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# Valley Views

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## Parent-Teacher Interviews (3 way Conference)

The parent-teacher interviews (3 way conference) will be held on Thursday 1 August. This day has been approved by School Council as a Curriculum Day and interviews will start at 11:45am finish at 7:30pm to give parents an opportunity to meet with their teacher. To book a session with your child's teacher, please go to Compass. If you have any difficulty in booking a session, please contact the office.

## How to help your child with Maths

Numeracy is more than numbers. For example, numeracy helps us:

- understand and use numbers and other mathematical ideas in everyday life
- recognise and use shape
- work out the chance of something happening
- understand the data we see in the media

Numeracy is necessary for everyday living. From daily activities like telling the time, cooking and setting the table to more difficult tasks such as understanding mobile phone plans, planning a trip, reading a map and understanding timetables.

As children and young people move through life stages the everyday numeracy demands become more complex.

Employers see numeracy as important in the workplace. Research shows that higher numeracy skills lead to higher levels of health and wellbeing and other benefits such as better decision making and financial independence.

## Resources for parents

Numeracy guide: numeracy at home

This [interactive online](#) guide:

- explains the difference between numeracy and mathematics
- helps your child to learn numeracy and mathematics at home
- identifies and talks about some common myths about maths
- suggests helpful activities you can do with your child.

There are also a range of fun activities that you can try together based on your child's interests and experiences:

Birth to Level 2 suggestions for children up to about 8 years of age, including activities for cooking, travelling, reading, shopping and exploring.

Levels 3 to 8 suggestions for children and early adolescents including numeracy in the kitchen, travelling, reading, shopping, our neighbourhood, games and sports.

Levels 9 to 10 activities for young people including exploring sustainability, healthy living, shopping, home improvements, gardening, travel and natural phenomena.

## P&F Meeting

Our next P&F Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 July at 2:30pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you there.

## Calendar

### July

25/7	P&F Meeting 2:30pm
26/7	Yr 3 Cartoon Incursion
30/7	Preps 100 Days of School Dress-Up Yr 3 Water Incursion

### August

1/8	Curriculum Day Parent-Teacher Interviews (3 Way Conference)
12/8	School Council 6:30pm
15/8	School Disco
19/8	Book Week Parade Yr 5/6 Hooptime
21-23/8	Yr 3/4 Camp
22/8	Book Week Author Visit
30/8	Yr 3/4 Hooptime

## 2024 Term Dates

30 January to 28 March

15 April to 28 June

15 July to 20 September

7 October to 20 December

## Athletics Day

What an amazing day we had at the Athletics Track on Thursday. We had the best weather and the sun shone on us for most of the day. The students had such a great time having a go at all the athletic events and showed resilience – especially when doing the 800m. Thank you so much to all our parent volunteers on the day, we couldn't have run the event without you. A big thank you to all our wonderful students and staff and to Samantha Fitzgerald for organising the event.

Students will receive ribbons for today and Samantha will put together the school team who will compete at the District event in September. This will take a little while to organise as there are a lot of results to go through.



## NAPLAN Year 3&5

The NAPLAN results for the Year 3&5 students are expected to arrive this week and we will send them home to parents next week.

## 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.

## Prep Enrolments 2025

Enrolments for Prep for 2025 are now open. If you have a sibling who will be starting with us next year, please contact the office ASAP. and they will take you through the enrolment process.

## 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.

