



Grapevine

A message from the Principal

I am constantly amazed at the efforts of the students at our wonderful school. The staff are consistently witnessing excellent work and improvements in everything that they do. Even in the playground, the children are constantly interacting positively with each other and helping others without being asked.

I would also like to mention the staff at Vineyard Public School who are amazing with their hard work and dedication towards the children and entire school community. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful collaborative group of professionals.

Finally, we appreciate the efforts of parents, carers and extended family in the assistance they give the children and the school to enhance the learning journey of each individual. Well done to all. I can't thank you enough.

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.

New Website

Our fantastic new school website is now live! Miss Barker has been working hard to get it up to date with all the information you need to know about upcoming events and class news. The website will be update regularly, so if you need any reminders or extra information about things happening in our school, visit: <https://vineyard-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Stage 3 Canberra Trip

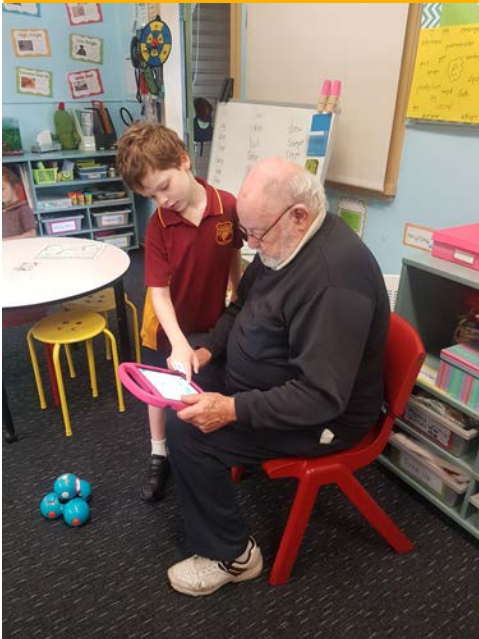
Students in year 5 and 6 had a fantastic trip to Canberra earlier in the term! I would like to congratulate the students on their fantastic behavior.

Students visited the Institute of Sport, Questacon, the War Memorial, Canberra Reptile Zoo, Parliament House and more!

Hawkesbury Music Festival

On Tuesday 23rd October a number of children under the training of Miss Barker sang in the group choir at the Hawkesbury Music Festival. It was a long day which included rehearsals as well as the night time performance in front of a packed audience.

The choir must have performed at least 10 songs and sounded wonderful. Our students did our school proud with their enthusiasm and smiling faces, even for our very young students who must have been extremely tired. A huge thank you to all students, parents and staff for making this possible for our children.



Grandparents Day

Earlier in the term the children were able to celebrate Grandparent's Day with grandparents and special friends. The event was very well attended where the visitors came to have a look in classrooms and participate in activities with the children as well as enjoying morning tea together.

It is fantastic to see the joy on everyone's faces as the priceless interactions occur between the children and grandparents. Thank you for supporting this wonderful event.

Ready Set Start

Our Kindergarten transition program Ready, Set, Start! has been happening for the past 3 weeks with our 2019 new kindergarten students spending the mornings in the K-1 classroom to begin to prepare them for school next year.

It is a very exciting time for the class of 2019, getting ready to start school and I am sure that they felt welcomed and cared by our school community. I did notice the students from this year going out of their way to spend time with the new students.

Whilst in the classroom, the new Kindergarten students participated in many activities they will experience at big school next year.

I would like to thank Miss Brickley for her organisation of the transition program.

Please remember, if you have any friends looking to enroll at Vineyard for 2019, please get them to pop in for a chat.

Swim School

Swim school begins next week for Year 1-6. Please make sure that the children have appropriate swim wear, a towel and a change of underwear if required. It would also be advisable for the children to have sun screen and wear a rash shirt if they own one.

The students will leave school at 1pm and return at 2:50. The kindergarten students will be supervised at school but is expected that all other children will attend the pool as it is a part of our school's PE curriculum.



Road Safety Program

All children from K-6 recently had the opportunity to participate in a fantastic road safety program which was fully subsidised by the school. Our COLA was set up like a road with signals and crossings and all students were able to play the role of pedestrian and driver. I think the children liked driving the motorized the most. I would have loved to have had a go in driving these. It was great to see all children listening and following directions to remain safe around roads and vehicles

Whilst on this subject could we please make sure that we are parking in the correct areas in the car park and adhering to the 10km/h speed limit in the car park. The children are attempting to use their skills and knowledge in this area, could we all please continue to help them.

Presentation Day

Vineyard PS annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held at the Vineyard Church, Windsor Rd Vineyard on Friday 14th December beginning at 9:00am. This is a day to celebrate the successes of our students this year.

Could all children please meet at the church on the day for a 9am start.

All parents, carers, extended family and friends are invited to attend. After the assembly we will assemble back at school for classes.

To farewell our Year 6 students, they will then have an outing following this to be organised by the school. More details will be provided closer to the event.

School Holidays

The last day of Term 4 will be Wednesday 19th December. Students return to school In 2109 on Wednesday 30th January for Year 1-6 and Thursday 31st January for Kindergarten. Staff will begin on Tuesday 29th January but will be working at another school but the office will be open on this day for enquiries.



Author Visit

On Friday, 9th November, some well-known and loved authors and illustrators visited us for a mini literature festival that included live illustrations, comedy, writing tips and readings. Tim Harris, Belinda Murrell, George Ivanoff, R.A. Spratt, James Hart and Tom Jellett shared exciting books, stories and we became very excited about the books and stories and are now energised and inspired to read, write and create amazing efforts of our own.

Appointments

If you would like to speak with Mr Kean or any of our teachers about a concern you may have about your child/ren, please make an appointment through the front office.

School Communication

Visit our website at <https://vineyard-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vineyardpublicschool>

Upcoming Events

CAPA Night – 28/11

Swim School – 26/11 – 7/12

Windsor Village Visit – 13/12

Presentation Day – 14/12

Year 6 Outing – 14/12

Movie Day – 17/12

Reports Home – 17/12

Class Parties – 18/12

Last day of school – 19/12

1st Day back years 1-6 – 30/1/19

1st Day back for Kindergarten – 31/1/19



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.

Sydney Thunder Reading

Earlier this term, students in year K-4 had the opportunity to participate in the Sydney thunder reading Program. This is with the assistant of our SLSO Tyran Liddiard who is a member of the Sydney Thunder Big Bash League squad. Tyran and 2 other players from the squad came to our school to read with the children to provide a positive reading experience from males which is important for the children to experience.

The students also got to play some cricket with the players for some physical activity. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in the program.

Thank you to the Sydney Thunder and good luck for the upcoming season.

