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CONGRATULATIONS Awards have been presented to the following:-

WEEK 10	
P	Sophie Davies—Self Responsibility For being so responsible with your belongings. Your area is always so tidy. Well Done!
12	Aoi Wright—Respect For always taking the time to express gratitude to staff and for consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic in the classroom.
34	Eleanor Sullivan—Effort For her consistent effort and dedication when completing class tasks. Keep up the excellent work!
56	Oliver Gorman—Effort For showing a huge improvement in your writing this year. You tried really hard in your English assessment, well done!



SAVE THE DATE—SCHOOL CAMP—TALLEBUDGERA

The school camp for Years 3-6 is booked for 20-22 November 2024. We have not yet been provided with a cost at the time of writing, as the Department have no approved pricing available for the financial year 2024/2025. Once this is received, we will provide further information to families. Part payments are welcome—please call the office for the school's bank account details, so you can begin making payments.

VALE VIEW PLAYGROUP

The Vale View Playgroup meets on Tuesdays from 9.00-10.30am. Our little group offers babies, toddlers and children a range of activities to entertain them. This is a great way to support with transitioning into Prep or just a fun time to get out of the house and interact with other families. Come and meet our wonderful group and join in!



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Principal's Message



Term 2 has arrived and brought with it beautiful Autumn days. It won't be long now before the bitterly cool mornings are upon us. Please ensure all additional uniform items are named prior to sending them to school.

It was great to see our happy and smiling students back this morning, ready and willing to begin a brand new term of learning. Many shared stories of their school holidays with me as we participated in the 100km Club during morning activity.

There are a number of public holidays on the calendar in the first 4 weeks of this term, namely:-

- Toowoomba Show Holiday—Friday 19th April,
- Anzac Day—Thursday 25th April, and
- Labour Day- Monday 6th May.

Please make sure these days are marked on your calendars.

The school calendar includes all relevant events and activities for parents and students to be aware of. Please consider regularly checking the newsletter and the school website calendar to monitor upcoming events. The Department has an app called QSchools, which contains a lot of information from the school website, such as calendars and newsletters. Using the app is more effective than accessing the school website on a small device. Dates on QSchools can also be added to your iPhone calendar, meaning all of your school and personal dates can be in one place.

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Dates to remember

Tues 16 Apr.	Cambooya District Cross Country
Wed 17 Apr.	Piano lessons begin
Fri 19 Apr.	IDZ Rugby League
Mon 22 Apr.	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Tues 23 Apr.	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 24 Apr.	Parent Teacher Interviews Anzac Day Service 9am

A very special occasion in the calendar is Anzac Day, which we commemorate each year. This allows the history of Australia's participation in wars and peace keeping initiatives, the traditions that accompany this, and the reasons why we remember, to be passed down to the youngest members of our society. Our school service will be held on Wednesday, 24 April 2024.

In addition, on Anzac Day itself, our school will be involved in the Drayton Anzac Day Service march. Please return the Drayton Anzac Day Service form as soon as possible so we know how many students will be attending on the day.

In the sporting arena, we have a number of students attending representative events in the coming weeks. Good luck to Charlotte C, Landon and Nicola who will be representing Vale View at tomorrow's Cambooya district cross country, and Sonny who will be representing Inner Downs at the Inner Downs vs. Bunya District trial in Dalby on Wednesday.

Our parent teacher interviews will be held in the P-2 **classrooms next Monday and Tuesday** afternoons. Please return your form with nominated times as soon as possible, so we can finalise the schedule.

If you have queries, questions, worries or thoughts, please feel welcome to call the office, or to contact your child's teacher.

Tim Youngberry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:-

Rupert Kleesh turns 6 on 25th April
Eleanor Sullivan turns 8 on 30 April





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ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL- EVERY DAY REALLY DOES COUNT

Part of the Department of Education vision, Equity and Excellence, is the strong focus on student attendance at school.

A new report from the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) reinforces the strong correlation between school attendance and student achievement, and highlights the importance of forming good attendance habits early.

At Vale View State School, we monitor and reward the class having a greatest attendance each fortnight. In week 10 of Term 1, the Attendance Bear was awarded to the year 5/6 class, who had 95% attendance for the fortnight.

Students are always reminded that sickness is a legitimate reason for being absent, and that they ultimately have no influence in their class's attendance data. What I would like to see is all children wanting to be at school every day, and parents supporting this desire, ensuring that children attend school everyday unless there is a legitimate reason why they can't.

Please also be reminded that parents have a legal obligation in having children at school on every school day, as well as the obligation to advise the school as soon as possible if children are unable to attend school and the reason/s why (e.g. child is sick).

As a principal, I will always welcome discussions with parents regarding improving attendance, and will support families as much as possible in order to have the greatest possible attendance for every student.

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PYJAMA DAY

The last day before the holidays was a fun filled finale to term 1. There were pyjamas, oodles, teddies and lots of laughs. Thanks to our school community, we raised \$97.90. The student cabinet will donate part of this money to The Pyjamas Foundation, which raises money to positively impact children in foster care.



CODE RED & ROBOCUP

Just a reminder that these sessions will not occur until Mr Wright returns from leave.

CODE RED- next session- 29 April

ROBOCUP- next session- 2 May

Mark these dates in your calendar!

Term Overviews

Term overviews for Term 2, which provide a summary of learning for each class, will be sent home today.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Parent Teacher interviews are being offered next week on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd April.

Interview preference forms were sent home with your eldest child in week 9 of last term. Interviews can be face-to-face or via phone. If you haven't yet returned your form and you would like an interview, could you please indicate your preferred option on the form and return to office by Wednesday, 17 April.

A note will be sent home with your eldest child advising your interview time/s on Thursday, 17 April 2024.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Next Wednesday, 24 April we will hold our ANZAC Day

ceremony starting at 9:00 am and finishing at

approximately 9:30 am. Our school community is

welcome to attend. Please note that our school gate

will be closed at 8:55 am until the service concludes.

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TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW TICKETS

EVERY VALE VIEW STUDENT HAS ENTERED WORK INTO THE 'SCHOOL WORK' SECTION AT THE TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW. AS A RESULT EACH STUDENT HAS BEEN GIVEN A FREE ENTRY TICKET TO ATTEND THE SHOW THIS WEEKEND. YOUR ELDEST CHILD WILL BRING HOME THE TICKET TODAY.