

BULLETIN



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Thank you for taking the time to read our school bulletin. It is an important way to keep in touch with what is happening at our school and to know what your child will be doing. Please keep this bulletin somewhere where you will be able to refer to it so you will know about special coming events.

Dear Parents and carers,

Message From the Principal -

Books In Homes Assembly— On Tuesday 18 June at 9.15 there will be a special assembly for the University of Western Sydney Books In Homes presentation for term 2. There will be a special visitor Jan Latta who is an author and wildlife photographer. Ms Latta has published 12 True to Life Books education children about endangered animals. At the assembly selected students will be able to ask Ms Latta questions about her work. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Students will be given another 3 books each and these will be sent home throughout the week. I hope the children will enjoy reading these books throughout the school holidays.

Little Kids Big Dreams— Thank you to Mrs Dewildt for organising the careers expo for the Year 3 and 4 students at our school last week. It was wonderful to see our students talking to volunteers representing lots of different careers such as accountancy, the Navy, communications, scientists, police, sports and music. We hope that this experience will encourage our students to develop their ambitions for higher education and career prospects.

No Knives at School— Please find attached to this newsletter the NSW Department of Education and Training parent fact sheet entitled 'No Knives At School'. This fact sheet states that there are no knives allowed at school under any circumstances. Please ensure that you take time to read this.

Excursion and Event Money Collection— Children are to give money and permission notes for excursions to the class teacher in class at the start of the school day. Please do not pay for these events at the school office. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Parking in Lowana Street Before and After School - Parents and carers are reminded to park legally on Lowana St before and after school. Please follow the directions of the parking signs. It is important for parents and carers to park the car in the appropriate place and then pick up children. Police and Council Parking Officers often patrol the area. There are heavy fines for illegal parking, speeding, for children not wearing seat belts or for children not being in the correct child restraint.

All parents and carers and children should use the pedestrian crossing to cross Lowana Street. It is important that we work together as a community to ensure all children are safe.

No Smoking at the Entrance of the School - Smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of the school gates. Smoking is not permitted within 10 metres of children's play equipment including the play equipment in the Preschool. Signs have been put on the school gate and on the school gate near the Preschool to remind the community about these new changes. Children, parents, carers and staff will be able to enter and exit the school in a smoke free environment. **There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling a lit cigarette.**

Ms K Deacon
Principal

SCHOOL TIMES

School begins each day with a bell at 9:15a.m and the students move to class at 9:15a.m.

Students should not be at school before 8:45a.m.

THERE ARE NO TEACHERS ON DUTY UNTIL 8:45 a.m.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL BEFORE THIS TIME.

School Times – School begins each day with a bell at 9.15am with a brief assembly under the cola. Students should not be at school before 8.45am. There are no teachers on duty until 8.45am.

School finishes at 3.15pm. Students are required to be collected promptly by parents and carers at 3.15pm.

Playgroups at VEPS – the Burnside Playgroup is conducted in the school hall on Mondays from 10am to 12pm and the Karitane Playgroup is conducted in the school hall on Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am. These groups are wonderful for children that are not school aged and provide parents and carers with an opportunity to connect with other adults.

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Dates for the Calendar for 2013

Tuesday June 18 - Books In Homes Assembly

Tuesday June 18 - Boys Touch Football

Wednesday June 19 - Song Room Interschool Performance Years 3 to 6

Wednesday June 20 - Year 4 CARES Excursion

Friday June 21 - KC Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday June 26 - Parent Teacher Interviews Preschool to Year 6 (Except for KC)

Wednesday June 26 - Year 4 CARES Excursion

Wednesday 26th June - K-2 Fun Day

Thursday 27th June - Years 3-6 Fun Day

Friday 28th June - Last Day of Term

Saturday 29th June - School Holidays

Tuesday 16th July - Term 3 Commences

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Villawood East P&C

Canteen Menu

Tuesday and Friday only

Jam Sandwich	\$1.00
Vegemite Sandwich	\$1.00
Cheese Sandwich	\$1.50
Ham Sandwich	\$2.00
Chicken Sandwich	\$2.00
Egg Sandwich	\$2.00
Salad Sandwich+ Lettuce, Carrot, tomato, Cucumber & beetroot	\$3.00
Salad Sandwich + Chicken, Ham or Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken Burger- Lettuce, Mayonaise and Chicken burger	\$3.00
Salad Bowl+ Lettuce, Carrot, tomato, Cucumber & beetroot	\$3.00
Salad Bowl with the lot+ Lettuce, Carrot, tomato, Cucumber & beetroot, cold meat and egg	\$4.00
3 x Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
Cheese Breville	\$1.50
Fruit Juice	\$1.00
Water Bottle	\$1.00
Fruit bars	\$0.60
Frozen Fruit Ice Blocks	\$1.00
Cheese Snacks	\$1.00
Muesli Bars	\$1.00
Fruity Ropes	\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	\$2.00

New Items!!!

Hot Chicken Rolls

\$3

Tuesday Only

Macaroni Chees

\$1.50

Friday Only

No knives at school

NSW Department of Education and Training



There's no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances.

- If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.
- The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.
- Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including jail sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

School policy is designed to keep all students safe, and so no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

- Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives are all prohibited.
- Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).
- In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.
- There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives. Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school and TAFE.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

- The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.
- Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.
- It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for them to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.