



# The Villawood Voice

## DIARY DATES

### TERM 3

*Friday 18th September*

Last Day of School

Fun Day

### TERM 4

*Monday 5th October*

Public Holiday

*Tuesday 6th October*

Students return to School

No Canteen

*Thursday 8th October*

School & Possum Photos

*Friday 9th October*

Canteen open

*Monday 12th October*

Kangaroo & extra  
curriculum photos

*Wednesday 14th*

*October*

9:15am Preschool Parent

Workshop

## Principals Message

Wow—what a busy term.

Our athletics carnival, swimming school, 5/6 excursion to the aquarium, Stage 2 excursion to the rainforest, senior camp to Milson Island, Reconciliation Week, PSSA Sport, Milo Cup cricket, Book Week, Kindergarten/Stage 1 visit to the Contemporary Art Museum all in one term!

Term 4 looks to be another really exciting learning term.

I would like to wish a Happy Eid to all those families celebrating this important time.

I would also like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Ms K Marshall  
Principal

## Important dates to remember:-

### Students return on Tuesday 6th October

#### Playgroup returns:-

*Karitane* on Thursday, 8th October (held in the Community Room)

*Burnside* on Monday, 19th October

#### Photos:-

Please ensure children wear summer uniform and bring their dance costume/sports uniform

- School and Possum group - Thursday, 8th October
- Kangaroo and extra curriculum - Monday, 12th October

#### Kindergarten Orientation:-

- Wednesday 21st October
- Wednesday 28th October

## Preschool Kindifarm

### Kindifarm visit to the Preschool

On Wednesday Kindifarm visited the Preschool.  
Farmer Amanda brought lots of baby animals for us to feed and pat.  
There were goats and sheep, a calf and lots of little ducklings, chicks and bunnies. After farmer Amanda took the animals back to the farm we had a picnic outside.



## Celebration of Books Parade

Teachers, students and community members entered into the spirit of the Book Parade and dressed up in amazing costumes.

Stage 2 and 3 students wrote personal comments to express their feelings about the occasion.

Our school captain, Fatima Chraif, especially wanted to thank Mrs Ta and Mrs Bennett for organising an imaginative world that filled the hall with smiling faces.

All the students agreed that books really do 'light up our world.'

Kalvin Taotua was surprised and impressed when he realised how much our school loves reading.

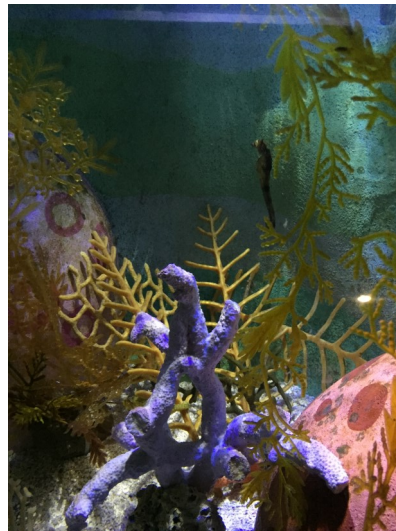
Jannah Moussa found the day 'exhilarating.'

Congratulations to everyone who made the day so much fun!





## Stage 3 Aquarium Excursion



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Mathletics Parent Workshop

I would like to thank the parents who attended the Mathletics workshop held in the Library. We got a great insight into the program and why the children enjoy using it. Our presenter, Gillian explained how the class teachers adapt the homework levels to suit their individual class and showed the parents how the children work their way through each game at their own pace. The Mathletics homework program is run in the library on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8.45am to 9.10am. Parents are also welcome to attend with their children.

### Term 4

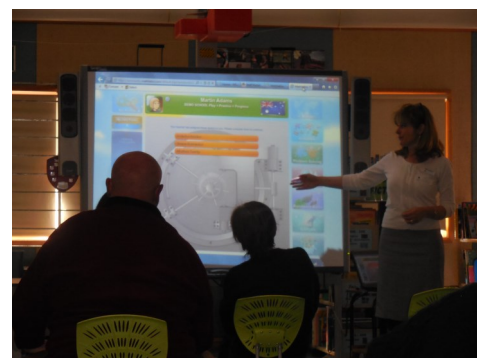
There are some exciting things planned for Term 4. Early in the term we will be organising preschool parent workshops. We are also planning a wonderful afternoon to celebrate Grandparents Day, which involves a sausage sizzle, class room visits and activities. If you are interested in helping please see the office.

Breakfast Club will be back on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:45am—9:10am. If you have a spare half an hour we would love you to help.

Throughout the term Villawood East will be hold Community Afternoon Tea's to catch up with what is going on at school. Why don't you organise to meet some of the other parents for a cuppa and a chat before picking up the kids.

