

# **The Villawood Voice**

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### TERM 2

SATURDAY, 13th JUNE 60th ANNIVERSARY FETE 10:00am - 3:00 pm

**Tuesday, 16th June** 9:30am Books In Homes Assembly

1:00pm-3:00pm TASTE Mobile Kitchen Parent cooking class

**Thursday, 18th June** Football visit

**Friday, 19th June** Ramadan begins

Wednesday, 26th June
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday, 26th June
Last Day of Term 2

#### TERM 3

**Monday, 13th July** Staff Development Day

**Tuesday, 14th July**Students return to school

Wednesday, 19th -21st August Senior Camp-Milsons Island

*Monday*, **24th August** - **4th September** Learn to Swim program

## Principal's Message

This Saturday June 13th we will be holding our 60th Anniversary Fete, acknowledging the wonderful work and high standard of Public Education delivered by Villawood East Public School over the many years.

This is a very special day where the school community, past and present are invited to come together to help celebrate this amazing milestone. So bring your whole family, friends and neighbours as the day promises to be a lot of fun.

Entertainment at this fabulous event will include a memorabilia display in the Library, live entertainment by local dance studios, a visit by the Chester Hill Fire Brigade and the Nova 96.9 Casanovas, cooking demonstrations in the TASTE Mobile Kitchen, an animal petting zoo, carnival rides, a show bag and lolly stall, great chocolate wheel prizes, craft stalls, an art walk and action, face painting and colour hair spray, a jewellery stall, a pre-loved book stall and much more.

When you get hungry you can relax with cake and coffee or visit the canteen for a hot pie, sausage roll or cheese and spinach roll. There will be a sausage sizzle and a variety of multi-cultural dishes.

At 2:30pm the raffle will be drawn. Some of the wonderful prizes are; 1st prize - a nights accommodation at Rydges, Bankstown, 2nd prize - a nights accommodation at Holiday Inn, Warwick Farm, 3rd prize - an Apple Air 16GB iPad and there are many more great prizes.

Hope to see you there as this is not an event to be missed!

Ms K Marshall Principal

### **ANZAC Day Ceremony**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Villawood East hosted an ANZAC Day Assembly to commemorate the men and women who have fought to protect our freedom and the democratic nation that we are so proud of.

We were fortunate to have Gary and Ian from the Bass Hill RSL Sub Branch attend our assembly to speak to our students about the meaning of ANZAC Day and why we celebrate each year. We also had another guest speaker from our local community, Reg Chard, who is a WWII veteran and Kokoda track excursion guide who comes from a long line of service men. Reg spoke to the students about his experiences in Papua New Guinea and the adversity he faced on the Kokoda track. This was a wonderful experience for students to be able to hear about the life of a soldier from a WWII veteran.

The VEPS staff were extremely touched by the generosity of the students and families in donating flowers as part of the wreath laying ceremony to remember those who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom. Thank you for making our assembly more meaningful with your contributions.

Mrs Hendricks ANZAC Day Coordinator



## **NSWPSSA BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) KNOCKOUT**

The VEPS boy's soccer team was drawn to play against Panania PS in Round 1 of the NSWPSSA Knockout Competition. The game was played on Thursday, 21st May at Thurina Oval with many teachers and primary students showing their support. Panania PS had countless chances to score throughout the game but our goalie Gury Shaw was a star, denying the opposition many goals. VEPS showed great fight but eventually lost 8-0. Congratulations to the team: Ronnie Din, Ali Al Hasani, Feras El Masri, Ednen Cherkaoui, Gury Shaw, Yuhya El Youssef, Kalvin Taotua, Mitchell Taotua, Maxwell Taotua, Osama Mahmed, Sher Mu Lah Wah, Zinzan Tie Tie, Adam Hrouk, Kamel Zreika, Thomas Nembotakis, Travis Hughes and Bless Din.

### SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

Police are urging parents and motorist to slowdown in school zones. Schools zones are areas around schools where, at certain times motorist need to reduce their speed to 40km/hour from 8.00am to 9.30am, 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Speed limits, pick up, and drop off, parking rules exist to keep children, parents and care givers safe. These rules also apply to prevent traffic jams around schools.

Fairfield Crime Prevention officer Senior Constable Ece Hasan offers some safety tips for parents and motorists as police will be monitoring school zone offences very closely. Parents and motorists need to comply with these traffic rules or traffic infringement notices may be issued for non compliance.

#### **Traffic Infringements** ( Fines are subject to change without notice)

- No Stopping maximum penalty \$415 + 2 demerit points
- No Parking \$173 + 2 demerit points
  Bus zone \$311 + 2 demerit points
- Double Parking \$311 + 2 demerit points
- STOP on or near children's or pedestrian crossing (within 20m on approaching & 10m on departure side of crossing \$415 + 2 demerit points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area \$173 + 2 demerit points

Let your children off on specified drop off/pick up zones, or on the side of the road never stop in the middle of the road to let out children.

Never let your children cross the road on their own, always meet your children at the schools entrance.

Never call out to your child from the other side or the road as the child may run across the road without looking for cars.

Always walk your child across the road and ensure you use the pedestrian crossing.

Try to leave home early to avoid arriving at peak hour where traffic is heavy.

Park a safe distance from all crossings to enable pedestrians to see on coming vehicles.

Do not double park as this can create traffic jams, and accidents.

Always obey the directions of all signs.

#### **Cross Country**

The school Cross-Country was held on Friday 8th May at Thurina Oval. The very excited students completed a very soggy 2km course. The ACPE Practical teaching students helped by standing on the course and motivating the runners.

