# The Villawood Voice

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### TERM 3

Friday, 19th August Gold Badge Assembly

Monday, 22th August

- Kindergarten Botanical Gardens excursion
- Stage 3 Public Speaking

Tuesday, 23rd August

- District Athletics Carnival
- Stage 2 Public Speaking

Wednesday, 24th August

- MCA Aboriginal parents and children excursion
- Preschool Kindifarm visit
- Infants Public Speaking

Monday, 29th August -Friday, 9th September Swimming School

Wednesday, 1st September P&C Father's Day Stall

Monday, 5th September 9:30am P&C Meeting held in J Block

Wednesday, 7th September

- First Kindergarten Orientation
- Years 5&6 Miilo cup

Friday, 9th September
Last Day of Swimming School

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 has again been a very busy one!

Staffing news - Ms Ivanisevic is taking Long Service Leave for a few weeks and will be returning in week 9. Ms Juliette McLean will be teaching 2/3I.

Mrs Marr who was teaching in our preschool on a Monday has gone on Maternity Leave. Mrs Jill Fitzpatrick will be teaching in the preschool every Monday for the remainder of the year.

Our Olympic Day was a spectacular event with our preschool opening the ceremony. The parade of nations by all classes was very colourful.

Our Multicultural Day was a fantastic success and it was great to see so many parents attending to watch the performances and join in activities.

The VEPS Athletics Carnival was held last week. We wish all our students who will be attending the Bankstown District Athletics Carnival the best.

In the next few weeks we have Learn to Swim School, Milo Cup Cricket and the Kindy excursion to the Botanical Gardens.

Thank you to all our staff for all their hard work. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and hardworking staff.

Thank you for your continuing support of our school.

Ms K Marshall Principal

### 2017 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting enrolments for 2017 Kindergarten. If you have a child turning 5 years old before 31st July please see the office staff to obtain an enrolment pack.

Please complete the pack and return it to the office along with the child's original birth certificate, immunisation record sheet, proof of address (eg council rates, electricity and phone bill with your name and address on it), medicare card, health and/or pension card.

### INDIGENOUS ELDERS OF LIVERPOOL TOURING EXHIBITION

On the 30th June 2016 an Aboriginal elder and artist Stephen Williams came to our school as part of the Elders of Liverpool Touring Exhibition promoted by the Casula Powerhouse Museum. He shared his life journey and showed his wonderful illustrations. The students and parents who attended this exhibition enjoyed the experience.











### **OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY**

On Friday 5th August Villawood East celebrated the 2016 Olympics by staging our own Opening Ceremony as part of our Education Week celebrations.

Each class chose and researched a country and wore their national colours during the parade. The parade was held in the hall and started by our preschool students looking amazing in red supporting Lebanon.

Afterwards the community members were invited to a morning tea in the library.

Thank you to everyone who attended we had a wonderful turnout!









### SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survial.

The program will be held at the Wran Leisure Centre and runs daily for two weeks from Monday 29th August 2016 to Friday 9th September 2016.

Please ensure your child/children bring a swimming costume, towel, blouse/shirt, hat and warm clothing on a cool day. All belongs should be marked clearly with your child/children's name. Where instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg an SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sun screen and a rash shirt is also recommended.

Currently there are 18 spots still available, it you wish your child/children to attend the swim school please complete the permission form and pay as soon as possible. The Swim School permission note is available from the office.



## MILO IN2CRICKET



Get in on the action and sign your child up to play MILO in 2CRICKET this summer! The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old. It is a fast, fun and active 8-12 week program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development in every 60 min session. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport. By taking part in the MILO in2CRICKET program children will learn the basics of cricket and develop lots of other skills. Each week children will play game based activities that will keep them active, have fun and learn about cricket.

For all of your local options and more information please visit <a href="www.playcricket.com.au">www.playcricket.com.au</a>

# STAGE 3 MILSONS POINT EXCURSION









### **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

### VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR TERM 3

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
5	15/08	16/08  • 9:30am Book Week Parade in the hall • 2:25pm Parent Classroom Support program in the library	17/08 Years 4&5 Milo cup	18/08 Stage 1 Science Incursion	19/08 Gold Badge Assembly	20/21
6	<ul> <li>22/08</li> <li>Kindergarten Botanical Garden excursion</li> <li>Stage 3 Public Speaking</li> </ul>	23/08  District Athletics Carnival Stage 2 Public Speaking 2:25pm Parent Classroom Support program in the library	<ul> <li>24/08</li> <li>Preschool Kindifarm visit</li> <li>MCA Aboriginal parents and children excursion</li> </ul>	25/08	26/08	27/28
7	29/08 Swimming School Begins	30/08 • Swimming School • 2:25pm Parent Classroom Support program in the library	31/08 Swimming School	01/09 • Swimming School • P&C Father's Day Stall	02/09 Swimming School	03/04 04/09/16 Father's Day
8	05/09 • Swimming School • P&C Meeting	O6/09 OZ Tag Gala Day Swimming School 2:25pm Parent Classroom Support program in the library	<ul> <li>07/09</li> <li>First Kindergarten Orientation</li> <li>Year 5&amp;6 Milocup</li> </ul>	08/09	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	17/18
10	19/09	20/09 Kindergarten Transition	21/09	<ul> <li>22/09</li> <li>Kindergarten Transition</li> <li>Gold Badge Assembly</li> </ul>	23/09 Last day of Term 3	

Students return to school on MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016



### SCHOOL FRONT GATE

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

### 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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