

The Villawood Voice

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Friday, 13th November
Stage 3 Blue Mountains

Wednesday, 18th November
Community Excursion
to Barangaroo Reserve

Tuesday, 24th November
Books In Homes Assembly

Wednesday, 25th November

- Year 4 C.A.R.E.S excursion
- Community Afternoon Tea

Dates to remember

Monday, 14th December
Presentation Day

Tuesday 15th December
Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday, 16th December
Last day for Students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Another busy term at VEPS. Our dancers were fabulous at Bankstown District Dance Festival and did our school proud. Thank you to all the teachers and parents that supported our dancers.

Next Wednesday is our parent excursion to Barangaroo and Darling Harbour. It would be great to see as many parents as possible attending. I'm sure it will be a fun filled day.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Ms K. Marshall

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Villawood East Public School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

If you have a child who turns 5 before 31 July 2016 please come to the office to collect an enrolment pack for Kindergarten.

Please return the completed application form to the office along with the following documentation:-

- an original birth certificate, passport or visa,
- proof of address (eg council rates, telephone bill with your name and address on it)
- an up-to-date Immunisation Record Sheet from Medicare
- Medicare card
- Pension or health care card

PRESCHOOL

Preschool have been learning about how to care for the environment. In the Preschool we recycle our waste and save our scraps to use as compost for our garden. We have strawberries, lettuce and tomato plants as well as potatoes growing and we have already picked the carrots from our garden. Our orange tree is in blossom and we love watching the birds come and drink from our bird bath.





WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

KINDERGARTEN

This semester Kindergarten have had an exciting experience connecting and learning with the Kindergarten and Year 1 students from Hornsby Heights Public School. Hornsby Heights visited us in our school hall and together we created a 3D model of our local community.

This term, KO and KT will visit our new friends at their school in Hornsby, where we will learn about the local community and school and see the differences we share in our day to day lives.



VEPS HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to Jasmin El Ibrahim, Ayah El Nohaili, Natasha Tlayje, Malak Alzwain and Izayah Arja for their great fundraising efforts on behalf of Westmead Children's Hospital.

News

Fairfield City **Champion**

Young knitters' laudable effort

Five pupils from Villawood East Public School have epitomised the old adage: every little bit counts.

Year five and six pupils Jasmin El Ibrahim, Ayah El Nohaili, Natasha Tlayje, Malak Alzwain and Izayah Arja raised \$55 for Westmead Hospital by knitting items and selling them to their peers at school.

The children organised the

fundraiser together to help Jasmin's cousin who is receiving treatment for cancer at the hospital.

The funds will support The Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre.

Westmead Hospital general manager Andrew Newton visited the school to collect the donation last Thursday.

Every little bit helps: Jasmin El Ibrahim with friends Ayah El Nohaili, Natasha Tlayje, Malak Alzwain and Izayah Arja raised \$55 for Westmead Hospital. **Picture:** Simon Bennett





SHOWCASING 1/2G

1/2G have painted their jack o' lanterns ready for Halloween. They are able to use many interesting adjectives to describe their artworks. As well they are able to write some spooky stories during their creative writing time! Happy

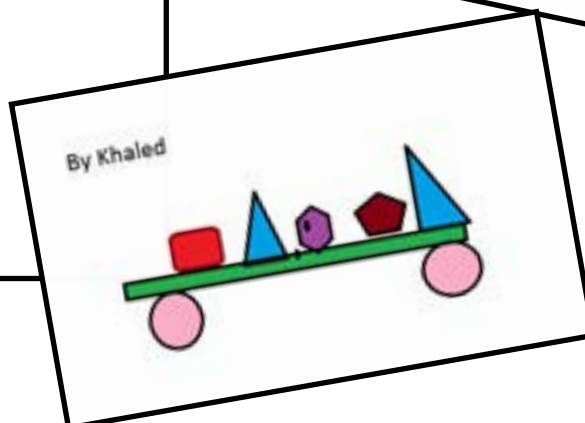
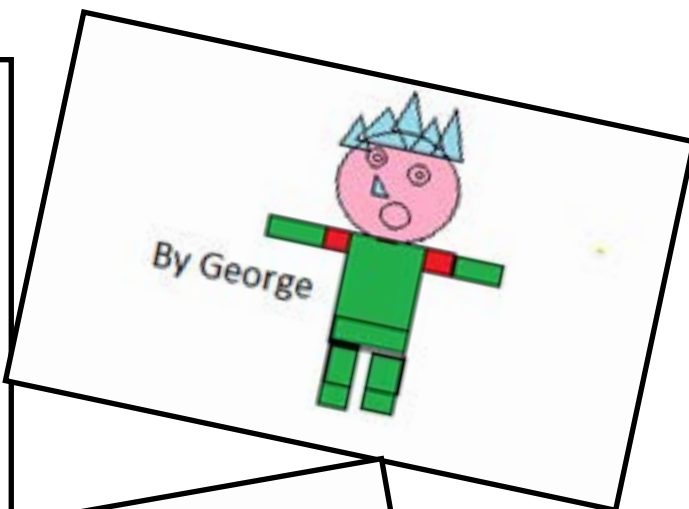
Halloween from 1/2G !



