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NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 9 | FRIDAY 13/12/19

2019 has been a wonderful year with our students continuing to build on their learning, in preparation for the amazing world beyond. We have much to celebrate and many happy memories and most importantly our students have enjoyed another fabulous year.

We thank all of our parents and community members who take the time to work with us. Your support of our students has more influence and power than you know. We thank you for your ongoing advocacy for our school and our students. Special thanks to our parents who have contributed in so many ways; the partnership between home and school is the utmost important.

We would like to thank our hard working and caring teachers and SSOs who have made a huge difference to our students. Their professionalism, commitment and dedication is outstanding and our students are the beneficiaries. Thank you for providing rich and engaging experiences for our students and knowing that education is about fun, taking risks and fostering curiosity, along with the development of social skills so needed to succeed.

It's been a great year! Our students have learned valuable lessons and shared experiences that will long remain with them in the years to come. We take every opportunity to recognise and celebrate the excellence of our students across all areas of their achievements. These achievements have been in literacy, numeracy, science, technologies, sport, music, the arts to name just a few and we are justly proud of them.

In the next week, Kim, Annie and I will be working with Fione Love to put into place a smooth opening to the new academic year and setting the priorities to build upon the successes of the school so that we can improve still further. We always seek to do better; to challenge ourselves and our students and to set the highest standards and achieve our ambitious goals.

The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our students makes Vale Park truly a special place.

We wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. To those of you who are leaving us for new places we wish you all the best. We look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new 2020 academic year.

Jo, Annie and Kim.

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 29 Jan - 12 Apr

Term 2 29 Apr - 5 Jul

Term 3 22 Jul - 27 Sept

Term 4 14 Oct - 13 Dec

Term Dates 2020

Term 1 28 Jan - 09 Apr

Term 2 27 Apr - 3 Jul

Term 3 20 Jul - 25 Sept

Term 4 12 Oct - 11 Dec

Key Dates

Term 1 - 2020

Tuesday 28/01 - First Day of Term 1

School Holidays

13/01 - Uniform Shop Open
4:30pm - 5:30pm23/01 - Uniform Shop Open
2:30pm - 3:30pm

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THANK YOU & HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON

Some of the highlights from this year include:

- Participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge and Premier's Be Active Challenge (winning a \$1000 for being one of the top 50 schools)
- Participation in the Primary Mathematics & Numeracy Challenge with one student achieving a Highly Commended Award in the Year 2 Individual Family category
- Year 4, 5 & 6/7 classes attending camps
- Many classes attending excursions to places including Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens, Morialta Playground, Swimming, Year 6/7 Aquatics, Dream Big and Fringe performance.
- Many incursions including Wipe Out Waste, Crows Growing with Gratitude, Lucas Proudfoot, Growth & Development and Life Education Van.
- Senior Choir performed at the Festival of Music at Festival Theatre
- Early Years Choir
- Year 6/7 and the SAKG participated in the Nourishing Table program with Walkerville Council
- The End of Year Concert was a huge success, with the introduction of the VIP experience
- The STEM Showcase and Sports Day were again a huge success.
- Student Action Teams and Ambassadors have once again risen to the occasion and performed their duties admirably.
- A variety of year levels having the opportunity to be interviewed by the ABC radio and BTN programs.
- Students selected and recognised through the Literacy and Numeracy Awards supported by the Rotary Club. Literacy awards : Kelsey J, Ruby F, Meg K, Chloe T, Marcus T, Lanna A, Cooper H. Numeracy Awards : James B, Maya K, George K, Lachlan H, Alice C, Alexa B, Owen S.
- Continuation of many programs across the school including the SAKG program and Chromebooks.
- Students representing the school at SAPSASA events throughout the year.

It certainly has been a busy year.

Staffing 2020

As at the end of every year, there will be staffing changes including our new principal, Fione Love, winning the Principal position for the next 5 years. We farewell Kelly Rivett and Ben Burt who will both be taking positions at Glenelg Primary School and Beth Freeman who will be taking a position at Ingle Farm East Primary School. We also farewell Mhairi Alcorn. We thank all of these people for their contributions at Vale Park and wish them well in their new endeavours.

We wish all of our students well who are moving on to high school and to other new schools. We are sure they will continue to grow and succeed with their learning.

We wish to welcome Minori Hanada who will be teaching Japanese in conjunction with Ali Nicholas and Natalie Whittaker who will be Room 9 with Natalie Crooks.

On behalf of the entire Vale Park Primary School staff we wish our wonderful community a happy and safe festive season.



