

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2016

The Villawood Voice

DIARY DATES TERM 3

MONDAY, 18TH JUNE
Staff Development Day

TUESDAY, 19TH JULY
Students returns

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY
Parent Teacher Interviews - Reports to parents

THURSDAY, 21ST JULY
Yr 6 Pizza Day Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY
Yr 5&6 Manly Excursion

THURSDAY, 28TH JULY

- Snake Tails Performance
- BBQ for Gold Badge winners

TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST
Aboriginal parents attending 'Reconnecting to Culture'

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST
Primary Athletics Carnival

TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST
Yr 5 Seymor Centre excursion

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST
Multicultural Day

THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST
School Lifeguard Visit

FRIDAY, 19TH AUGUST
Gold Badge Assembly

MONDAY, 22ND AUGUST
Kindergarten Botanical Gardens visit

TUESDAY, 23RD AUGUST
MCA - Aboriginal parents and students excursion

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST
Preschool - Kindifarm visit

MONDAY, 29TH AUGUST - FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST
Swimming School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy Term 2 with excursions including the Taronga Zoo overnight stay, Year 6 visit to Kokoda Memorial Track, Stage 1 visiting the Australian Museum, Year 5 attending the CARES Bicycle Safety Program and Kindergarten visiting Calmsley Farm.

Villawood East students were actively involved in many sporting activities this term competing in PSSA Touch Football, Cross Country, Netball Gala Day and attending gymnastic lessons.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Karen Sor who has recently been appointed as our new Instructional Leader replacing Mrs Websdale and to Mrs Irene Linney who has been permanently appointed as the teacher to our new support class. Ms Raffel has been invited to work at the NSW Teachers Federation as a Relief Organiser for Term 3. Ms Jane Thomas will be teaching 3/4R in Term 3.

I would like to wish all those families celebrating Eid prosperity and happiness and I hope you enjoy your celebrations.

I would also like to wish everyone a safe holiday and I look forward to seeing all students when they return on Tuesday, 19th July 2016.

Ms K Marshall
Principal

SCHOOL FRONT GATE

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN COULD ALL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS PLEASE USE THE TOP GATE FROM 2:30 PM ONWARDS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

A GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM MS WEBSDALE

Dear VEPS Community,

I'm sure many of you will already know that I have been successful in gaining the position of Principal at Condell Park Public School from Term 2 2016.

I am sad to be leaving Villawood East but excited to be starting a new chapter in my career. I have loved every minute of my time here, I have loved getting to know the children, teachers and families and I have loved that I could make a difference to the school.

You should be very proud of your school and all the hard work and commitment that I see every day from all staff members; they are dedicated individuals that come together as a team to ensure that your children get every opportunity to be the best they can be.

I will go to Condell Park Public School knowing that I have strong links to Villawood East, so don't be surprised if you see me dropping in for a chat. Schools become families for me and I now have 4 families dotted around South West Sydney, now it is time to make family number 5.

Thank you for dedication to your children and support of the school.

Sian Websdale
Instructional Leader



ANZAC CEREMONY



On Wednesday, 27th April Villawood East held an ANZAC Ceremony to commemorate the men and women past and present, who served our country. The hall looked amazing with all the red poppies made by our students.

We would like to thank Mr Ron Duckworth from Bass Hill RSL who gave a moving speech on the importance of ANZAC day.

SHOWCASING 1/2G

To celebrate Anzac Day, 1/2G painted a field of poppies as they focused on exploring different landscapes and perspectives.

During this they also learnt that the red poppy was the first flower to bloom and that the red poppy symbolises remembrance to remember those who died.



GOLD BADGE LAUNCH

Safe, Respectful, Learners

In Week 10 of last term we gave out our first ever Safe, Respectful Learner badges at Villawood East P.S. We had a wonderful day with students dressing up as superheroes and celebrating each other's successes. It was wonderful to have the Director of Public Schools for Bankstown, Jan Green here to congratulate the students on their success.

Don't forget our next Gold Badge assembly will be in Week 5! So remember to be safe, respectful, learners and you too could be proudly wearing a gold badge!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

TERM 1 PBL GOLD BADGE WINNERS

Class	Safe	Respectful	Learners
KC	Hasan Najim	Ali Al-Ajwadee	Rayanne Fahmi
KT	Jade Singh	Kareem Afinuni	Ibrahim Maskalah
1K	Serene Chaabo	Anna Sao	Mossa Al- Ubudi
1/2G	Moamen Alameddine	Kareem Youssef	Inas Ali
2C	Aya Mustapha	Kaaden Sharpley	Samara Bell Anderson
2/3I	Mariana Youssef	Jayden Awkar	Zainab Jalloh
3/4O	George Panagis	Alexzaviar Setephano	Faith Leapepe
3/4R	Sam Phung	Trung Nguyen	Khlaed El-Kordy
3/6S	Gursagar Singh	Noah Coterill	Jelila El-Masri
4/5B	Mahmoud Alameddine	Hadil Serhan	Tiah Awkar
5/6S	Cathy Dinh	Adrianna Panagis	Daniel Tauriki
5/6B	Zainab Chraif	Dana Barnes	Marry Moo

PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL



This term, PSSA Weekly Touch Footy games are being played at Thurina Oval every Friday at 1pm.

