Newsletter Changes

Weekly newsletters take up a lot of resources, including my time which could be put to better use at school, office and paper resources. As a consequence, next term you will see a few important changes to the newsletter.

Firstly, newsletters will be delivered fortnightly, always starting with the first week of the term. In other words, they will be published every odd week.

Secondly, students will not be provided with a paper copy. Your newsletter will be emailed to you with attachments. Other notices such as book club and receipts will still be sent home as paper copies and you will be notified of this in the newsletter.

Already, approximately 40% of our parents receive their newsletter by email. Those of you who have provided the school with an email address and do not already receive newsletters by email, will receive an email by tomorrow asking if you want your newsletter sent to the provided email address or an alternative. If you wish to have it sent to another email address, just reply to the email with the correct information. If you do not reply, I will assume that the address provided is the one you wish newsletters to be sent to.

Those of you who have not supplied the school with an email address will receive a note attached to this week’s newsletter, asking for a contact. Please return this note by Friday 18 March.

If you have internet problems, a few paper copies will be kept in the office. Past copies of newsletters are always available on our website.

It is important for you to know that your email address will not be shared with other parents.

Thank-you for your co-operation with these changes. My challenge will be to deliver information to you in an efficient and effective manner.

Mark Hooson

Parent-teacher Interviews

Interview times for those parents who requested an interview are attached to this newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by email, your times have been sent home with your eldest child.

Life Education

Life Education has been empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education for more than 35 years.

This year the Life Education program is coming to Vale View over the last three days of term one.

The P1 (Tuesday) and 12 (Wednesday) classes will each participate in a 1 ¼ hour program called ‘Harold’s Surprise’ where students use realistic props to help Harold pack healthy picnic food, and on their
way to the party respond to new situations and dilemmas around health and safety.

The 34 (Tuesday) class will participate in a program called ‘Harold’s Diary’ which provides students with the opportunity to explore relationships and friendships, influences on food choices, benefits of physical activity, and the definition of a drug.

The 56 class will be involved in two presentations. The first is ‘It’s Your Call’ (Wednesday) which focuses on decision-making skills by looking at choices, consequences, responsibility, facts, information and influences. Peer influence, cyber safety and cyber ethics are themes used to explore decision-making. The second presentation is called ‘On the Case’ (Thursday) where students join Mac McHardy, a time travelling detective, and his sidekick Conan as they gather information to persuade McHardy’s great, great granddaughter not to take up smoking.

The cost for each student is $8. Please place payment and the signed permission note in an envelope and return it to school by Friday 18 March.

Cross-country

This Friday we will hold our annual cross-country from 1.45 pm to 3.00 pm. We will start with the Prep students and finish with the Year 6 students. Everyone is welcome to come along and support our students. For new families, we have two sporting houses that will compete for the cross-country trophy – Blue-tongues and Redbacks.

The houses for our new students are as follows:

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Redbacks have won it the past two years. Will they make it three in a row on Friday?

‘You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards this week were presented to the following students for showing resilience by bouncing back from difficult situations.

P1: Elayna Morgan
12: Eva McCurley Ault
34: Riley Chandler
56: Nikkitta Lavers

Sausage Sizzle Lunch

On the final day of term, Thursday 24 March, the P&C will offer our students the chance to purchase a sausage sizzle lunch. Please return the order sheet with payment by Monday 21 March if you would like to make an order.

If any parents can assist with cooking, preparation or serving on the day, please contact Kelly Chandler 0419 711 783 or Julie Larsen 0447 765 870.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday this week to Tilly Binney who turns 6 today, Jake Freyling who turns 11 on Tuesday, Toby Kennard who turns 5 on Thursday, Grace Say who turns 10 on Saturday, and to Zachary Bray who turns 5 on Saturday.

Community News - Players Wanted

Are you interested in playing AFL?

The university Cougars AFC is looking for players in all grades from Under 6s to Women’s and Men’s Seniors. We welcome anyone, whether you have played AFL before or not. For more information:

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