



Valley Views

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Book Week 2024

Book Week this year runs from Saturday 17 August to Thursday 23 August. On Monday we will have our Book Week Parade at 9am and students can dress up as their favourite book character. The parade will replace the assembly for next week (no student awards).

Reading is important for all children

When we share reading experiences with children, it provides numerous opportunities for language and literacy learning. Reading with children is an opportunity to support children to make meaning from texts, and to learn “how texts work” (for example, exploring texts).

Children can also “rehearse” their emergent literacy skills (for example, concepts of print, phonological awareness, making meaning) through the supportive scaffolding.

Texts for different ages

All children’s literature should:

- engage children emotionally
- invite involvement
- provide opportunities for interaction by educators to increase children’s understanding of the book
- be aesthetically pleasing and include interesting illustrations/photographs

When choosing a book for emergent literacy experiences, think about:

- the age and language skills of the children
- what aspects of emergent literacy (making meaning, concepts of print, phonological awareness, phonics, text structure) can be highlighted and embedded within the book reading experience
- how the characters, events, and messages within the story will appeal to children
- the length of the book

Hooptime

On Monday, some of our 5/6 students will represent our school at the Hooptime Basketball Competition. We hope the students have a wonderful time and learn many new basketball skills. Our 3/4 students will be competing on Friday 30 August.

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 30 August. We look forward to your response.

Calendar

August

19/8	Book Week Parade 9am 5/6 Hooptime ICAS Spelling Yr 2-4 11:30am
20/8	ICAS Science 11:30am
21-23/8	3/4 Camp
22/8	Book Week Author Visit ICAS Spelling Yr 5-6 10am
28/8	ICAS Maths 12:30pm
30/8	3/4 Hooptime

September

2/9	5/6 Puberty Education
3/9	Prep and Yr 2 Gymnastics
4/9	Cultural Event Day
6/9	Yr 1 Gymnastics 5/6 Maths Olympiad
7/9	TVPS Trivia Night
9/9	5/6 Puberty Education 5/6 Reproduction Family Forum @ 5pm-6:30pm Prep Grandparent Day
10/9	Whole School Photo
11/9	District Athletics

2024 Term Dates

30 January to 28 March

15 April to 28 June

15 July to 20 September

7 October to 20 December

School Disco

The disco was held on Thursday 15 August and organised by the Parents and Friends Association. The fundraiser helped to raise money for the new playgrounds. The students had a great time dancing and playing games with 'Bop to you Drop'.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped on the day: Beck, Mirvika and Andrea.



Teddy Bears Picnic

On Wednesday 14 August, the annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held for the Preps and Year 6s as part of our Big Friend, Little Friend program. All the students brought their favourite teddy bear and enjoyed having a picnic outside together.



3/4 Camp

Next week the 3/4 students will be attending camp from Wednesday to Friday at Camp Toolangi. They will be doing a range of activities to build independence, resilience and courage. We hope they all have an enjoyable time.

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.