The results from the races:-

<u>8/9 Year Girls</u>	8/9 Year Boys
1st Mia Taleb 2nd Fatima Moussa 3rd Losa Lasike	1st James McKenzie 2nd Jaidan Shaw 3rd Zach Yaghi
10 Year Girls	10 Years Boys
1st Cathy Dinh 2nd Zainab Hydarie 3rd Angela Ho	1st Travis Hughes 2nd Cody Gurnett 3rd Max Taotua
11 Year Girls	11 Year Boys
<ul><li>11 Year Girls</li><li>1st Maryam Fahmi</li><li>2nd Jannah Moussa</li><li>3rd Khadejih Zreika</li></ul>	<ul><li>11 Year Boys</li><li>1st Ednan Cherkaoui</li><li>2nd Adam Hrouk</li><li>3rd Kamel Zreika</li></ul>
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The District Cross Country was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Flinders Slopes, Lake Gillawarna. 40 Villawood East students ran the hilly course and proudly represented the school during the day, with fantastic results. Travis Hughes placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 10 year old boys race and will represent Bankstown at the Area carnival. James McKenzie placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the 8/9 year old boys race and is a reserve runner for the Area Carnival. The students were very well behaved during the day and should be proud of themselves.

Ms Buchan Cross Country Co-ordinator

#### **TASTE Mobile Kitchen**

On Tuesday 9th June 2015 VEPS will be taking delivery the of the Benevolent Society's TASTE Mobile Kitchen. We will have the use of this wonderful facility from 10th to 18th June 2015.

This kitchen's features include many state-of-the-art kitchen appliances and will be a useful tool in our efforts to promote healthy eating in our community.

Years 2-6 students will have the opportunity to attend classes where they will discuss the advantages of healthy eating and nutrient content of foods. The children will experience a "how to" demonstration then will be able to assembly their own food to either eat at school or take home.

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to experience demonstrations with the first being held on Wednesday 10th June from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The cooking class will be featuring Mediterranean recipes and should be a lot of fun,

We would like to thank Julie Everton and Zizi Charida for their support in organizing this wonderful opportunity.



### **Term 2 Books in Homes Assembly**



At 9:30am on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June Villawood East Public School will be holding it's Term 2 Books In Homes Assembly in the Hall.

At this assembly our special guest will be awarding winning author Deborah Abela. Deborah is the author of the Max Remy Superspy series, Jasper Zammit (Soccer Legend) series and many more wonderful books.

To celebrate our special quest Year 6 drummers will announce her arrival and 1/2G will be our star performers.

The University of Western Sydney understands the importance of reading to achieve success. The University provides the funds to provide the Books in Homes program for the VEPS community.

Support your child's learning; come along to enjoy and show your appreciation for this excellent program.

For more information on Deborah Abela please visit her website:-

http://www.deborahabela.com.au





### **Reconciliation Week**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May we recognised significant two celebrations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. To celebrate Sorry Day Reconciliation Week we created a 'Sea of Hands'. Each student in preschool and K-6 decorated a yellow, black or red hand shape which

they planted in the grass to create the Aboriginal Flag. Students also purchased Aboriginal Flag temporary tattoos to celebrate. Our school captains, Olivia and Ronnie, also spoke about the importance of recognising these events.

We finished the ceremony by listening to the National Anthem in Dharug language. Thank you to the many families who attended our ceremony.

Ms Burford

Sea of red, yellow and black hands to create the Aboriginal Flag



National Reconciliation Week 2015 27 May to 3 June

it's time to change it up!

## **Student Representative Council News**

The SRC promoted Anti Bullying Day by selling some awesome wristbands. The 'SRC Crew' also wrote and stared in a rap about Anti Bullying which debuted at Friday Assembly.





The SRC have also started a paper recycling program. Each classroom now has a bag to collect used scrap paper, which the SRC students collect each week.



Watch out for more news in Term 3, as the SRC are organising a Yellow themed fundraiser for Daffodil Day.



### VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY CALENDAR TERM 2

Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA Y	THURSDA Y	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
8	08/06 Public Holiday	9:00am Books In Homes Assembly	10/06 1:00pm Parent/ Carer cooking class	11/06	12/06	13TH 60 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FETE 10:00AM - 3:00PM
9	15/06	16/06 9:30 am Books In Homes Assembly in hall	17/06 Football visit	18/06 Ramdan begins	19/06	20/21
		1:00-3:00pm Parent TASTE Mobile Kitchen Cooking Class				
10	22/06	23/06	24/06 2:00-6:00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews in hall	25/06	26/06 Last Day of Term	27/28

#### VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY CALENDAR TERM 3

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
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Week	13//07 Staff Development	14/07 Students return	15/07	16/07	17/07	18/19
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2	20/07	21/07	22/07	23/07	24/07	25/26
3	27/07	28/07	29/07	30/07	31/07	01/02
4	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/09
				P&C Fundraiser		
5	10/08	11/08	12/08	13/08	14/08	15/16
						10/10
6	17/08	18/08	19/08	20/08	21/08	22/23
U	17700	10/00	Senior Camp	Senior Camp	Senior Camp	22/23
			Milsons Island	Milsons Island	Milsons Island	
7	24/08	25/08	26/08	27/08	28/08	29/30
	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	
8	31/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	05/06
	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	
9	07/08	08/09	09/09	10/09	11/09	12/13
10	14/09	15/09	16/09	17/09	18/09	19/20
					Last day of Term	

### **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
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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
Second Break 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	1:55 - 2:10  pm

### **Lost Property**

There is a huge pile of lost property that has been handed in. If your child has lost anything please see the office staff.

## **P&C** Message

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

### **Canteen News**

The canteen is now trialing \$3.00 pasta on Fridays. Also available are pies and sausage rolls.

Canteen days are every Tuesday and Friday.

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