



Valentine Public School

Grapevine

Term 4 Week 9 2019

Connect Respect Inspire



What's on at VPS?

	Mon 16 th Dec	Tue 17 th Dec	Wed 18 th Dec	Thur 19 th Dec	Fri 20 th Dec
Term 4 Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S2 Fun Day Year 6 Lawn Bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Farewell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Clapout 		
	Mon 27 th Jan	Tue 28 th Jan	Wed 29 th Jan	Thur 30 th Jan	Fri 31 st Jan
Term 1 Week 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival @Speers Point Kindergarten Best Start Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Best Start Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

We are at the serious end of the year with much to look forward to. Stages have been celebrating the end of the year, with smiles all around as they board buses with their Christmas treats. Thank you so much for support in ensuring that all of our students are ready to go to these as events. It is an extremely busy time of the year so thank you!

Every day we are monitoring air quality and we make decision every day to make sure that our students are always safe as part of our adherence to WHS Policies and Procedures. Please know that our NSW State Primary Principals Association (WHS Reference Group) is working with the DoE to construct a blanket decision making tool for schools in terms of air quality so that we can have consistency across the state both in school closures and taking children off the playground in hazardous conditions. Please know that we have eared on the side of safety each time.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students and their fabulous teaching team for their amazing time in Canberra. Our students were beautifully behaved, they asked insightful questions (according to our Federal Member) and they experienced the High Court while sitting, which is very unusual.

Year 6 also had a visit this week for Mr Neale - WBHS Principal and Ms Cummins- Year 7 Year Advisor 2020. They spent half a day together, discussing orientation to high school and what to expect. It was lovely to see some of our past students (looking WBHS dapper!) on the day, helping to answer the student's questions and leading our students in activities. The students were also able to walk through a display of classes for next year and there was much excitement as they discovered who their Year 7 home class friends will be.

Some very exciting news. Mackenzie Holt has placed first in the *7 Steps National Writing Competition*. We are focusing on writing in our school plan and our entire staff is about to receive 7 Steps training on the Staff Development Day in January. Miss Baillie has been working with a group of talented writers each Thursday afternoon and their work has been developing in sophistication and now a National Writing Award!

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Seven Steps HQ reading through the entries and arguing over our favourites. Well done to everyone who took part, it was a pleasure to read such high-quality writing from Year 2's right up to Year 8's. A special mention to Applecross Senior High School, Valentine Public School and Aloutau International School, your students' work absolutely blew us away.

Book Review

Students were asked to write a review of their favourite book.

- Primary winner: **Mackenzie Holt, Year 6, Valentine Public School, NSW**
- Primary runner-up: Alesha Mertell, Forestville Public School, NSW
- Secondary winner: Ruby Ducat, Year 8, Applecross Senior High School, WA
- Secondary runner-up: Isabella Tjandra, Year 8, Applecross Senior High School, WA

Reports will be released via Sentral Parent Portal on Tuesday 17th December. It is best to open them on an iPad or computer for best results. Please read your child's report out to them and take some time to talk about the content as there is so much to discuss. Celebrate their achievements or what we call 'can do's' and also discuss the 'where to'. It is also worthwhile checking the 'Social Development' section and look for the 'usually' as opposed to 'consistent' and maybe have a chat about it. Our children are amazing!

Regards
Mrs Saurins
Principal

What's Hot @ Valentine

- Our Stage 3 'Drastic Plastic' Exhibition by the lake - they will change the world
- Our newest Valentine baby - Mrs Sumbak (nee Ienco) had beautiful baby girl, Grace Rosie. Congratulations from all of us.
- New Vines Church who have donated three huge Christmas Hampers for us to give to families. Thank you.
- 2019 Handball Comp winners - Year 3 Lucas Holt, Year 4 Max Radvan, Year 5 Will Manning, Year 6 Lachlan Manning
- Congratulations awards given this Monday's assembly
- Our amazing office staff - a fabulous year!
- Coco's carols on the Green
- Congratulations to all our fabulous students on your wonderful behaviour at today's Presentation Day.



Get excited for our Carols event!