Last Thursday we had a visit from our Acting Assistant Regional Director (ARD), Peter Tanzer. This year we have refined some of our practices at Vale View in order to improve student learning. In particular we are assessing all students in English and Maths at the start of units of work so we can target areas of required student improvement. Mr Tanzer commented that ‘this process is driving powerful teacher conversation about moving individual students based on their identified needs through data analysis and delivering appropriate teaching responses. The program is building the data literacy skills of your teachers and ensuring that the classroom curriculum program is responsive to the learners needs’.

Mr Tanzer has invited me to make a presentation to a group of small school principals in Kingaroy next week about how we implement this process at Vale View. This invitation is pleasing acknowledgement of the direction that we are heading in at Vale View and the commitment by our staff to improving learning outcomes for all students.

Mark Hooson

School Disco

We had a tremendous turn out last Friday night with 80 students attending our disco. Mr Dowling kept everyone thoroughly entertained and we also had the pleasure of seeing each of our three bands from instrumental music perform. Thanks to Mrs Bowe for organising the night and to our school staff for giving up their Friday night for our students.

Coby Smith and Band 3 take some of us back to 1966 with their rendition of ‘Wild Thing’ by The Troggs.
The Great Boat Challenge

There was an air of excitement in the playground last week as children in Prep to Year 2 held the Great Boat Challenge after learning about materials and their properties in Science. All boats successfully floated and survived a load of toy passengers.

‘You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards over the past two weeks were presented to the following students for organisation and also getting along.

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School Uniforms

One of the many things that stands out with our students is the pride that they show when wearing their school uniform. Just a reminder that Vale View students are required to wear a royal blue tracksuit top or bottom in the colder months. Some students have already started to wear warmer clothing that is not part of our uniform.

Some girls are wearing leggings with skirts. That is fine but they need to be royal blue as well. If your daughter already has black leggings we will allow it for this winter only but if you are purchasing new ones, please purchase royal blue.

Also with the colder weather comes the problem with lost property. All lost property that is not clearly labelled will be stored in the tuckshop so please check tracksuit bottoms and tops to see that they are labelled clearly. A collection of such clothing is already starting to build.

Afternoon Pick Up

With the cooler weather approaching, students not already picked up by 3.15 pm will be moved into the library. Please come to the library to gather your child. This will start tomorrow.

Behaviour Reports

Behaviour reports for weeks one to five 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.

Book Club

Book Club orders have been sent home today and are due back by Tuesday 07 June.

Staffing Changes

One of our teacher aides, Kylie Wright, who works supporting students with literacy and numeracy, has unfortunately been away sick for all of this term so far. One of our parents, Fiona de Nooyer who is also our P&C secretary, has been filling in for Kylie over the past month and will do so for at least the next two weeks. We hope you are better and back with us soon Kylie. Thanks Fiona for your flexibility and commitment to our school.

Harristown State High School Open Afternoon

Harristown State High School will hold their annual Open Afternoon on Tuesday 24th May. The program begins at 3:30pm and finishes at 6pm.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Malachi Kinsella who turns 6 today, Lucy Golding who turns 8 on Tuesday week, Callum McCurley Ault who turns 11 on Wednesday week, Clint Allan who turns 5 on Wednesday week, and to Delice Larsen who turns 9 on Sunday week.

Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be held at 7 pm in the 56 room on Monday 30 May.

Please check winter clothing to make sure it is labelled clearly with your child’s name.