NEWS & UPDATES

Vale Park Website

To stay up to date with all things Vale Park, please visit our website - <https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au>

2020 Vale Park Calendar

To keep up to date with all Vale Park events please utilise our school calendar which can be viewed at this link - <https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/term-dates/>

Year 7's to High School 2022

To stay up to date with all Year 7's to High School 2022 information please visit this link <https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/yr-7-to-high-school/>

Volunteer Badges

We are very short on our volunteer badges. Can all 2019 volunteers please check their handbags, cars, baskets at home etc. to see if you have any Vale Park Primary School volunteer badges. If you do, can you please return these before the start of the school year.



Uniform Shop - School Holidays

The Vale Park Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays on the following days and times.

Monday 13th January 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday 23rd January 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Please visit the Vale Park Uniform tab for price information and online ordering <https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/parent-info/school-uniform/>

Vale Park Cricket

Well done to our Year 6/7 cricket team who narrowly lost their final match of 2019 to Kings 6/110 to 9/131. Haani was the pick of the batsmen with 39 runs whilst Jack (3/4 from two overs) and Joseph (2/9 from three overs) were the pick of the bowlers. When done on a great season team.



SAP Squad

Congratulations to Emerson who has recently been selected for the FFSA (Football Federation of South Australia) Northern Skill Acquisition Program (SAP squad). Over 100 club soccer players are nominated by their clubs to attend state trials and Emerson's name was put forward by his coach at the Para Hills Knights. The squad trains three times a week over summer and plays competitive matches against other regional squads. This is the first step in the pathway to playing soccer for state and country and the second year he has made this elite squad. Keep up the hard work and good luck at the upcoming Gala day this weekend.



EdTechSA Leading Light

Congratulations to Mhairi Alcorn who has been awarded a Leading Light Award from EdTechSA. Mhairi was nominated by several colleagues for her support of student and teacher learning of the Digital Technologies curriculum through their lessons in the Resource Centre. She has been key in planning several STEM events for the school this year including the STEM Showcase and the STEM Leaders Support Network Professional Development for leaders and teachers from other schools to attend. Well done to Mhairi!

Hand Dryers

As part of their waste reduction inquiry learning, Sachi P and Caitlin S have been writing letters to hand dryer companies to ask for donations or support in getting some for the student bathrooms. Their hope is to reduce compostable paper waste in the school. We would like to thank Mitsubishi Electric who have provided the students with \$1000 to begin purchasing them. These will be starting to be installed early next year.

2019 Values Cup Winners - Ascot

On behalf of the Ascot team, we would like to thank Ilford, Arundel and Tonkin for being such great sports and competitors this year. We would also like to congratulate the whole blue team for their efforts towards earning the Value Cups points. We wish Ascot all the best for the years to come.

Room 3's Year 2/3 class



We had an amazing time performing with our buddies at our 'Off the Bookshelf' Concert Extravaganza. We sang and danced to Matilda's, 'When I grow up'.

We also enjoyed watching the other performances. What a great way to wrap up and celebrate the year that was, 2019!



Room 10



Room 10 students enjoyed their final kitchen session for the year. Look at all the Christmas delights that we made!

ROOM 16

Year 6/7 Camp

In Week 8, the Year 6 and 7s travelled to Arbury Park where they took part in a variety of team building activities. They had a lot of fun. Some of them even got some sleep!



Mission survival, orienteering, Earth Art, shelter building, pond exploring & hiking





Student Sharing Corner

The latest instalment of student inquiry learning and student broadcasting what they have learnt to learn from others.

How would you feel if everyone forgot Christmas?

By Charlotte H, Year 4

If everyone forgot Christmas, I would feel devastated and really sad and miserable. Christmas is the time of year to celebrate and have fun with family and friends. On Christmas, you have to set up a Christmas tree, light up your house with lights and give presents/gifts to people. You can have fancy dinners with your loved ones:

Christmas is a time when Saint Nick (Santa Claus) comes! Children about that. They make wish lists of things they want!

Why would people forget this festive holiday?! Lights, trees, festive food, fun, presents and more. Tell me why you would forget this holiday? Tell me?

Do you remember this festive holiday now? The Joy fun and more! People have turkey, chicken, pasta and more. Do you find it yummy and that you want some?

Why would someone try to make everyone forget about this festive holiday? Some people don't celebrate Christmas because of their family or culture, and I don't blame them.

This is why no one should forget Christmas at all! You can have a blast at Christmas time! Would you want to forget Christmas? NO, YOU WOULDN'T People have a blast at Christmas with stockings, presents, family and friends and money! You spread kindness with Christmas, you share laughter, joy, happiness and more!

This is why no one should forget Christmas, EVER! Because it's so much fun. Talking about Christmas makes me happy already!

I hope no one forgets Christmas! Ever! AGAIN!