So far, our junior team has lost to Chester Hill PS 2-1 and beat Wattawa Heights PS 3-0. Our senior team has beaten Chester Hill PS 1-0 and Wattawa Heights PS 5-3. Well done to all the players for their efforts so far!

Ms Barr

3/6S CLASS WORK

In our class, we have been learning about our culture, location of Australian states and territories, history and famous landmarks in Australia. We have been busy designing the Australian flag, learning about Aboriginal art and symbols. We also made our own Sydney Opera House with our buddy. We have begun to research and enjoy learning about Captain James Cook, the discovery of Australia and famous Australian inventors.



GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL



The girl's PSSA Knockout team played against Hammondville on Thursday 12th May.

Unfortunately they lost the game but showed amazing team spirit and great sportsmanship.

Well done girls!

Ms Barr



Walk Safely to School Day

Friday, 20th May

The preschool possum group have been learning about road safety. Today on 'Walk Safely to School Day' they practised what they have been learning on the crossing out the front of school.



We started our day making a crossing at the craft table.



We looked at the signs displayed on the fence out the front of school.



When we get to the crossing we, 'STOP'.



'LOOK RIGHT'



'LOOK LEFT'



'LOOK RIGHT AGAIN'



'LISTEN', for traffic.



'THINK', is it safe to cross?



'WAIT', if a car is coming.



'CROSS', when it is safe to do so.



When we got back we used the crossing from our craft this morning and drew ourselves using the crossing in our scrapbooks.



We are so clever!



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Our first workshop for Term 2 was on Thursday 28th April. We spent the morning making Mother's Day cards, chatting, and laughing a lot. The lovely cards that we made were sold at the P&C Mother's Day stall.

Thursday 19th May was the first of Villawood East's 'My Kitchen Rules'. This workshop was to showcase our wonderful cooks at Villawood East. At this session we made a tasty Moroccan Lamb pizza. The best thing about this workshop is we got to taste what we made!

Due to the start of Ramadan VEPS' MKR will continue in Term 3 so if you have an easy family friendly recipe that you would like to demonstrate or be demonstrated please talk to Nicole Bryant.

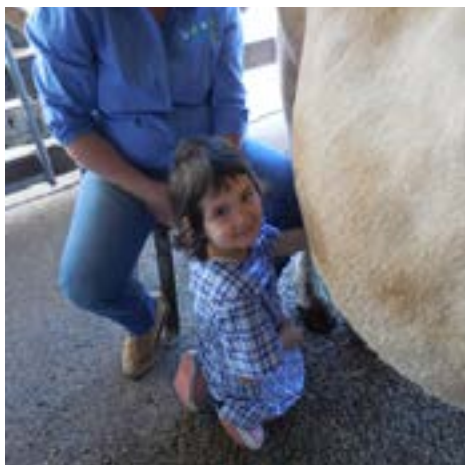
I would like to thank Eve, Stella, Ann and Joan who joined me this term for our community workshops.

Nicole Bryant
Community Liaison Officer

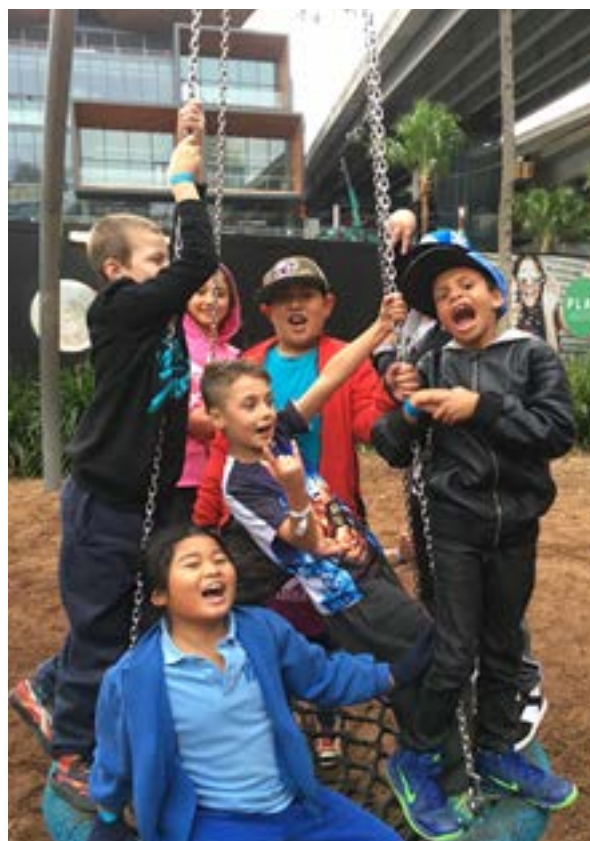


KINDERGARTEN'S CALMSLEY FARM VISIT

Photos and work samples



TARONGA ZOO OVERNIGHT STAY





Villawood East Public



2017 Kindergarten Parent Information Sessions

Villawood East Public School will be holding 2 Parent Information Sessions for parents of children who will be starting Kindergarten next year.

