Vale View State School Newsletter
29 February 2016, term 1 week 6

**Principal’s Message**

Tonight is a very important night for our school with the P&C AGM followed by our monthly meeting. We have been very fortunate over the past year with our hard-working committee and it is important that once again we have all positions filled. I look forward to seeing a good turnout for tonight’s meeting.

Last week we had a snake in our grounds. It was noticed by a responsible Year 2 student who informed a staff member. We were able to keep an eye on the snake and contact a snake catcher who caught the snake and took it away. It has been over two years since we have noticed a snake. Students have been reminded today about making sure they are where they should be and what to do if they think they see a snake.

**Mark Hooson**

**Friday’s Whole School Excursion**

This Friday we have our only planned excursion for the year, apart from the Year 3 – 6 camp in November. Consent forms and payment of $20 was due today. If you forgot about it, please hand both in by tomorrow morning.

All staff are needed in attendance and several staff are giving up their day off. It is hoped that all students will attend.

The bus will depart Vale View at 8.45 am and return by 3.00 pm. Students must have a hat, packed lunch and water bottle.

**Individual Chess Tournament**

We have thirteen students attending the individual chess tournament tomorrow at the Preparatory School. They are Peppa Bray, Emily Anderson, Emily Chandler, Libby Spain, Joe Giles, Angus Johns, Tom Campbell, Erin Ryan, Elle de Nooyer, Jake Freyling, Kiara Madden and Madeline Rohde.

Mrs Tozer will be supervising and tuckshop is available if students wish to use it. Students need to be in the Millennium Centre on the oval by 8.30 am.

It is great to see a few students who have only had a few lessons competing. Good luck to all our competitors.
Behaviour Reports

Behaviour reports for the first five weeks of this term will be attached to this week’s newsletter. For new parents, weekly behaviour for each student is recorded using a traffic light system of green, orange and red. If a child receives a ‘green’ then their behaviour for that week was very good. An ‘orange’ indicates that school rules were broken and a ‘red’ indicates that rules were broken on several occasions. Student behaviour is monitored each week on a magnetic behaviour board in each class. If rules are broken students are given the opportunity to redeem their behaviour throughout the week.

If you need to discuss any issues, please arrange a time to see your child’s teacher.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE TWO

Please find attached the current Book Club brochure. If you would like to make a purchase remove the form from the middle of the brochure, fill it in, add your money and place it in the collection box in the Prep room or order and pay for your books using the new LOOP system and they will be posted straight to the school.

All orders are due back Tuesday 15 March 2016. Your support of Book Club is greatly appreciated and benefits students with new books for our library. If you find a book in Book Club that you think would be great in our library please let us know and we may be able to purchase it with our free picks!

Thank you Mrs Bowe and Mrs Highton

Young Leaders’ Day

Our six school leaders will be travelling to Brisbane on Monday 14 March to attend Young Leaders’ Day at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Each year we send our leaders to this event where along with 3 000 Primary School leaders from Queensland and northern NSW, they will be involved in activities and also listen to speakers.

This year the speakers will be Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, youth speaker Nathan Want, musician and National NAIDOC Youth of the Year, Chris Tamwoy, and Channel 10 journalist, Pippa Sheehan.

Further details and a permission note are attached to this newsletter.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Danielle Grundy, who turns 11 on Wednesday, Ava and Charlotte Bennett who turn 8 on Saturday, and to Tyler Smith who turns 7 on Sunday.

In the Classrooms

In the mornings, volunteers from the Year 56 class have been helping our Prep/Year 1 to settle in by completing activities such as reading and tracing. Eighteen students in total have been helping out.

Clint Allan gets some assistance from Year 5 student, Libby Spain.

‘You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards this week were presented to the following students for showing persistence by continuing to try hard even when work is difficult.

P1: Isabelle Erbacher
12: Sarah Littlechild
34: Charlotte Bennett
56: Elliot Golding

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