

Vineyard Public School

Excellence - Opportunity - Success

Bandon Road VINEYARD 2765 Phone: 9627 1621

Email: vineyard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Newsletter 2023 Term 4 Week 4



View our Vineyard calendar in the School Bytes Parent Portal and School Bytes App

Term 4 has started, and, as always, our staff, students, and community are embarking on a journey filled with enriching learning experiences, growth, and success. This is the Vineyard Way! This term, we have some fantastic events and initiatives planned, from engaging classroom activities, excursions, celebrations and even a family disco.

Kindergarten Orientation

On Tuesday morning, we held an orientation session for our new 2024 Kindergarten students to introduce them to the school. Our student helpers did an excellent job of greeting our students at the gate and welcoming them into our school. Our teachers were very impressed with the ease with which all the children settled, made new friends and quickly adapted to the routines of 'big school". Our new students enjoyed a morning of learning with the Kindergarten staff while parents were presented with important information and understanding about our



school. There were happy little faces as parents collected their new school uniforms. One even wore their Vineyard shirt back to preschool. It was a wonderful start to a new chapter in their lives, and we look forward to welcoming them back next Tuesday for











Grandparents Day



As a community, we are grateful for the heartwarming presence of our beloved grandparents and special friends. Our special day was filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. We enjoyed an afternoon tea of scones and tasty treats followed by a wonderful percussion and dance performance by C2. Our hearts are full, and our memories even richer.









Sandpit Fundraiser

Our students, teachers, parents and SRC are coming together to raise funds for a much-needed renovation of our school playground, starting with the sandpit. The current one is outdated and in dire need of an upgrade. We aim to raise \$1000 to purchase a new cover, replace the sand, and provide toys that encourage creativity and fun. Although this project aims to create a new play area, it also focuses on developing student leadership, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment at Vineyard. We are so grateful to our wonderful P&C, who have kindly donated funds to get us started. Fundraisers such as 'Crazy Sock Day' on the 9th of November will help us to work towards this goal. Go, team Vineyard!







P&C Family Disco

Vineyard Public School is excited to announce our upcoming P&C disco event. It's a great opportunity for our students and their families to enjoy a fun-filled evening. Our P&C will send out all the necessary information regarding the event on School Bytes. So, get your dancing shoes on, bring out your best disco outfit, and make sure to save the date - Friday, 24th November. Get ready to dance the night away!



Construction and Growth – Let the Renovations Begin

The outdated toilet facilities are currently undergoing demolition to pave the way for our new demountable. This classroom will accommodate the growing number of students at our school. A safety fence has been erected around the construction site, and we kindly request that everyone refrain from entering the area for their safety. The demountable classroom is scheduled to be operational for the commencement of the academic year in 2024.









World Teachers Day – Hats Off to our Teachers

Vineyard Public School celebrated our excellent teachers with the theme 'Hats Off to Teachers'. The day included a delicious lunch and plenty of chocolate treats. At Vineyard Public School, we are incredibly fortunate to have a team of dedicated teachers who are experts in educating, inspiring, and supporting our students.



School Bytes App

If you have not yet found it and downloaded it to your mobile device, it's a good idea to get the School Bytes app and turn on the notifications. This way, we can reach you with any important messages or notify you of any emergency events. Push notifications are able to interrupt you on your phone wherever you are, this function is extremely useful.

Selective High School Application

Selective high schools provide a learning environment designed for academically gifted and high potential students. If you want your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2025, you must apply online using a valid email address (not the student's). Please note that detailed instructions on how to apply, as well as the link to the online application form for Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes Year 7 can be found on the official website. Applications for the 2024 placement opened on Monday, 9th October 2023 and will close on Monday, 20th November 2023. It is important that you apply before the closing date, and you must submit only one application for each student. The Selective High School Placement Test is scheduled for Thursday, 9th May 2024.

Riverstone High School

An invitation is extended to all students attending Riverstone High School in 2024 to participate in the Year 6 High School transition program scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th. This program is designed to provide an opportunity for students to prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in high school. We encourage all eligible students to attend and make the most of this valuable experience. Parents and carers will be responsible for dropping off and picking up at Riverstone High School.

School Carpark

Our office has received several complaints from parents regarding the parking situation in our school carpark. It has been observed that some people do not park their vehicles in the designated spots. We request everyone to park within the allocated parking spaces and avoid using the disabled parking area unless they have an official permit. Additionally, please avoid parking on the grass area near or in front of the cottage. We kindly remind everyone to be courteous, careful and considerate while parking to ensure a smooth drop-off and afternoon pickup of our students.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs De Jager Relieving Principal