

Vineyard Public School

Term 2 Week 3

18th May
2018



Grapevine

A message from the Principal

We have had an excellent start to the term at Vineyard and we have all been very busy with our learning and extra activities. It is always great to see the students from our school excelling both at school in classrooms and playground as well as representing our school in the community. We are so proud of the achievements of the students at our school and the progress they are making in all areas.

Personally, I would like to thank the staff, students and community for the hard work effort that you put in to make our school community such a friendly and vibrant place for all.

Thanks,
Matt Kean





Enrolments 2019

We are now accepting enrolments for 2019. If you, your neighbours or friends have any children ready to start school, now is the time to complete the necessary paperwork.

Please recommend our wonderful school to your friends who live in the area to come and have a look at what we have to offer. It would be of great assistance if we have accurate numbers of proposed kindergarten enrolments for next year.

Mother's Day Activities

A very special thank you to all mums, grandmums and community members who shared morning tea with students last week. I hope that you had a great morning and an excellent Mother's Day with your family.

I sincerely thank the P&C for organising the stall for the children to purchase gifts for their mums and grandmums.

It was wonderful to see all of our student's visit the residents of Windsor Village for Mother's Day. The children spoke to the residents and read some beautiful picture books to them. It was great to see all of the happy faces of the children and the residents of village. This is an extremely beneficial

contact for our school community and we will continue to visit for special events in the future.

P&C

The P&C meeting was held yesterday morning. Many ideas were discussed and the meetings for the rest of the year were organised.

The P&C will once again run the canteen at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival in week 2 of Term 3. The Athletics Carnival will be held at Kurrajong on Tuesday, 31st July. A note will go home asking for volunteers closer to the date.

The P&C will be holding a BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Rouse Hill on Easter Saturday, 8th September from 7am. We are looking for lots of volunteers to help make the day a success. A note will be sent closer to the date to ask for volunteers. It takes several people throughout the day to help with this event. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spare a couple of hours to help out.



Assembly Awards

Class Awards

Nevaeh

Robert

Ethan

Jordan

Steven

Jahmarley

Random Acts of Kindness

Award

Joseph B

Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important for children to ensure they receive continued instruction in all subject areas. At times, your children may be sick and this is unavoidable.

Please keep your children at home if they are ill. If your child is absent from school, an explanation of absence is required to the school within 7 days of the absence. We therefore ask parents to notify the school as soon as possible, and no later than 7 days after the first day of absence. You can send a note to the teacher, phone the office or send an email to the school email account: vineyard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If your child is absent for 3 days or more, you will be required to supply a medical certificate upon their return to school.

Lateness for school is also a crucial part of day-to-day attendance. If your child is late to school 10 minutes per day, that equals 50 minutes per week, which is 12.5 weeks per year. This would equate to nearly a year of school if this happens from kindergarten to year 12. It is important that we provide the students with these positive life-long habits now.

REMEMBER that school now starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm, with supervision starting from 8:30 am. It is important that you do not have your child here before this time as there is NO supervision.

If there is a one off occasion If there is a one off occasion that you need to be here earlier for a particular reason please let the office know prior so we can attempt to make arrangements.

Stage 3 Trip to Canberra

All of our students in Year 5 and 6 have been given the opportunity to attend the Canberra camp later in the year with several other small schools. Some of our children have expressed an interest in attending this trip. Just a reminder to parents of the children who are going to attend, that deposits and payments are able to be paid at any time. If you have any problems with payments, please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mr Kean. It is important to keep as close as you can to the payment schedule, as it can be difficult like it is for all of us to come with a large amount of money at one time.

NAPLAN

This week, the students in year 3 and 5 have completed NAPLAN testing. This has taken place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. It was the first year that the testing has been done online as a trial by the Department. The trial has worked well so far for our students who have all tried their best in the testing.