Reducing waste sustainability

By Sarah O & Declan O-E, Year 4

When our class started on this topic we were asked to choose area to focus on. My group noticed that there is more waste in the classroom bins than there is in the yard bins, so we decided to tackle this problem. Our first step was to brainstorm some ideas that we thought would be effective. The gardener at school had an idea as well. She said that she would adore it if the whole school could have a week where we took our waste home. Our group thought that this was a great idea but we thought instead of just bringing our waste home we could have a whole week where we bring zero waste lunches. If someone did bring waste they were required to put it back in his or her lunchbox. If people listened to us we might have been successful. Unfortunately this was not the case. Majority of the students who attend our school completely ignored waste free week and brought rubbish to school. This would have been perfectly fine if they put it back in their lunchbox. But sadly most of the students put it in the landfill bin. We also went around the school surveying the classes teachers and their students. But soon we found out this was not the right way to go about things. Many of the teachers found this inconvenient. In light of this information we stopped surveying. We have to admit that we were quite baffled at what to do. Our brains were completely out of ideas. We thought that we could introduce a tissue bin as the gardeners found the many masses of tissues in the compost difficult to handle. But new bins were being introduced left and right and it would have been too challenging for the classes. Again we found ourselves absolutely out of ideas. But time was running out for the project and ended suddenly and unexpectedly. We learnt that sometimes people just don't care. We tried really hard, but we believe that if we could go back in time and improve our actions we would make people more aware of waste free week but in defence of us we even spoke to the whole school at assembly about it but when we checked classes bins majority of days people just threw out their waste except for this one class whose waste was mainly picked up from the yard. Another improvement that we suggested was to flip over all of the bins. Majority of teachers liked the idea but some did not and said "well then maybe we shouldn't have bins," and "we need bins." we did not have enough time to make this improvement. Deep down inside we both know we could have done much, much better. Next time we will do better. We have learnt from our mistakes and this will make our work extremely superior to last time we did this project. We appreciate the opportunity to make our school an even more sustainable place and we hope that our school will continue to exceed in sustainability.

Kitchen Reflection

By Elise N, Year 4

In kitchen this year there were some good things and some bad things. I like how we had different menus because that gave me an opportunity to try different foods.

All of the food was great and the fantastic thing about it is that we got to use some ingredients from the garden. I think some of the kitchen was bad because sometimes we did not have many volunteers because parents were working.

One funny but gross bit during kitchen was picking caterpillars from the lettuce. But it was funny because we had to search the lettuce for caterpillars because we used it.

Other things we had to use were Maths with measuring and English with procedures. I think doing kitchen helped me with measuring because I feel more confident. I also think that kitchen helped me with kitchen skills. The learning that was really going on was Maths, English and cooking.

I think that kitchen was a very good activity to do because it taught me a lot of things. I really enjoyed kitchen throughout two-thousand and nineteen. The end of year kitchen lesson was great with Room 5. The menu was amazing. I love the pinwheels, which is what I made.

What I want to do differently next year is trying new menus. I am going to take home the measuring skills I have learnt in lessons.



FUNDRAISING

The Vale Park Fundraising Committee would like to say 'THANK YOU' to our school community for supporting our fundraising projects during 2019! Here is a recap of what we have achieved during the year...

Sports Day Raffle

Our volunteers sold raffle tickets during the day with three hampers full of sports-related goodies to win. Thank you to all who bought tickets... we were able to raise over \$660! Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners!!

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall returned on Thursday 9th May and Friday 10th May with excited students choosing gifts for the special women in their lives. Volunteer parents helped the children shop over the two days and raised over \$1500 in the process.

Election Day BBQ

With the school being a polling booth for the Federal Election, we held a Sausage Sizzle and Bake Stall for the hungry voters on the school grounds. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee members, school parents, staff and Governing Council members who all volunteered to cook and serve visitors attending the school. Thank you also to members of our school community who baked and donated food for us to sell on our bake stall.... you guys are all legends and assisted us in raising over \$1500.

Movie Fundraiser - Toy Story 4

A fun day was had at our movie fundraiser at the Regal Theatre on Sunday 23rd June! Toy Story 4 delighted the crowds and our Bake Stall, Raffle and Door Prizes were a hit with everyone (especially the winners!) Thank you to all who attended and supported the school - we raised over \$1600 with this event! Again, we thank our fabulous school families who donated items for the Bake Stall...

Father's Day Stall

On Thursday 29th August and Friday 30th August we returned to the Library to run the Father's Day Stall for the students. Over the two days the parent volunteers assisted the children who were eagerly looking to buy gifts for their loved ones. We raised over \$2100.

