

VALLEY ECHOES

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GENERAL NEWSLETTER – TERM 4 WEEK 1

Our Focus

We are successful learners by following our class expectations and rules



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

October

13th - 21st - Book Fair

23rd - Book Week Parade



From the Principal



I would like to welcome everyone back to school for Term 4, I hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday. I would also like to warmly welcome our new families joining us here at CVPS. We welcome Mrs Hali Lonergan who will be teaching our OC for the first 4 weeks of term while Mrs Blamire is on leave and also Miss Theresa Moore who will be teaching 4M for the first 5 weeks of term while Mrs McNamara is on leave and will then be taking over from Mrs Hawkins when she starts her maternity leave at the beginning of week 6. This Term is shaping up to be a busy one with lots of exciting things planned including our Book Fair starting today and our Book Character Parade scheduled for next Friday.

Department of Education Term 4 updated

Guidelines

The Department of Education has released some updated guidelines for Term 4 in response to COVID-19. While some restrictions have eased, which is great, unfortunately, non-essential adults are still not allowed on site. If you do need to come to the school office for some reason, then you are reminded that every visitor must sign in and complete the External Visitors to School Site form. With these restrictions continuing our split pick up times in the afternoon will remain in place until further notice, to ensure social distancing guidelines are being met.

Just a reminder that students should only be attending school if they are well. If students are absent or sent home due to flu like symptoms they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and

are symptom free. Negative results need to be sent to the school via text or email prior to students return to school. For further information regarding the latest guidelines you can access the Advice for Families page at the following link; <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

In regards to 2021 Kindergarten Orientation and Transition to School programs, I am very pleased to advise that restrictions have been lifted around this and our planned 'Let's Connect' Transition to School program can now go ahead! All Kindergarten 2021 parents will be updated via email later this week once planning is finalised and you will be able to register for your child's Let's Connect sessions. The program will commence on the 11th and 12th November.

Tell Them From Me Surveys

There are only 4 days to go until our Parent Survey is closed! If you haven't yet completed this survey, then please do so before Friday.

We are only 35 responses of our target. Will YOU be the one who helps us reach our goal?? The survey will take you 10 minutes and can be completed at <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/CVPS>

In the next two weeks our students in Years 4-6 will participate in their Tell Them from Me student feedback survey. You may remember that our students participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Students will complete this survey with their class groups either towards the end of this week or next week. Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you do not want your child to participate please advise the school via email cudgegongv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by Thursday 15th October.

Selective High School in 2022

In the last week of Term 3 all students in Year 5 received a note regarding applications for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022. If you are intending to apply, please return the bottom half of the note to the office, applications are now open online and will close on 16th November. **All applications must be completed online.**

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods and materials.

To find out more information, or to apply please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

If you would like an information booklet explaining the process sent home with your child please contact Kylie on 6372 3466 and we can organise that.

We're all human!

2020 has been relentless. We need to pause and remember everyone is giving their best. It's OK to ask for help. Then you can help yourself and others. The Department of Education has developed some excellent resources to support, which you might find useful and can be found on the Care and Connect page. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/wellbeing/care-and-connect>

All Purpose Sports Court

I am very pleased to advise that during the break our All Purpose Sports Court was surfaced and is now complete! This is such a fantastic and very popular space for our children to utilise and I would like to again thank our wonderful P&C who did an amazing job raising the money to pay for this court. As part of their fundraising campaign, the P&C sourced a grant from the Glencore School's P&C Grants Program for \$16 184 which covered the cost of the court surfacing and line marking. We are extremely thankful for the support provided to the school from Glencore Coal Assets Australia, this support and the support from our P&C is very much appreciated!
Michelle Neaverson-Smith
Principal



Deputy's Desk

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Exams

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, or ICAS for short, is an independent, skills-based assessment program. ICAS recognises and rewards student achievement in areas such as English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies. The series of tests are designed to match and test skills that are learned in the school classroom.

51 of our students will sit the assessments over the next two weeks.



Achievement awards are awarded to all students who participate:

1. High Distinction - to the top 1% of students
2. Distinction - to the next 10% of students
3. Credit - to the next 25% of students
4. Merit - to the next 10% of students
5. Participation - to all other students

We wish all our students who participate in the assessments over the next two weeks the very best of luck.

William Lindsay
Deputy Principal

Red Certificates

Kinder, Years 1 & 2 Jack Marshall, Xanthe McMahon, Finn Stewart, Indy Allen, Joseph Clarke, Alyna Cowan

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cooper Downes, Lillian Mackenzie

Gold / Red Gold / Green Gold Certificates

Jardii Jones

Cudgong Valley Public School P&C Uniform Shop

OPENING HOURS (During School Terms)
Tuesday & Thursday Mornings
8:30am - 9:30am

Flexischools online ordering - www.flexischools.com.au



Orders will be processed within 3 days and can either be picked up from the Uniform Shop during opening times or sent home with your child.

