



News from the Vale

Week 3 ~ Term 2 ~ 2026

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Upcoming Events

15 May	Rugby Carnival
19 & 21 May	School Photos
19 May	Interschool Cross Country
29 May	Staff Development Day

Important Information

Reporting Student Absences

Absences can be logged through the **Compass Parent Portal**. Alternatively, you may notify the school directly by contacting the office on 9408 3800. Please refer to the following documents to log absences via Compass.

Desktop Computer



Mobile App



School Development Days (Student Free Days)

Term 2 – Friday 29 May
Term 3 – Monday 17 August
Term 4 – Monday 12 October & Friday 18 December

Classroom Library Days

Tues	K2, A16, A3
Wed	A9, A8, A13, A5, A12, A11
Thurs	A1, A4, K1, A7, A6, A15, A2

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 2 and my first as Principal of our wonderful school. I feel very privileged to be leading our community and I am excited to provide long-term leadership stability and direction at Woodvale. Thank you to the many parents and families who have welcomed me so warmly. I have also thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our amazing students and staff.



In my first few weeks, I have had the pleasure of attending several events, including the Cross Country and the P&C Mother's Day Stall. I was incredibly impressed with the way our students demonstrated our five school values during the Cross Country. These values were clearly evident, particularly in the way students encouraged and supported one another throughout the races, this was fantastic to see. Thank you to our students for their enthusiastic participation and to the families who came along to cheer them on.

A big thank you to our amazing P&C for coordinating last week's Mother's Day Stall. The individually wrapped presents were a lovely touch and no doubt made the day extra special for our mums.

Our recent Star Gazing excursion was a spectacular success, with ideal conditions for a clear night sky. Thank you to Mrs Scott for her coordination and to all the staff who supported the event.

A reminder that Friday 29 May is a Staff Development Day and students will not attend school. If you require care, our onsite provider, Camp Australia, is available. On our Staff Development Day, we will begin the process of developing our new long-term Strategic Plan. This will include a comprehensive review of student and school data, survey feedback from our community, staff and students, and whole-school practices across the six domains of school improvement. This work will form a strong foundation for our future direction and I look forward to keeping you updated as it progresses.

Warm regards,

Alex Di Felice

Community Survey

We invite all parents and families to complete our anonymous School Culture Survey. Your feedback is highly valued and will help guide the development of our next Strategic Plan for the next 3–4 years. This is your opportunity to have a voice in shaping our future. Please complete the survey [here](#) by **Friday 15 May (end of Week 4)**.

School Board Nominations – Parent Representatives

We are currently seeking nominations for two parent representative positions on our School Board. The Board provides an important opportunity for community input, advice and advocacy. Tenures range from 1 to 3 years and meetings are held twice per term (Weeks 4 and 9) on Monday evenings at 6:30pm. If you are interested in learning more or would like to nominate, please contact the school or complete the nomination [form](#) by **Friday 12 June**.

School Incursion and Excursion Processes

We are currently reviewing and refining our incursion and excursion processes and communication, particularly as we continue to familiarise ourselves with the new Compass system and its integration with QKR. We appreciate your patience as we strengthen these systems. Please note that moving forward, there will be a firm payment cut-off date prior to any event. Late payments cannot be accepted and students who have not paid by this date will unfortunately not be able to attend. While we understand this may cause some disappointment, it ensures the highest level of organisation, care and service for all involved. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

P&C

At last week's P&C meeting, Kym Jacobs formally stepped down as President, and Mrs Teleri James (TJ) was elected as the new President. I would like to congratulate Teleri on her appointment and I look forward to working closely with her to continue building a strong P&C. I also sincerely thank Kym Jacobs for his outstanding leadership over many years, his immense contribution has been widely acknowledged and will be greatly missed.

A12 and A13 Class Assembly – Resilience and a Positive Mindset

A12 and A13 proudly presented their class assembly, sharing the importance of resilience and developing a positive mindset. Through the performance, thoughtful messages, and real-life examples, students demonstrated how perseverance, effort, and a “can-do” attitude can help us overcome challenges. Their assembly reminded us all that mistakes are opportunities to learn and that with determination, we can achieve our goals.



Merit Award Winners



A1	Miller McKenna	Sienna McAleer	
A2	AJ Low	Tyler Truarn	
A3	Isabelle Bromilow	Lani Balmer	
A4	Olivia Epskamp	Huxley Scotland	
A5	Charlotte Jones	Thomas Watson	
A6	Tanner Oliver	Alex Cooper	
A7	Callum Bench	Phoebe Jones	
A8	Harvey Woodall	Charli Calvert	
A9	Odin Meegan	Frankie Harman	
A11	James Reed	Jasper Jennings	
A12	Hannah Jones	Jayden Glenn	Adam Hepburn
A13	Connor Fowler	Harry Roche	Cambria Collings
A15	Parker Ord	Harry Gibbs	Nyah Heath
A16	Sofia Tejova	Zara Egberts	Oscar Szytkowski

Our School Chaplain – Sharon Warnes

Hi Woodvale Parents and Friends,

My name is Sharon Warnes and I am the Chaplain here at Woodvale Primary. It has been my privilege to have been the Chaplain here for 15 years. I absolutely love my role in supporting the school in this way.



My primary role within a government school is to undertake the pastoral care of the school community. This encompasses the emotional, social and spiritual (only if requested) well-being of students, parents and staff. I can assist with matters relating to friendships, depression, anxiety, bullying, terminal illness and grief, just to name a few.

Thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts of our P&C (supported by parents), the P&C generously donate funds to enable me to facilitate BUZ (Build Up Zone) Social Skills Programs. These are age-appropriate courses and conducted with an entire class, for one hour per week, over one term.

The process for a child to see the Chaplain may occur in one of three ways.

- School/Teacher Referral: the school or a teacher requests for Chaplain to see a student
- Self-Referral: a child requests to see the Chaplain via their teacher
- Parent Referral: a parent requests Chaplain to speak with their child (either via teacher or contacting Admin office)

Following the first meeting, the Chaplain, will send home a permission slip for parent/guardian to sign in acknowledgement of meetings going forward.

My availability days are:

- Tuesday - Full Day
- Wednesday - Full Day
- Thursday - Half Day until 12pm

Cross Country Place Winners