ViP Extravaganza Raffle

This year we debuted our 'ViP Extravaganza Raffle' - the chance to win a front row seat at the end-of-year concert! Congratulations to the Neagle family who enjoyed the best view of the concert with their dinner and snacks supplied. Keep an eye out for the raffle next year.... maybe you could win the star treatment! Thank you to all who bought a ticket and helped us raise over \$850.

Fundraising Profits



During the year we have been able to support school projects with the profits from 2018 and 2019 fundraising activities.

We were able to replace the damaged and broken football goals on the oval. We spent \$2000, and with the help of a \$500 donation from the SANFL, we were able to purchase the replacements.

We spent \$5000 on the continued improvements of our wonderful Nature Play area for all of the students to enjoy.

Recently Governing Council approved the allocation of \$1000 to some of our specialist classes - Science, Japanese, Arts, Library and SAKG - to help purchase extra items for their classes. The teachers are making their purchases and we will advise you in early 2020 what new teaching resources the students can enjoy in the New Year!

Thank You

Thank you to the members of the Fundraising Committee for all of their organisation, planning, sourcing donations and event participation throughout the year. Our volunteers spend a lot of their free time working on events for our students and the wider school community. We are only a very small group but work together so amazingly that nothing is impossible!

Another thank you to the parents who we can 'call on' whenever there is an event that we need volunteers for...

Thank you for always helping out whenever we message, email or approach you in the schoolyard!

Finally, thank you to all of our sponsors for our events during the year... please see the following page...

Keep an eye out for some exciting events and projects in 2020. If you would like to join the group and help out with events then please leave your name at the Front Office.



FUNDRAISING

Thank You To All Of Our Sponsors

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the following local businesses who donated to our fundraising projects this year! We would not be able to raise the money that we do without their ongoing support. Some of these companies have donated products and vouchers multiple times... Please support these businesses who generously support our school!



Thank You To BGE Displays!



Thanks to a generous donation from BGE Displays the Fundraising Committee can now advertise event details and keep the school community up-to-date with current fundraising news with our A-Frame display boards... Thank you to Brian at BGE Displays for his donation! They have been put to good use in the school yard and at our events...



VALE PARK IN THE NEWS



Minma, 9, Lucy, 11, and Ruby, 9, with the care packages.

PICTURE: AAP/ ROY VANDERVEGT

EDUCATION

Kaysee Miller

Vale Park Primary School children are playing their part in spreading Christmas cheer around the Australian Defence Force.

They have made packages full of toiletries, crossword books and Australian-themed snacks – including Tim Tams – for military personnel deployed overseas.

Each package carries a handwritten letter or drawing to let the recipient know the children are thinking of them.

"It's nice to know that we

can help to make them happy at Christmas and make sure they don't miss out," Year 5 Lucy, of Klemzig, says.

"It's important to give back to the troops and support them because they're doing such a big thing for our country."

This marks the second year the school has sent care packages.

Assistant principal Kim Dickmann says there is one item in high demand.

"When we received letters back from the troops they said the Tims Tams were a very good item for them to be able to trade," she says.

"So this year we called out for Tim Tams and we had enough to put two or three packets into each box."

Mrs Dickmann says creating the packages also supplied an important insight into the lives of those on overseas deployment.

"We got a lot of letters back last year, which absolutely thrilled the kids," she says.

"They sent some photos and also told us about their lives both in Australia and when they're away.

"... to have that human element and get the responses from them was really powerful for the students."

This article appeared in the Eastern messenger on the 4th of December.

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Christmas Activities

CHRISTMAS SUPER SATURDAY

Saturday 14th December
10:00am - 2:00pm

SANTA IS COMING

Santa and his Elf rooming the Centre with chocolate gifts
10:00am - 2:00pm

FREE ACTIVITIES

Face Painting
10:00am - 2:00pm
Christmas Craft
10:00am - 2:00pm

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Special Interest Programs Parent Information Evening

Thursday 20 February 2020
7.00pm at the Senior Campus
505 The Parade, Magill

Norwood Morialta invites interested families to attend and learn more about our special interest programs which include:

- **Accelerated STEM Program** – Students complete middle schooling in two years with a focus on inquiry and integrated STEM.
- **Italian Immersion Program** – Students undertake an integrated program in Italian and Humanities.
- **Rowing Program** – Students study rowing as a physical education subject.

ADVANCE NOTICE

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 11 March 2020
5.30 pm – 7.30 pm at the Middle Campus
Morialta Road West, Rostrevor

Norwood Morialta High School invites all prospective parents to join us on a tour of the middle campus to learn more about the programs offered at our vibrant school.

A big heartfelt thankyou to the Vale Park Primary Community for all you generous donations of toys and food items for this years Vinnies Christmas Appeal



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