Library News

Book Parade

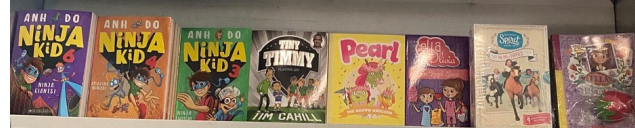
Our annual Book Parade will be held next Friday, the 23rd of October. Start thinking of some amazing costume ideas.

Book Fair!!!

Our Book Fair for 2020 has arrived!! There are a lot of amazing books, a variety of packs and stationary to be found and purchased this year. Prices start from as little as \$1. Students will be viewing the fair during their library lessons this week and can purchase from the Fair at any time during the morning from 8:45 - 9:00 and after eating time at recess and lunch. If any books are sold out, these can be re-ordered, however please note that stationary items and posters CANNOT be re-ordered. Payments can be made online via scholastic, at the front office, or with cash to the library. Grandparent donations in lieu of Grandparent's Day can also be ordered, please see the flyer on the last page of today's newsletter. A note was sent home today with each student explaining how Book Fair will be run this year.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Bryant



Environmental Team News

Congratulations to these classes for lowering the total amount of rubbish in the last week of term:

KC, KS, KD, 1H, 1W, 2H, 3D, 3R, 4C, 4/5A, 5/6A and 5/6H.



Well done to these ECO Warrior class of the week winners;

KD- 0 4M - 11

1W- 6 4/5A - 11

3D- 11 5/6A - 1

This is the second time KD has had 0 rubbish. Keep up the fantastic work!

Our ECO Warrior class with the most amount of ECO Warrior certificates this term is 5/6A.

5/6A received 10 ECO Warrior certificates this term. Well done to everyone in 5/6A, thank you for helping to reduce our rubbish, improve our environment and for being amazing role models to everyone at our school!

Kindness Crew

Last term the Kindness Crew made beautiful cards to welcome our new students to CVPS. Jordyn loved receiving her card from the Kindness Crew. After giving out their cards the Kindness Crew had a lot of fun blowing bubbles for the younger students to chase.

Mrs Daniell



Sports News

Cross Country

Well done to everyone who participated in last terms Cross Country. It was a fantastic morning out on the field, results for each age group are below, Congratulations to these placegetters:

6 Year Boys

- 1st - Finn Stewart
- 2nd - Fletcher Sibley
- 3rd - Brodie Croake
- 4th - Jayden Battersby

6 Year Girls

- 1st - Phoebe Unicombe
- 2nd - Monique Bateman
- 3rd - Ella Cassell
- 4th - Haylee Schofield

7 Year Boys

- 1st - Harrison Roe
- 2nd - Logan Stephens
- 3rd - Toby McFarlane
- 4th - Hank Honeysett

7 Year Girls

- 1st - Charlie Bourke
- 2nd - Ayla Nelson
- 3rd - Harper Fehon
- 4th - Madison Barnes

8/9 Year Boys

- 1st - Harrison Steven
- 2nd - Noah Robertson
- 3rd - Vincent Sommer
- 4th - James Channon

8/9 Year Girls

- 1st - Sophia Long
- 2nd - Eda Skinner
- 3rd - Molly Turner
- 4th - Charlotte Perini

10 Year Boys

- 1st - Rayne Russell
- 2nd - Logan Howard
- 3rd - Hunter Kirsch
- 4th - Hunter Drew

10 Year Girls

- 1st - Sophie Perini
- 2nd - Holly Hill
- 3rd - Ava Gilmore
- 4th - Skylah Murdoch

11 Year Boys

- 1st - Bailey Fehon
- 2nd - Jayden Cooke
- 3rd - Jack Hill
- 4th - Darcy Roberts

11 Year Girls

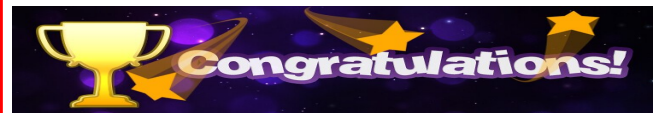
- 1st - Sarah Darker
- 2nd - Matilda Cooper
- 3rd - Bessie Nicholson
- 4th - Aleah Hasler

