We have some very exciting events coming up over the next two weeks. This week sees the start of Book Fair and the official opening of our multi-purpose courts and spider web climbing frame, and next week we will be hosting Under 8s Day. Thanks very much to Mrs Bowe, Mrs Higton, Mrs Coote and also Kelly Chandler for their hard work in making these events possible.

‘Discretionary effort’ is a term used to describe the effort people choose to put into their work, above and beyond the minimum required. Vale View would certainly be a very different school if not for the many extra hours of work that our staff put in to give our students wonderful opportunities.

We must never take this effort for granted.

Mark Hooson

BOOK FAIR

Only two more sleeps until Book Fair! Mrs Bowe and Mrs Higton cannot contain their excitement! Book Fair begins at 3pm on Wednesday afternoon the 24 August and will go until Tuesday afternoon the 30 August. Please note that the library will only be open in the afternoons for the purchase of books this year. There are books from as little as one dollar on sale and there are many competitions to participate in over the week. Attached to the newsletter is a sneak peak of some of the titles available at Book Fair.

The Book Fair Parade will be held at 9:00am on Monday the 29 August in the tennis court. Please come along dressed as your favourite book character for your chance to win some great prizes. Parents are welcome to come to the parade and can also dress up too!

Under 8s Day

On Friday 02 September Vale View will host a 60th anniversary of Under 8s Day. Over 200 students in P-2 from Ramsay, Wellcamp, Wyreema and Bunkers Hill State Schools will join Vale View students for what is sure to be a fantastic day of fun activities and celebrations. Thanks very much to those of you who are helping with this day in some capacity.

Official Opening

This Thursday 25 August will be the official opening of our multi-purpose court and spider web climbing frame. This has been a long process starting with Mrs Johns successfully gaining grants to the value of over $60 000 on behalf of both our school and the P&C to carry out these projects. The opening will be held in the multi-purpose court area from 9.00 am. Deputy Mayor Cr Carol Taylor will open these facilities. Parents are welcome to attend.
Teams Chess Challenge

The ‘Teams Chess Challenge’ will be held on Tuesday 06 September at The Toowoomba Preparatory School. Permission forms have been sent home today with those students who expressed an interest. Permission notes must be returned along with a $10 entry fee by Thursday 25 August.

African Drumming

In Music this term, students are learning about music from different countries or places and celebration music. Last week, the 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 classes were treated to a performance by an African Drumming Group, originally from the Republic of Congo. They used their hands in different ways to make various sounds on the drums. The music told the stories of chasing animals, such as tigers.

After the performance, the 5/6 class participated in a workshop where they learned how to play the drums. Students were taught the finer skills of how to make the different sounds on the drums by the way they held the drum and positioned their hands.

Thanks Mrs Potter for organising the group to visit our school.

The Year 56 students get some drumming lessons.

Prep Coders

Ryder tests out his coding skills in trying to get his Beebot from Madagascar to Greenland.

Congratulations

Athletics Success

Congratulations to Madeline Rohde and Jimmy Potter who have made the Inner Downs team for athletics with both students being successful in high jump. Both Madeline and Jimmy will compete at the Darling Downs Trials on Tuesday 06 September. We wish you both all the best.

‘You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards this week were presented to the following students for getting along with others.

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Happy birthday this week to Cohen Erbacher who turns 7 today, and Kiara Madden 11 on Saturday.

Behaviour Reports

Behaviour reports for weeks 1-5 of this term have been sent home today.

Working Bee

A big thank-you to Paul Golding, Paul Grundy, Danielle Haller, Kristy Bellingham, Cathie and Ron Paulie, and also to some younger gardeners in Elliot Golding, Ruth Paulie, Connor Johns, Angus Johns and Sarah Littlechild for helping out with yesterday’s working bee. Thanks also to staff members Amanda Bowe, Nicole Johns, Sarah Coote (along with husband Steve), Jay Wright and a special thanks to Terese Eglington for her organisation. Your help in improving our grounds is much appreciated.

Monthly Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on Monday 29 August in the 56 room from 7 pm.