These sessions will be held at 9:30am to 11:00am

In the School Hall on:

Wednesday 7th September 2016 & Wednesday 14th September 2016

During these sessions parents and carers will be informed about all aspects of Kindergarten at Villawood East Public School. We will tour around our wonderful school and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about starting school for your child.

We will be distributing school packs with lots of information to give you to assist in making your child's transition to school a positive and rewarding one!

During this time you will be able to order your child's school uniform.

We hope to see you there!

If you have not yet enrolled for school, please visit the school's office as soon as possible to collect the necessary paperwork.

If you would like any information about starting Kindergarten at Villawood East Public School please call the office on **9724 3339**

FOOTBALL NSW GALA DAY

Thursday the 16th of June saw the Primary classes from Villawood East, up at Thurina Oval playing soccer with a Football NSW Gala day. On the sunny and hot day, the students were divided into teams of 6 and sweated their way through a round robin, playing the other teams in their stages. The students showed great sportsmanship, as they were all winners at the end of the day! Thanks to Football NSW for coming out and helping our students learn some new skills and have some fun!

Ms P Buchan



LIBRARY NEWS

Commencing in Term 2, a web-based library operating system called Oliver will commence at Villawood East.

This new system supports school libraries with engaging students and the entire school community by enabling easy discovery of books and learning resources, as well as managing library services, eBooks and digital and curriculum resources.

TWITTER/SKOOLBAG APP

We love to keep you informed about all the good things happening at school through the newsletter and it has been great to see so many of you using the Skoolbag App.

If you have a smart phone, ipad or computer, you can join Twitter, follow us at @VillawoodEastPS and read our tweets, sharing pictures of events and student work.

Our tweets are set to private, so you have to request to be a follower, to see what is happening at school. All followers will have to be approved before they are added to the account.

If you have any questions about how to use Twitter or the Skoolbag App, please contact the school and we will see if we can help you out.

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VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR TERM 3

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	18/07 Staff Development Day	19/07 Students return	20/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports to par-ents • Parent/Teacher Interviews 	21/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 6 Pizza Day Fundraiser • Boys Touch Footy 1:30pm Thurina Oval 	22/07	23/24
2	25/07	26/07	27/07 Yr 5&6 Manly excursion	28/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snake Tails Performance • BBQ for Gold Badge winners 	29/07	30/31
3	01/08	02/08 Aboriginal parents 'Re-connecting to Culture'	03/08 Primary Athletics Carnival	04/08	05/08	06/07
4	08/08	09/08 Year 5 Seymor Centre excursion	10/08 Multicultural Day	11/08 School Lifeguard visit	12/08	13/14
5	15/08	16/08	17/08	18/08	19/08 Gold Badge Assembly	20/21
6	22/08 Kindergarten Botanical Garden excursion	23/08 MCA Aboriginal parents and children excursion	24/08 Preschool Kindifarm visit	25/08	26/08	27/28
7	29/08 Swimming School Begins	30/08 Swimming School	31/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Farm visit • Swimming School 	01/09 Swimming School	02/09 Swimming School	03/04
8	05/09 Swimming School	06/09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OZ Tag Gala Day • Swimming School 	07/09 First Kindergarten Orientation	08/09 Year 6 discovering Uni Day	09/09 Swimming School last day	10/11
9	12/09	13/09 Kindergarten Transition	14/09 Second Kindergarten Orientation	15/09 Kindergarten Transition	16/09 Gold Badge Assembly	17/18
10	19/09	20/09 Kindergarten Transition	21/09	22/09 Kindergarten Transition	23/09 Last day of Term 3	

Students return to school on **MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2016**



ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

SAFE SUPERVISION IN SCHOOL ZONES

Current to 30 June 2010.

Many drivers are doing the right thing by supervising their children around schools.

As a result, our kids are safer when getting to and from school.

This Fact Sheet provides a handy reminder about supervising children in school zones.

Kerb side is the safe side



Some schools don't have space for a car park, or it can be very busy so you don't have time to use it.

Keep your children in the vehicle until you have parked safely and legally. Park at the kerb before you let them get out or get in.

Walk your children to the gate

It only takes a few minutes. In the morning, walk your children to the gate. In the afternoon, meet your children at the gate and walk with them back to the car.

Take the time to help your children get safely to and from the school gate. You can also meet some of the teachers or

other parents and teach your children how to cross the road safely at the same time.



Help your children cross the road

Not all drivers are aware of the dangers to children in school zones. Some drivers are just very busy and distracted. Help your children cross the road at the Pedestrian Crossing or Traffic Lights. Walk with them and lead by example.

Teach your children to



STOP at the kerb



LOOK for danger



LISTEN for danger

WAIT for the danger to pass

One day you may have to ask someone else to take your children to school or pick them up. Make sure your children know how to be safe when crossing the road.