Welcome back to the final term for the year.

We had a very pleasing response to the parent-teacher interviews held in the last week of term 3. In fact we had more interviews at this time than we did in term 1.

Thanks everyone for your cooperation with the quick turnover of vehicles in the car park during the afternoons. Please remember if you park longer than is necessary, you are making parking difficult for everyone else. You may have noticed Glenn Courtney from facilities observing our car parking arrangements towards the end of last term. He thought that our arrangement was fine and that the quick turnover was essential and that the top car park needed surfacing.

The issue now is funding as Education Queensland usually does not take responsibility for parent parking. Our situation is unique though with off street parking being necessary due to Drayton-Connection Road being unsuitable. I will keep you informed of developments.

Mark Hooson

Every Day Counts

Attendance slipped last term mostly due to a lot of illness going around. Our Preps are still setting the pace with outstanding attendance. Year 3 however, has shown the biggest downward movement and also easily has the poorest attendance.

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The table below shows the proportion of our students in different attendance brackets. With 17% of our students having less than 90% attendance this means one in six of them are missing at least one day a fortnight which makes continuity of learning difficult. Remember every day counts and it’s not OK to skip school unless a student is legitimately ill.

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With the change in season we need to see a turnaround in our school attendance data.

Staffing News

We would like to thank Fiona de Nooyer for stepping into the role of learning support teacher aide over the past two terms. Thanks Fiona for all your hard work and good luck with your internship.
Welcome Back

Welcome back to Kristie Cosmo from USQ who will complete her internship with Mrs Bowe’s class over the next four weeks. Kristie will then work in providing learning support for the remainder of the term.

Absenteeism – Same Day Notification

Next year Education Queensland is requiring all schools to have a ‘same day notification for absences’ arrangement set in place. Vale View will be starting to put ours in place from today. If your child is absent from school, please contact us by phone or email (Principal@valeviewss.eq.edu.au) by 10.00 am on that day. If your child is definitely going to be away for more than one day, let us know this and you will only need to contact us on the first day. If we do not receive notification by 10.00 am, you will receive a phone call. Thank-you for your co-operation.

Behaviour Reports

Behaviour reports for weeks 6 to 11 of term two will be sent home today. If you need to discuss any issues, please arrange a time to see your child’s teacher.

Term Overviews

Overviews of the curriculum to be covered this term by each class will also be sent home today.

Year 3-6 School Camp

We have 45 students from Years 3-6 attending our biennial school camp at Tallebudgera Outdoor Recreation Centre on the Gold Coast from Wednesday 23 November to Friday 25 November. A note has been sent home to all participating students today with further details about the camp and a final price. The balance of the total cost is due by Monday 31 October.

Swimming Lessons

Just a reminder that swimming lessons start next week on Friday 14 October at the Toowoomba Grammar Aquatic Centre. If you haven’t already done so, please pay your $65 and hand in the permission note by this Friday, 07 October. Students will need to bring bathers, towel and swimming cap. Goggles are optional. Students will also need to bring a swimming bag. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child’s name. Lessons for P-2 students will be from 12.30 pm to 1.15 pm and lessons for the Year 3-6 students will be from 1.15 pm to 2.00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Pupil-free Day

Just a reminder that Monday 17 October is a pupil-free day.

Prize Winning Garden

Vale View won 2nd prize in the ‘Country Schools’ Student Garden’ section of The Chronicle garden Competition. Congratulations to our students and also to Mrs Eglington for all her hard work.

Happy birthday this week to Tahlia Rickert who turns 12 on Friday and to Makenna Bidgood who turns 7 on Monday.

Tuckshop Twice a Week

We had a great response to our request for help in the tuckshop with twelve parents offering their time. As a result, tuckshop for this term will be on Mondays and Fridays. Your contribution to our school is much appreciated. A roster has been sent home today.

Hamburger Day

Our hamburger day in the last week of term 3 was a huge success with over 90 hamburgers ordered and $430 profit made. Thanks to our helpers Sarah Barford, Kristy Bellingham, Julie Naumann and Katrina Binney.

To Do:

☐ Please return swimming permission note and payment by Friday 07 October.
☐ Please pay the balance of the camp payment by Monday 31 October.