointment. It makes an exception (when permission sought from Principal) for specialist appointments.

Please ensure that you provide an explanation for all absences within 7 days.

Each year schools have an opportunity to gather vital feedback through the DoE's 'Tell Them from Me' survey. Families have received a note about this opportunity. Our students will be given time in class to respond and we ask our parents to please respond to the survey through the Parent Portal. Last year we have 94% of students tell us that they feel a 'sense of belonging'. The information gleaned from this survey gives us information that guides School Management Plan directions, so please take the opportunity to have your say and 'tell us' how you think our school is travelling.

Year 3 and 5 will be so excited this coming week with Year 3 off to Sydney for their first sleepover excursion and Year 5 are going to be thrilled by their time at Great Aussie Bush Camp. Shout out to our teachers and SLSO's for taking our students away.

Huge thanks to Mrs Vale and the Be You team of teachers who facilitated the Winter Sleepout last Friday night. Congratulations and a huge thank you to the students and families who supported this event. There is an amazing pile of Care Backpacks in our staffroom that will make a difference to the recipients. What a wonderfully kind village we live in.

Mrs Lee Saurins Principal

What's Hot @ Valentine

- Harry Potter mathematicians in 4B
- Our Rugby Union Team – 3rd in NSW
- Our Catalyst Team- in Sydney producing their App
- Band Disco's rock!
- Our school has been chosen to present our Wellbeing program in Sydney next week as best practise- we will be televised across the state via TeachMeet.
- Good luck to our AFL team- another state final series for Valo @NSW PSSA Sport
- Our Office Manager, Ms Janine Dickinson is going on Long Service Leave next week, we wish her all the best for a big rest and safe travels. Mrs Nicole Brown will be replacing Ms Dickinson during this time



VPS UNIFORM SHOP News Term3 2019 SPRING IS HERE !!

* Commencing 3rd September 2019 (3rd day of Spring), VPS Uniform shop hours are as follows: During Term : **Tues 8.30am -11.00pm , Fri 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Please note that we no longer open on Thursday.

* We are current putting a Discounted Kindy Uniform Pack for our Kindy students starting school in 2020. This will be available in Term 4 in October. Parents can order online or at the uniform shop.

The simplest way to use spring vegetables.

Fruit and vegetables are tastiest and cheapest when they are in season.



During Spring, mandarins, pineapples, berries, asparagus, cucumber, green beans, zucchini, mushrooms and peas are all in season.

Here are some fruit and veg filled, spring ideas:

- [Green frittata](#)
- [Fattoush salad](#)
- [Moroccan lentil salad](#)
- [Tofu Korma](#)
- [Zucchini and turmeric salmon patties](#)
- [Healthy banana split pots](#)
- [Yoghurt rice pudding](#)
- [Frozen fruit puree](#)

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