12 Year Boys

- 1st - Joshua Bennett
- 2nd - Wes Pirie
- 3rd - Toby Turner
- 4th - Will Brown

12 Year Girls

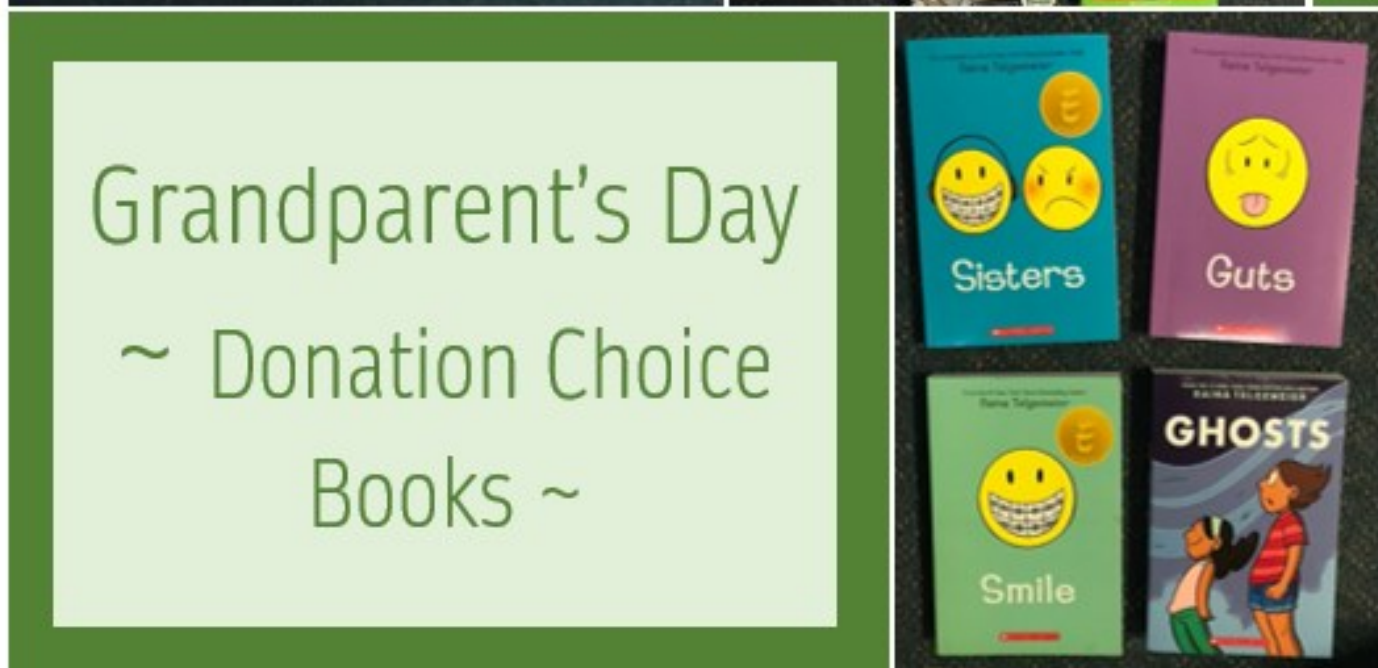
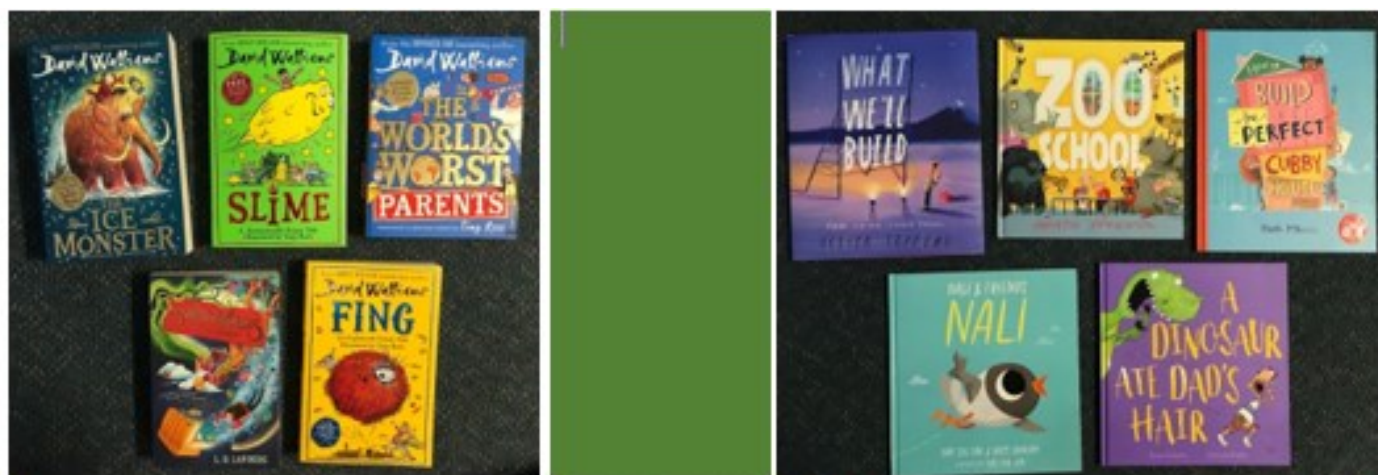
- 1st - Violet Wright
- 2nd - Lauren Rowe
- 3rd - Rachel Channon
- 4th - Savanneah Forbes-Milson



Joel Wilson
Sports Organiser

School Bus Pass

To apply for a school bus pass go to:
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/>



Grandparent's Day
 ~ Donation Choice
 Books ~