

# NEWSLETTER TERM 4 | WEEK 7 | FRIDAY 29/11/19

It has been a busy few weeks, as we head towards the end of the year. Since the wonderful Extravaganza the school has continued to be a busy one.

On the Pupil Free Day, the new Principal Fione Love, joined staff for part of the day in our review process. Staff looked at our Site Improvement Plan (SIP) in detail, noting what had been achieved and what are next steps to continue our journey on the focus of numeracy, literacy (writing) and engagement in 2020. Staff also reviewed various programs that run across the school, as a way of looking to make improvements for our students.

The school dental van ensured our students have lovely smiles and have booked a return visit as a follow up.

Our year 1 classes had a visit by the police. Students were able to sit in the police car, wear some of the uniform and we even had a siren or two.

Our year 2/3 classes have all been on excursion to the Art Gallery and the Botanic Gardens where some wonderful learning has taken place.

The last two weeks are sure to be busy as we finalise reports and class placements. This information will be coming home on Wednesday of week 9.

A few students will be involved in working with an artist, do keep your eye out.



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Term Dates 2019

Term 1 29th Jan - 12 Apr Term 2 29 Apr - 5 Jul Term 3 22 Jul - 27 Sept Term 4 14 Oct - 13 Dec

#### Term Dates 2020

Term 1 28th Jan - 09 Apr Term 2 27 Apr - 3 Jul Term 3 20 Jul - 25 Sept Term 4 12 Oct - 11 Dec

#### Key Dates Term 4

02/12 - Year 6/7 Camp Departs & Festival Meal Deal (Rooms 2-13)

- 04/12 Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 Excursion & Year 6/7 Camp Returns
- 10/12 ATSI Excursion
- 11/12 Reports & 2020 Class Placements Distributed
- 12/12 2020 Year 1-7 Transition, Meet 2020 Teacher & Year 7 Graduation
- 13/12 Last Day of Term 4 \*1:30pm Finish\*

1.50pm

Term 1- 2020 Tuesday 28/01 - First Day of Term 1

growing for the future...





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## **NEWS & UPDATES**



#### Last Day of Term 4

A reminder that Vale Park students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you pack recess and lunch on this day and make appropriate arrangements for the collection/care of your child/children. If you require OSHC on these days please contact Happy Haven directly on 8266 0439 or 8155 5492.

#### Leaving Vale Park Primary School?

To assist our planning for 2020, we ask that you advise the school in writing (at <u>dl.0967.info@schools.sa.edu.au</u>) if your child/children are leaving Vale Park between now and the commencement of Term 1, 2020.

#### Student Daily Absence

If a parent or caregiver hasn't notified their child's/children's classroom teacher or the Front Office the student will be marked as 'AU' (Away – Unexplained). At 10:00am each school day an automated email will be sent to the parents/caregivers notifying them of this absence. This new system replaces the individual phone calls Front Office staff were having to make each day. Please ensure you notify the school of any lateness or absence on each school day.

#### Going on Holidays?

If your child/children are going on a holiday or missing any school of a period of 4 or more consecutive school days you will need to complete an Exemption Form. Please advise the school either via email (at <u>al.0967.info@schools.sa.edu.au</u>) or in person at the Front Office so you can complete the necessary Exemption Form/s we would be most appreciative.

#### 2020 Vale Park Calendar

To keep up to date with all Vale Park events please utilise our school calendar which can be viewed at this link - <a href="https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/term-dates/">https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/term-dates/</a>

#### Year 7's to High School 2022

To stay up to date with all Year 7's to High School 2022 information please visit this link <a href="https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/yr-7-to-high-school/">https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/yr-7-to-high-school/</a>

#### Student Medication Collection

As we come to the end of the School year we would like to remind you that your child's medication will need to be collected and signed out at the Front Office on the last day of the term, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019. If you are going on holidays earlier than the date above then please ensure you collect your child's medication prior to leaving for your holidays. All medication expiry dates will need to be checked and signed back into the Front Office at the start of the 2020 School year.

#### Volunteer Badges

We are very short on our volunteer badges. Can all 2019 volunteers please check their handbags, cars, baskets at home etc. to see if you have any Vale Park Primary School volunteer badges. If you do can you please return these before the end of the school year.



#### **Reports & Class Placements**

Reports & Class Placements will be distributed on Wednesday 11th December. Please be assured that your child's teacher and members of leadership have considered the placement of your child very carefully; balancing their learning needs and taking into consideration any social issues that might impact on their learning.

In conjunction with Governing Council it has been decided that <u>NO</u> changes to classes will be considered for the first three (3) weeks of 2020. We find it extremely difficult to change a student's class placement as it can affect groupings and class structures.

#### 2020 Materials & Services Charge

The Vale Park Primary School Materials and Services Charges have been set at \$430 per student for 2020, as agreed by the Governing School Council. The school has polled parents and the overwhelming result was in favour to accept these fees. The full fees are now legally recoverable. Invoices will be distributed at the commencement of Term 1, 2020.





# **ROOM 2'S BEEN EVERYWHERE MAN**

We stopped to apply `See, Think, Wonder' to the walls and it helped us to look more closely at the details we were seeing. In week 3, the students in Room 2 and Room 3 went on an excursion to the Adelaide CBD. We visited the Tarnanthi exhibition at the Art Gallery of South Australia and we also went on a walking tour around the East End of the city to see the spectacular street art.







# Year 1 — Room 9



Check out our fantastic learning. We learnt about acrostic poems in English.



### And all about complimentary colours in Visual Arts.





This term Room 17 joined Room 10 in creating superhero capes, cuffs and masks for Vale Park's Extravaganza. We had such a great time helping our buddies and designing our art pieces. Students gained inspiration from superhero comics, either replicating one of those or designing their very own superhero.







YEAR 5



In term 4, our HASS unit has focused on bushfires and floods. We were devastated to hear about the recent bushfires in South Australia. We discussed the fire danger rating and warning signs that will occur during a bushfire. With a primary focus on mitigation, we looked at ways to reduce the severity of one of these disasters.







Wipe out Waste

## Any U9s or U7s girls want to play soccer?

You are invited to a FREE "Come & Try" session at Campbelltown City Soccer Club.

Find us on: facebook。

VALE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you like the fun session, you are welcome to join in a new <u>U9s or U7s</u> ALL girls team for next season. To be eligible for U9s you must be born in 2011 or 2012. For U7s you must be born in 2013 or 2014.

To participate in the Come & Try, register your daughter via email <u>ccsc.juniors@live.com.au</u> with her name, date of birth and contact details.



Campbelltown City Soccer Club "Come & Try" - Wed, Dec 4, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Steve Woodcock Sports Centre, Corner of Stradbroke Road and Whites Lane, Newton, SA 5074.

Contact Phone Numbers OSHC: (after 3pm) 8266 0439 Mobile: 0422 274 649

#### Uniform Shop

Open Monday Mornings 8.45 - 9.15 Kristina: 0434 354 144 Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm

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