As there is no teacher on car park duty in the mornings, we rely solely on parents to use safe practices when using the car park in morning drop offs. It has been brought to my attention that incidents have occurred where parents have dropped students off without using the designated parking areas. Please take the time to ensure the safety of all our students by giving way to students using the crossing and parking in the correct areas. The few seconds you save are not worth compromising the safety of our students for.

After last year’s school review we now have a lot a very good practices consistently in place at Vale View. One of our main areas of school improvement for 2016 was to improve our processes around writing. Mrs Bowe and Mrs Johns attending training in January and also in the second week before the June/July school holidays. I attended training last week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Our goal is to have explicit evidence-based practices built into a revamped school program by the end of the year.

Mark Hooson

School Opinion Surveys
Thank-you to those of you who have already completed the online school opinion survey. At present we have 15 completed surveys. Last year we had 27 surveys completed by parents which would be a great goal to achieve once again. I have added the link to complete the survey in the newsletter email that I have sent to you. If you have misplaced your access codes, please see Mrs Bishop in the office for a new one. Surveys close this Friday 29 July.

Carnival Entry
With the recent development of our front garden and the kind donations of vegetable seedlings from Lockyer Valley Junior Landcare organisers, mulch from Mr Golding and plants and garden statues from staff, our school grounds are more inviting and enjoyable for all. To encourage the children to participate more in gardening activities and build a sense of pride in their achievements, we will be entering the school gardens into the Carnival of Flowers School Garden Competition. If you would like to donate plants to help colour our gardens, please contact Mrs Eglington or Mrs Bishop.

Travis and Tilly with the ‘Carnival of Flowers School Garden Competition’ entry form.
School Camp
This year our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to attend our school camp from Wednesday 23 November to Friday 25 November. The cost is expected to be between $175 - $185 per child. A $50 deposit is required to secure your child’s place, which is to be returned with the acceptance of camp attendance form by Wednesday 17 August. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this activity please return the form to indicate that your child will not be attending. Details of the camp have been sent home today.

Book Club Orders
The book club brochure will go home today. Orders are due by Monday 08 August.

Coming Events

The NED Show
Two years ago we had a performance of ‘The NED Show’ which is a character development program that centres around three important messages:

Never give up.
Encourage others.
Do your best.

The NED show will be returning to Vale View this Friday at 2 pm. During the show, students will learn about NED’s three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks. Parents are very welcome to attend. Students will be able to purchase yo-yos at school until the end of next week using the order form that was sent home today. They will also be able to use their yo-yos at school in a designated area next week.

Under 8s Day
This year Vale View is hosting ‘Under 8s Day’ for over 200 students from Bunkers Hill, Wyreema, Wellcamp and Ramsay on Friday 02 September. The event will celebrate 60 years of ‘Under 8s Day’ celebrations. More details will be sent home soon.

Cambooya District Athletics
Last Friday concluded the Cambooya District Athletics. Vale View came third out of the four ‘B school’ teams in both the aggregate and average competitions.

Congratulations to Kiara Madden who was age champion for ‘B school’ competitors. Behaviour and sportsmanship by all our team members was excellent as usual. Some of our students will now join the Cambooya District team to compete at the Inner Downs carnival on Tuesday 09 August.

You Can Do It’ Awards
Awards this week were presented to the following students for showing confidence in class.

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General Notices
Happy birthday this week to Elle de Nooyer who is 12 on Wednesday, Memphis Richmond 6 on Wednesday, Cayler Gosper 11 on Thursday, and Isla Millar 8 on Friday. Happy birthday next week to Emily Anderson who is 11 on Friday and Royal Millar 8 on Saturday.

Thanks to Helpers
Last Thursday’s ‘soup day’ raised $99. Thanks very much to Sarah Barford for doing all the cooking and to Julie Naumann for serving on the day. Thanks to all our helpers at Bunkers Hill on Friday. A special thanks also to Kelly Chandler for all her organisation.

Next Monthly Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Monday 01 August starting at 7.00 pm in the Year 56 room.

To Do:
- Please complete the School Opinion Survey by Friday 29 July. Thanks.
- Please return camp permission note and deposit by Wednesday 17 August.