Last week the results of our annual School Opinion Survey were released. Our results were very good with 26 out of the 35 items in the parent survey receiving 100% agreement. Last year we had 23 items receiving 100% agreement. The following eight items received one person disagreeing to some extent:

- My child is making good progress at this school.
- Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.
- This school works with me to support my child’s learning.
- I understand how my child is assessed at this school.
- This school asks for my input.
- This school keeps me well informed.
- This school encourages me to take an active role in my child’s education.
- This school has a strong sense of community.

Two respondents disagreed to some extent that ‘Teachers at this school treat students fairly’.

Please feel free to discuss any of these issues with me as I would like to look into them further. Thanks to everyone who took part in this year’s survey. Full results are available on our website.

Mark Hooson
2017 Prep Transition Day

This Tuesday sees the first of our 2017 Prep Transition days with next year’s Preps joining us from 9.00 am to 11:00 am. Our current Preps are certainly excited and I’m certain they will prove to be great hosts.

Indigenous Song and Dance

This Thursday all students will work with ‘Winangali Infusion’ who are an indigenous song and dance group. Students will aim to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills as well as the deeper meaning of indigenous interactive song and dance stories. Each class group will participate in a workshop before the whole school comes together for an afternoon session.

Congratulations

Harristown State High School Awards

I had the pleasure of sitting next to Mr Ken Green, principal of Harristown State High School at a two day planning workshop last week and we were talking about Vale View students and how they were going at Harristown. Mr Green kindly forwarded to me a copy of their award recipients for 2016. Congratulations to the following past Vale View students who received awards last week – Nik Austin, Kiara Austin, Ellie Potter, Harry Potter and Alex Rohde.

‘You Can Do It’ Awards

Awards this week were presented to the following students for showing confidence by trying new things without worrying about mistakes.

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A Greener Way to Dispose of Waste

With the help of Bunnings, the Year 34 class has set up a worm farm compost bin at Vale View to help them focus on sustainability. The worm farm will demonstrate to our students how nature efficiently breaks down left over scraps and turns them into fertiliser, which will then be put to great use on our school gardens.

Open Garden Catering Fundraiser

The P & C has been asked to supply Morning Tea and Afternoon Tea at the open Garden of Cathy Stenzel on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November 2016 with the profit from sales going to the Vale View State School P & C. An information flyer is enclosed for your attention.

We are asking for volunteers to supply cooking and help on the day. If you are able to assist in any way, please complete and return the attached questionnaire by no later than Friday 4th November 2016.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Chandler 0419 711 783.

Monthly P&C Meeting

Just a reminder that our monthly P&C meeting will be held tonight from 7.00 pm.

□ Please return the ‘Open Garden Catering Fundraiser’ questionnaire by Friday 04 November if you are able to help.