SHOWCASING 1/2C

1/2C have been learning about 2D shapes. They are able to identify and name shapes in pictures, artworks, designs and in the environment. The students have also learnt how to use computer drawing tools to make various 2D shapes and publish an artwork on the computer.

Ms Curran



Office Area MAKEOVER

Our Office Area has recently undergone a much needed makeover and looks amazing thanks to our talented interior decorators Mrs Karssemeyer and Mrs Websdale and photographer Miss Curran.



COMMUNITY NEWS

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Villawood East Public School held its Kindy Orientation morning tea's on Wednesday 21st and 28th October. It was great to see such a good turnout of current school parents and some new faces. Mrs Websdale and Ms Ivanisevic explained the literacy and numeracy programs running in the Kindy classes and gave parents tips on how to help their child get school ready. Mrs Sharyn Matherson-Tyne, the local Home School Liaison Officer touched on the importance of attendance. Sharyn explained that kindergarten is the building base of student's school life where they form good attendance habits. She reinforced that a good relationship between students, parents and the school plus good attendance patterns is important to a successful school life. Mrs Eve Nembotakis encouraged parents to attend P&C meetings and to support the school canteen by volunteering. Parents were then invited to the Hall to view and order school uniforms.



BANKSTOWN DISTRICT DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Ms Than, Mrs Snell and the VEPS Dance Troupe who performed at the Bankstown District Dance Festival at Bankstown Sports Club on Monday 26th October 2015.

Who knew that we had such a talented group of dancers!! It was wonderful to see such a great turn out of families to support our students.

COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Wednesday 21st October 2015 Villawood East Public School celebrated Grandparents Day with an assembly showcasing photos of students and their grandparents. Thank you to the talented Ms Coleman for the clever slide show that she created for the occasion. A big thank you to Mr Sergio for the sausage sizzle that he cooked for the students and their families – it was a big hit! It was so great to see so many grandparents, parents and extended family in the classrooms participating in the activities.

Upcoming community events to keep an eye out for:-

- 18th November 2015 - Community's Excursion to Barangaroo Reserve/Darling Harbour
- Community Afternoon Tea's - 25th November and 2nd December 2015

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**VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
2015 TERM 4 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER	1	Public Holiday 5	6 • Students return for Term 4 • No Canteen	7	8 Whole School & Preschool Possum group Photos	9
	2	Photos for Preschool Kangaroo group & extra curriculum 12	13	14	15	16
	3	19	20	21 • 9:15 Kindergarten Orientation and Numeracy workshop • 1:30pm Grandparents Day Celebration	22 Stewart House Collection	23
	4	26	27	28 9:15 Kindergarten Orientation and Literacy workshop	29	30
NOVEMBER	5	2	3	4	5 P&C Fundraiser	6 Year 5 Compass Excursion
	6	9	10	11	12	13 Stage 3 Blue Mountains Excursion
DECEMBER	7	16	17	18 Community Barangaroo Reserve/Darling Harbour Excursion	19	20
	8	Preschool Orientation 23	24 • Books In Homes Assembly • Preschool Orientation	25 • Year 4 C.A.R.E.S Excursion • Community Afternoon Tea	26 Stage 1 Fairfield Living Museum excursion	27
DECEMBER	9	Preschool Orientation 30	01 • VEPS Oscars • Preschool Orientation	02 Community Afternoon Tea	03 Year 6 High School Orientation Day	04 In-school High School Transition
	10	In-school High School Transition 7	8 • In-school High School Transition • K-2 Fun Day • Canteen's last day	9 K-6 Assembly	10 • P&C Holiday Stall • Preschool last day • VEPS Factor	11 • Primary Fun Day • Preschool Graduation
	11	14 • Presentation Day • Preschool Closed	15 • Year 6 Farewell • Preschool Closed	16 • Last Day For Students • Preschool Closed	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day

Students return **THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2016**