Please remember that NAPLAN testing is simply a snapshot of learning on a particular day and used to assist teachers by providing more information about your child. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. I would like to thank Miss Barker for the hard work that she has done to make sure that this process was smooth for all students.

School Car Park Safety

Please remember the speed limit in the car park is 10km/h at all times of the day. It is also important that all vehicles follow the loop around the garden to the left, and enter and exit through the appropriate gates. This to ensure the safety of all students, parents, staff and visitors arriving and departing from our school. Please do your part to keep us all safe.

Thank you to most parents who are parking appropriately and following procedures when dropping off and picking up the children. Remember the children need to be collected from the COLA in the afternoon and please do not stop at the gate in the morning. Please park and escort your children to the gate.

The safety of all children at Vineyard is our number 1 concern.

School Excursion

On Thursday June 28th, all students will attend an excursion to Taronga Zoo. The children will travel by bus to and from the zoo. The cost of the excursion will be subsidised by the school to ensure that it is affordable and all students at Vineyard are able to have a wonderful experience. A note will be sent home soon with further details of the excursion.



Canteen

Each Monday, the canteen will be having **MAGIC MONDAY!** On Mondays, the canteen will offer a special deal for lunch, which will cost \$4.

Term 2 Menu

Monday 21st May – Spaghetti Bolognese
Monday 28th May – Hot Dogs
Monday 4th June – Chicken Wings
Monday 11th June – **Public Holiday**
Monday 18th June – Beef Burger
Monday 25th June – Chicken Fried Rice
Monday 2nd July – **Normal Canteen Menu**

To order one of these meals, place your order at the canteen on Mondays before 9:00.

Small Schools Cross Country

On 11th May, students from Vineyard Public School represented our school at the Small Schools Cross Country carnival at Glossodia. We hope they had a fantastic day and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to the following students on representing our school at the next level of Cross Country; Billie-Jo, Leon, Christian, Jacob, Jossie, David, DeeJay, Bligh, Ewan, Charlotte, Kay-Jay and Adam. All students put in a remarkable effort with 4 students placing in the top 10 out of over 50 runners. This is a great effort for a small team. A special mention to Billie-Jo who will represent our school in the Small Schools Team at the Hawkesbury zone Cross Country. We wish him all the best!

Sport News

Congratulations to Lakishar and Jahmarley who represented the Blacktown area in the Regional Softball Championships. Both girls played very well, competing against the best players from our region. From this day, Lakeisha was selected to represent Sydney West at the State Softball Carnival to be held in Mudgee later in the year. This is a tremendous achievement to play sport at this high level and to be representing our school with such excellence.



School Communication

Visit our website at www.vineyardpublicschools.nsw.edu.au
Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vineyardpublicschool>

If you haven't already, download our Skoolbag. Instructions on how to download and use the app are printed on the back of this newsletter.

Coles Sports for Schools

Vineyard Public School has collected over 17,000 Coles Schools for Sports vouchers. I would like to thank everyone in collecting such a wonderful amount of vouchers. I'm sure the students will enjoy all the new sports equipment when it arrives in Term 3.



Dates for your Diary

- Life Education – 5th June
- P&C Meeting – 7th June
- Zoo Excursion – 28th June
- CARES Excursion – 2nd July
- School Athletics Carnival – 5th July
- P&C Meeting – 5th July
- Last Day Term 2 – 6th July

Vineyard Public School PBL Award System

Students at VPS can be given a grape award for a being a safe or respectful student, for doing wonderful work in the classroom, or for collecting 5 dojo points.



Safe



Respectful



Learner



Class Dojo

When students collect 10 grapes of any colour combination, they will receive a green Pick of the Bunch award.



When students collect another 10 grapes of any colour combination, they will receive a purple Pick of the Bunch award.



When students collect another 10 grapes of any colour combination, they will receive a yellow Pick of the Bunch award.



When students collect a final 10 grapes of any colour combination, they will receive a badge and an award.



This process is repeated as students work to collect different coloured badges.