Hope you all enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Nicole Bryant  
Community Liaison Officer





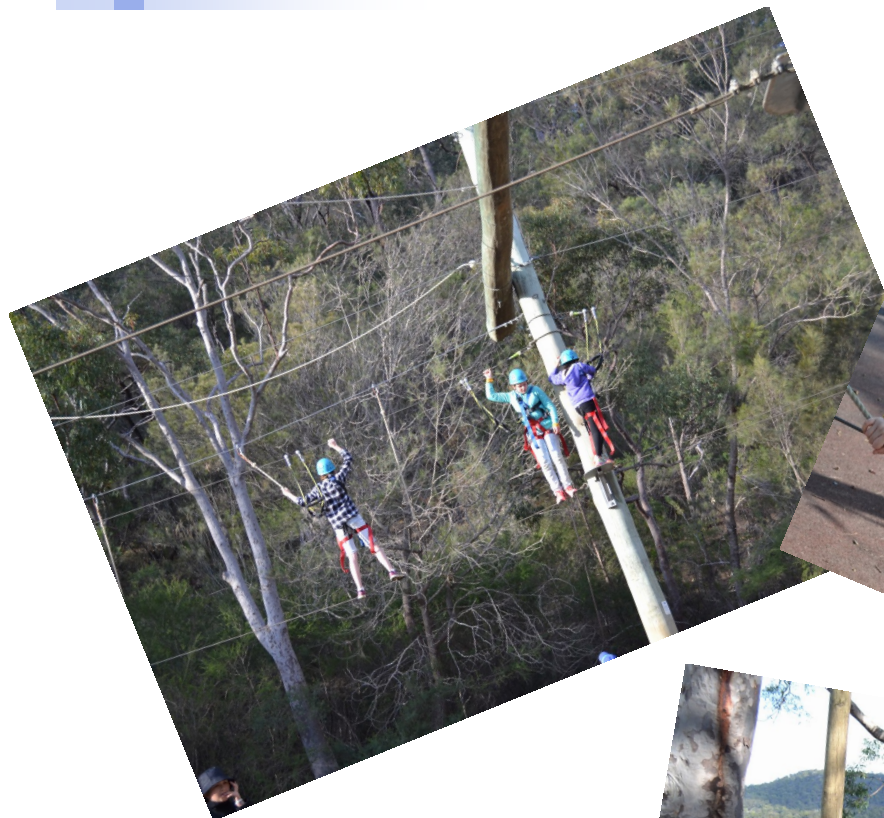
## Senior Camp to Milson Island

Year 5 and 6 students had a great time at Milson Island with Miss Coleman, Miss Francis and Miss Buchan. They enjoyed activities like archery, the giant swing and canoeing.

Thank you to teachers who organised the camp and accompanied the students on their adventure!







## Lunchbox Tips

At Villawood East we encourage healthy eating to support student learning.

For a balanced lunchbox we suggest:

- A main meal (sandwich, wrap, salad) containing veggies and a protein (meat, fish, chicken, egg, cheese)
- A piece of fruit
- A healthy snack (e.g. veggie sticks, low fat cheese, low fat yoghurt)
- A drink (water is the best choice)
- An extra snack can be included once a week. Try to reserve these for days when your child needs more energy.

For more ideas visit [www.healthy-kids.com.au](http://www.healthy-kids.com.au)





## Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Congratulations to all VEPS students who completed the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Each infants class read 30 books with teacher support.

33 Year 3 students completed the PRC.

26 Year 4 students completed the PRC.

31 Year 5 students completed the PRC.

20 Year 6 students completed the PRC.

Altogether 110 primary students completed the challenge – a great result.

Villawood East Public  
School  
would like to extend its  
best wishes to all those  
whom celebrate

**Eid Al-Adha**

**Have a Happy  
&  
Blessed Festival**

Ms K Marshall  
Principal

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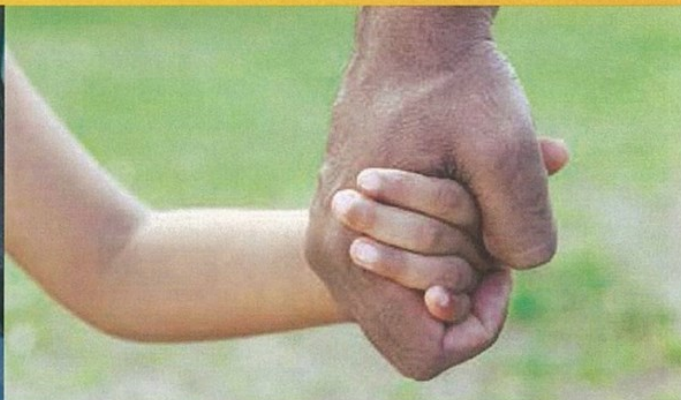
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## Road safety



### Drop off and pick up by car

*Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.*

*Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.*

*Look for buses pulling out.*

*Watch for flashing lights.*

*Always park and turn legally around schools.*

*Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.*

*Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.*

*Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.*

*It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.*

### Walking together to and from school

*Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.*

*Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out*

*of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.*

*Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.*

*Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.*

*STOP ! one step back from the kerb.*

*LOOK ! for traffic to your right left and right again.*

*LISTEN ! for the sounds of approaching traffic.*

*THINK ! whether it is safe to cross.*

*Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.*