

PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter May 2025

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The Hospital School at Westmead

On 2 April Mercedes Wilkinson (Lorraine's daughter-in-law) the Principal at The Hospital School at Westmead and Jemimah Vedamonikam, the Assistant Principal there, came to our meeting. Our members learned a lot about what happens at The Hospital School through the photos and information they shared.

Last year they celebrated 100 years of Hospital Schools and there are a total of 10 Hospital Schools in New South Wales.

The Hospital School at Westmead is a Department of Education Public School and is the largest Hospital School in NSW. Co-located in Westmead Children's Hospital, they provide individualised educational support to patients and siblings in the classrooms. They also offer teaching by the bedside for patients who are unable to attend the classroom. Students are often admitted for short term or long term based on their medical needs. The Hospital School provides the students with laptops and other resources the students might need to ensure they are able to continue their learning while they are admitted for their treatment at The Hospital School, Westmead.



On Wednesday 16 April, Lorraine, Elizabeth, Laraine and Zita enjoyed coffee and a chat at Club Parramatta.

May birthdays 20 th Cath	June birthdays 8 th Zita; 30 th Elaine
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6 May. 11 for 11.30 at NBC, Speaker from the Stroke Foundation

Wednesday, 21 May Tollgate Hotel Bistro, 625 Church St, N.P'tt (opp Daikin St)

Tuesday 3 June meeting at NBC 11 for 11.30, Specs Savers – Hearing

Wednesday 18 June outing Wenty Leagues

From the “Friendship Book”, 2025, with thanks to Maureen

It was a birthday party for a four-year-old. She had invited her nursery class along. Most of them joined in the games, but one boy sat in quiet tears at the side of the hall. He desperately wanted to be a part of it all but didn't know how. Another boy peeled out from a game and sat beside him. They chatted, they laughed, then they threw themselves into the fun.

I remembered Margaret in E.M. Forster's “Howard's End”, and her mantra of, “Only connect”.

Human connection. Some of us are good at it, others less so. Some crave it, others can live without very much of it. In the end, it's what makes life worth living. Child or adult – only connect.

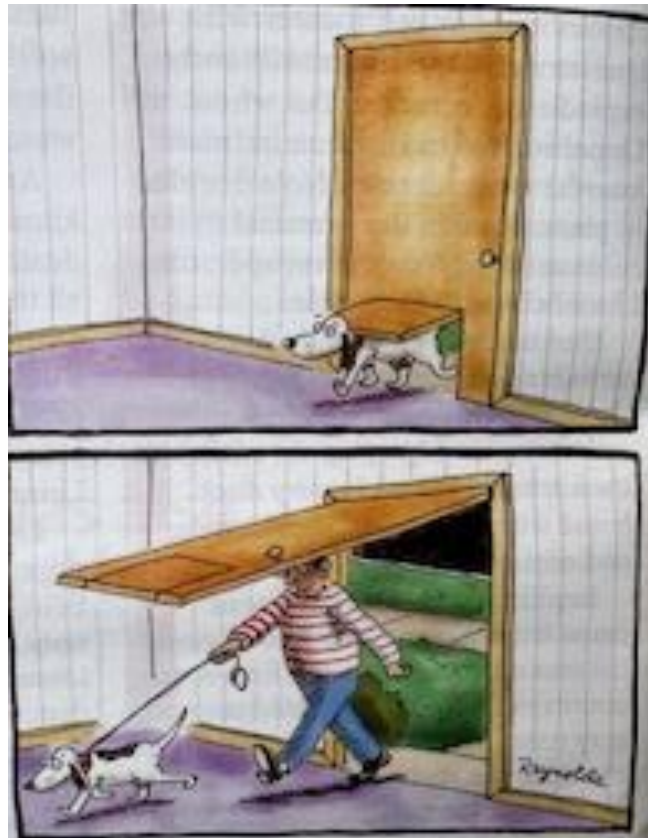
Funnies!

A sign in a dental surgery
“Be true to your teeth
Or they will be false to you”

The photocopier was jammed at work but a sign stated that only qualified key operators could open it.

These operators were hard to track down, leading one frustrated worker to write on the sign: “Jammed if you do, jammed if you don't.”

On a bottle of dog shampoo:
Cruelty free – not tested on animals.



The VIEW Club Pledge

I pledge to promote the interests of VIEW, to extend friendship to all and to help those in need

Grace

O Lord, giver of all good, we thank thee for our daily food. May VIEW Club friends and View Club ways, help to serve thee all our days.