

Valley Views

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Creating a literacy-rich home

Creating a literacy-rich home gives your child every opportunity to engage in reading, writing, speaking and listening. This kind of environment encourages your child to see these skills as an important and normal part of every day.

Here are some tips to create a literate home:

- Lots of books. With lots of books, your child will see reading as a normal activity and will always have something new to read.
- Create a language-rich bedroom and home for your child, with alphabet and word posters and labels.
- Organise a bookshelf to display your child's books.
- Create a comfortable space for your child to read, perhaps with cushions and blankets, to encourage your child to see reading as a relaxing and fun activity.
- Provide writing materials and a writing desk. Having different pens and pencils and a place to write, encourages your child to write more often. Creating a special 'writing box' to store your child's pens and pencils helps your child see writing as an important activity.
- Collect props for imaginative play and materials for craft projects. These can form the basis for practising speaking and writing.
- Set aside a time each week for 'family reading time' when every family member is reading, either individually or together.
- Regularly discuss what your child is reading or writing.
- Very importantly, read yourself. One of the most important ways to get your child reading is to model reading for your child. Children are encouraged to read – and to see reading as a normal part of the day – if they see their parents reading often. Siblings, grandparents, and other relevant persons in a child's life can also be reading role models.

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to the state final of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee: **Olivia B, Kaelan T, Ariana B, Harrison L.**



Calendar

September

2/9	Yr 5/6 Puberty Education
3/9	Prep and Yr 2 Gymnastics
4/9	Cultural Event Day
6/9	Yr 1 Gymnastics Yr 5/6 Maths Olympiad
9/9	Yr 5/6 Puberty Education Prep Grandparent Day Yr 5/6 Reproduction Family Forum @ 5pm-6:30pm
10/9	Whole School Photo and Graduation Photo Gymnastics Prep and Yr 2
11/9	District Athletics
13/9	Gymnastics Yr 1
16/9	School Council 6:30pm
17/9	Yr 4 Asian Expo
20/9	Footy Day Parade @ 9am-10am Term 3 ends @ 2:30pm

October

7/10	Term 4 begins
10/10	Division Athletics
11/10	Yr 3/4 Science Show

2024 Term Dates

30 January to 28 March

15 April to 28 June

15 July to 20 September

7 October to 20 December

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers – Dani, Andrea, Beck, Erin, Trang, Ramlah, Lili, Carolyn, Narelle, Dora, Donna, Kelly, Yen and Mirvika who helped run the stall this year and a special mention to Dani and Andrea who coordinated the event. This is a big highlight for the students each year. And Happy Father's Day to all the Dads for Sunday!



Cultural Day

On Wednesday 4 September, we will be holding our Cultural Day. Students will be participating in different cultural activities throughout the day and can dress in their traditional cultural outfits on the day.

Hooptime

On Friday 30 August, some of our 3/4 students will represent our school at the Hooptime Basketball Competition. We hope the students have a wonderful time and learn many new basketball skills.

Parent Survey

The annual parent survey is currently open for your feedback. There is a link and a unique PIN for our school to access the survey which all parents received by email on Tuesday. The survey closes on 20 September. We look forward to your response.

3/4 Camp

The 3/4 Camp ran smoothly and the students had the opportunity of trying many activities including Archery, Rock Climbing, Flying Fox and BMX just to name a few. Thank you to all the staff who attended and to our four parents.



Playgrounds

On Monday 2 September, Activity Playgrounds will begin the process of removing our current playgrounds and installing the new playgrounds. Both playgrounds will be unavailable until the completion of the project (hopefully within 2 weeks). Please be aware there will be tradesman working in these areas for the next couple of weeks.

New Prep Rooms

Next week the dividing wall in the new Prep rooms will be installed. After this, the Preps will be able to move into their new rooms. A big thank you to the Prep parents who have been coming in and cleaning all the windows – Lisa, Terrance, Shen, Kelly and Bomi.

Book Week Parade

The Book Week Parade was a big hit last week. Thank you to all the parents helping their children dress up for the parade and attending the event. Thanks to Emilia for organising the parade and the books for the classrooms.



Fun Run

On Monday, we launched the Colour Fun Run. The Fun Run will be held on Friday 25 October and any money raised will go towards the cost of the new Playgrounds. Information was sent home to all families via the students on Monday. If you need any further information, please contact the school office or email the P&F via the Templestowe Valley email.

Car Park

At the end of last term, we noticed a few families driving into the Birchwood Avenue car park or cutting through when entering the school. Just a reminder that this car park is for staff and for deliveries. Please use the designated entrances when entering the school for yours and your children's safety.

Uniform

If you need to purchase new uniform, you can attend the uniform shop next to the canteen on a Monday from 9:30-10:30. If you need to order at any other time, please contact Sam Smith who looks after all uniform requirements. Order forms are available at the office and on the website.

Second Hand uniform is available for purchase from the Hall with Donna and Dora on a Monday morning 9:30-10:30.

