

Valkstone Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1 Issue 1

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Coming Events

February

Friday 10th

Lightning Premiership for Summer Sports
Year 6

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th

Getting to Know You Interviews Years 1—6

Tuesday 14th

School Council 7pm

Tuesday 21st February

Prep—Year 6 Information evening 6:30pm

March

Preps at school full time from Wednesday

1st March

Tuesday 7th

Year 3 Swimming 8 days intensive program

Monday 13th

Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 14th—Friday 17th

Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 21st

Year 4 swimming

Term 1 finishes Friday 31st March

Term 2 begins Wednesday 19th April

Values for Term 1

Respect
Co-operation

School Photos

Thursday 20th April

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017 school year! It is wonderful to see the happy faces of our children, staff and families! Catching up on news and holiday stories has been great fun. We have begun the school year with 28 classes, 665 students (76Preps) and 61 staff members both full and part-time. Welcome to our new members of staff Mrs Kylie Kidd Year 4 and Mr Andrew Ong Year 4. Welcome back part-time, Mrs Robyn Howard Year 1.

Newsletter

This is the only hardcopy newsletter for the year. Newsletters will still be published weekly, on Wednesdays, but families will need to sign up on our website www.valkstoneps.vic.edu.au

COMPASS

This year, COMPASS functionality for parents and staff will expand. Details of how this will operate will be presented at the Parents Information Evening Tuesday 21st February.

Getting to Know You Interviews Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February

These interviews are for parents with children in Years 1—6 and provide an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher and share information about the children.

We will use the online booking system through COMPASS. Parents use the same login that is used for accessing students' reports. A letter will be sent home Friday 3rd February. Bookings will open Tuesday 7th February 9am and close Friday 10th February at 3pm

CSEF—Camps Sports and Excursion Fund

To be eligible for the fund, parents/guardians of government school students must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card on the first day of Term 1 or Term 3. Application forms are available at the Office.

Congratulations

Mel Kemper on the safe arrival of daughter Evie 16th January.

Early Arrivals

Teachers are on duty to supervise children from 8:45am. Children should not be at school before 8:30am unless they are booked into Before School Care.

Parent Involvement

Classroom helpers are always appreciated and add value to our Programs. Mrs Blandy will be organising the annual training program for new parents. It is timely to remind all parents that confidentiality and privacy are expectations of our helpers. Children learn at different rates and helpers must not discuss students or their families with other parents.

After School Activities - All starting Week 2

Instrumental Music Mondays **Chess** Tuesdays

Art Classes Wednesdays **Kelly Sports Soccer** Thursdays

Hebrew Language Thursdays & Fridays

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UNIFORMS

Uniform orders need to be at the office by Wednesday in order to be completed and returned to your child on Thursday.

LUNCH ORDERS Lunch orders are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please try to have the correct money. Order forms are available from the office.

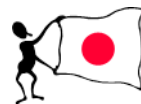
SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking day is Tuesday. Bank books will be collected and returned to the children the next day.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CHESS classes will be held on **Tuesdays** this year. Classes start Tuesday 7th February. Enrolment forms are available at the school office.

ARTSMART classes are held in the Art room on Wednesdays beginning next week, 8th February. Booking forms are available at the Office.



あついです (pronounced 'atsui des') which means 'it's hot' is the Japanese Word for the first week of Term 1, continuing from the end of Term 4. You can use 'atsui des' when you are feeling hot in the classroom and the yard. Thank you for your support for our Japanese program.

Muldeary Sensei & Steph Sensei

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders have been distributed. Orders are due at school by 9.00am on Thursday, February 9th. This includes online payment orders with credit card details. Absolutely no late orders can be accepted.

Thank you

Mrs Moriarty



Reading Helpers Information Sessions are offered to families **new** to the Valkstone community and/or those with children in Grades Prep, One or Two. If you are interested in becoming one of our valued classroom reading helpers, or just learning how to help your child at home, please join Mrs Blandy on:

Thursday 23rd February at 2.30 PM

OR

Tuesday 28th February at 9.15 AM

OR

Thursday 2nd March 2.30PM

We will hold sessions in the Servery (O.S.H.C.). Further information available from class teachers or see Mrs Blandy. You only need to attend **one** of these sessions.