## **The Villawood Voice**

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### TERM 1

Wednesday, 18th March

9:15am Parents Morning Tea

Friday, 20th March

Books In Homes Assembly

Monday, 23rd March

P&C AGM—Community Room

Wednesday, 1st April

Year 6 Kokoda Memorial visit

Thursday, 2nd April

Easter Hat Parade

Fun Day

Last Day of Term 1

#### TERM 2

Tuesday, 21st April

Students return to school

Tuesday, 27th April

ANZAC Day Ceremony

SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday, 13th June

#### **Principals Message**

Term 1 is quickly coming to an end. What another busy term! It was fantastic to see over 200 people attend our Welcome BBQ and it looked like everyone enjoyed themselves. Our new school app, gate and electronic sign have been a great addition to our school.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 21st April.

Ms K Marshall Principal

#### **VEPS World Cup Cricket Final**





On Tuesday 27th March Villawood East Public School hosted the VEPS World Cup Final cricket match on Thurina Oval. Our special quest was former Australian Cricketer Leah Poulton who captained the England (student's) team and our very own superstar Miss Coleman who captained the teachers. We had a wonderful turn out of parent supporter to cheer on their favourite team. A big congratulations to our VEPS World Cup Finalist, the teachers team.

For more exciting photos please visit: www.villawoode-p.schools.nsw.edu.au





#### **Crunch and Sip Launch**

On Tuesday 24th March, VEPS launched the Crunch and Sip program! Students dressed in the colours of their favorite fruit or vegetable and we all had a fun time together participating in the fruit and veggie quiz and celebrity "vege" before the countdown to the BIG crunch and sip. We are very excited to continue to have crunch and sip time in the classroom every day, so please remember fruit/veggies and water! For more photos please visit: www.villawoode-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Miss Olieric Crunch & Sip Co-ordinator





#### **2015 Library News**

Villawood East Public School's new library furniture is fantastic! A big thank you to the school and P&C for providing the money to create a wonderful learning environment for all students.





Don't these look wonderful!

#### **Books In Homes**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Villawood East held our Books In Homes Assembly. The special guest for Term 1 was Rob Feldman, a cartoonist and comic artist. Rob entertained the school with his amazing talents.

All children will have three Books In Homes books to read over the holidays. A BIG thank you to the University of Western Sydney.

Go to www.robfeldman.com.au for more information.









#### **Compass Family Fun Day**

This year Compass is inviting our school community to a Family Fun Day for parents and children during the next school holidays. It is being held on Tuesday, 14th April 2015 from 11:00am—2:30pm. The Compass Fun Day will give parents and students the opportunity to experience difference aspects of university life. Family fun Day is free of charge and lunch will be provided. There is a free shuttle bus departing from Central Station. For more information visit: http://compass-family-day.eventbrite.com.au.

To register contact: 02 8627 8528, email: <a href="mailto:compass.casual@sydney.edu.">compass.casual@sydney.edu.</a>au or <a href="http://compass-family-day.eventbrite.com.au">http://compass-family-day.eventbrite.com.au</a>

Registration closes 7th April 2015

# Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun. Together, K-2 teachers and students read and respond to 30 quality texts. Primary students read 20 texts independently or with teacher support. Teachers will question them about the text or expect them to write a book response. Please encourage your child to read PRC books at home. This is a great way to improve reading outcomes. The Challenge finishes in August. Every child who completes the Challenge receives a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

For more information go to: <a href="https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html">https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html</a>

#### **Book Club**

Book Club brochures are a selection of books available to purchase through Scholastic. The brochures are distributed to students once a term. Orders are then forwarded to Scholastic and are usually distributed to students within a week. Our school receives a commission from purchases which is used to buy resources for our library.

If you would like to place an order, please write you child's full name, class and make your selection on the form. Place the payment and form in an envelope and return it to the class teacher by the notified date.

#### Swimming Carnival News

This term selected VEPS students were invited to attend the Villawood North Public School swimming carnival at Fairfield Leisure Centre in order to select the students who would attend the Bankstown District Swimming Carnival. The following students proudly represented VEPS on the day: Olivia Slade, Ali Al Hasani, Ednen Cherkaoui, Feras El Masri, Zac Hamid, Amani Wehbe, Noah Cherkaoui and Iesha Maaka. With brilliant results in the pool our students even impressed the teachers from Villawood North! The following students were so successful they made it through to the Bankstown District Swimming Carnival held at Ruth Everess Swimming Centre: Olivia Slade, Ali Al Hasani, Ednen Cherkaoui and Zac Hamid. Congratulations to those four students who represented our school magnificently and gave their best on the day.

Mrs Hendricks Swimming Coordinator

# SRC Easter Egg Guessing Competition

Don't forget that over the next week SRC will be holding a guessing competition. The winner will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 2nd March.



#### **New Bell Times**

School begins each day with a bell at 9:15am. The School gate will NOT be opened before 8:45am as there are no teachers on duty before that time. Please DO NOT send your children to school before this time.

School Begins	9:15 am
Morning Session	9:15 – 11:25 am
Easting Time in Classroom	11:15 – 11:25 am
First Break 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	11:25 – 11:40 am
<ul> <li>Second Break 1<sup>st</sup> Half</li> </ul>	1:55 - 2:10  pm
Second Break 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	2:10-2:25  pm
Afternoon Session	2:25 - 3:15  pm

# Winter Uniform Reminder

A reminder that students return to school in Term 2 in their winter school uniform which are available from the Office

It is advisable that parents order uniforms as soon as possible by completing an order form and dropping it off at the Office with your payment.

#### **P&C Message**

The P&C meetings are a great way to meet other parents and get involved with our school. Everyone is welcome at our meetings so come along and be a part of the decision making process. Your suggestions are welcome.

#### **Canteen News**

Great news, the canteen menu is now on Skoolbag! If you require a paper copy please see the office.

#### **School Zone Penalties**

Bankstown Council Mayor, Linda Downey has announced a "zero tolerance policy" to unsafe road practices around schools. Please find listed below fine structure.

Disobey 'No Stopping' sign: Fine \$311 2 demerit points

Disobey 'No Parking 'sign: Fine \$173 2 demerit points

Stop on/near children's crossing: Fine \$415 2 demerit points

Stop on/near pedestrian crossing: Fine \$415 2 demerit points

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### **Term 1 Week 10 Community Calendar**

Term1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
10	30/03	31/03	9:30-10:30am Parent Morning Tea In Community Room  Year 6 visit to Kokoda Memorial	02/04 Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 1	03/04	04/05

Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April, 2105

## **Term 2 Community Calendar**

Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	20/04	21/04 Students return for Term 2	22/04	23/04	24/04	25/26
2	27/04 ANZAC Ceremony	28/04	29/04 Maths Parent Work- shop	30/04	01/05	02/03
3	04/05	05/05	06/05 Stage 1 Excursion	07/05 P&C Mother's Day Stall	08/05	09/10
4	11/05	12/05	13/05	14/05	15/05	16/17
5	18/05	19/05	20/05	21/05 P&C Fundraiser	22/05	23/24
6	25/05	26/05	27/05	28/05	29/05	30/31
7	01/06	02/06	03/06	04/06	05/06	06/07
8	08/06	09/06	10/06	11/06	12/06	13/14 60 <sup>th</sup> Anni- versary
9	15/06	16/06	17/06	18/06	19/06	20/21
10	22/06	23/06	24/06	25/06	26/06 Last Day of Term	27/28