This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the annual NAPLAN tests. Tomorrow will be language conventions (spelling and grammar) and writing (either a narrative or a persuasive piece). Wednesday will be reading, and Thursday will be numeracy.

Our aim at Vale View is for our students to be prepared to do their best but not for them to see NAPLAN as something to worry about. We have spent time going over questions from previous years so that our students know what to expect. NAPLAN is important but it is just one test and always throws up a few surprises. In the past I have been very pleased with the effort our students have put in and I expect this week to be no different. Good luck to all our Year 3 and 5 students.

Mark Hooson

Head Lice

Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice today. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Students should not return to school until treatment has started.

Coming Events

School Disco

On Friday 20 May (next week) we will hold our school disco. Attendance is open to all current students at Vale View and it will be held in Mrs Bowe’s room from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Parents are asked to escort children both to the classroom and from it as names will be checked for safety reasons. Mr Dowling will be providing the entertainment and entry will be $3. Food and drinks will be available. Parents of younger children might want to stay for a while to see how their children handle the noise and lights.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Camp

This year is our school camp year with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students invited to our three day camp at Tallebudgera (Gold Coast). This is an outstanding camp that in my experience is second to none with regards to facilities. The camp will be from Wednesday 23 November to Friday 25. An information and permission note will be sent home later this term. The cost for the three days will be
around $180 - $190 and a $50 non-refundable deposit will be required by early term 3.

**Harristown High Visit**

Some students and staff from Harristown State High School will visit the Year 56 class on Wednesday 18 May from 12 noon to 1.00 pm. Even though some students will be attending other high schools, this visit will give our students an opportunity to ask questions about high school life.

**Athletics Training**

In preparation for our athletics carnival on Tuesday 14 June, all of our students have been receiving athletics training from Susan Booth, who is a qualified athletics coach. Last week the older students received training in shot put.

**Fitness Tracking**

As a part of our social skills program we have been researching the effect of physical confidence on social interaction in the playground. Some students have been given Garmin fitness trackers to measure the amount and intensity of physical activity students participate in throughout the day. Using this information we can determine which programs are most effective in getting these students more active and involved in physical social play like tag, basketball and soccer.

**Mayoral Morning Tea**

On Thursday 27 April, four of our leaders, Madeline Rohde, Erin Ryan, Tahlia Rickert and Elle de Nooyer attended the Mayoral Morning Tea. This annual event included primary school leaders from most of the schools in the Toowoomba district. Unfortunately not all six of our leaders could attend as only four invitations were offered to each school.

**Creative Healthy Snacks**

Our P1 class got creative with healthy snacks. Annika Madden had a big decision to make about which part of her healthy butterfly to eat first.

**‘You Can Do It’ Awards**

Awards this week were presented to the following students for showing confidence.

P1: Annika Madden
12: Isla Millar
34: Connor Johns
56: Tamika Hinz

**Happy Birthday**

Happy birthday to Madeline Rohde who turns 11 on Tuesday, Harry Ruhle who turns 5 on Sunday, Jimmy Potter who turns 11 on Wednesday week, Tameika Reddell who turns 9 on Friday week and to Jett Veivers who turns 7 on Saturday week.