

The Villawood Voice

DIARY DATES TERM 3

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

Wednesday, 7th September

- 9:30am First 2017 Kindergarten Orientation
- Years 5&6 Miilo cup

Thursday, 8th September
Year 6 Discovering Uni Day

Friday, 9th September
Last day of Swimming School

Tuesday, 13th September
Kindergarten Transition

**Wednesday, 14th
September**

- 9:30am Second 2017 Kindergarten Orientation
- 1.55pm Grandparent's Day afternoon tea and assembly

Thursday, 15th September
Kindergarten Transition

Monday, 19th September
Football Gala Day

Tuesday, 20th September
Kindergarten Transition

Thursday, 22nd September

- Kindergarten Transition
- Gold Badge Assembly

Friday, 23rd September
Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday, 10th October
Students and Staff return

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Our Learn to Swim program has been running over the past fortnight with over 110 students participating in the program. Thank you to all the teachers that taught swimming and supervised the students at the Wran Leisure Centre.

In Term 4 a new and exciting program is about to be introduced to Villawood East. The School Sports Program is a program with each class participating in a weekly half hour active lesson in values, social skills and team building activities. If you haven't already paid please send the signed permission note and payment to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Grandparent's Day is being held in the hall on Wednesday 14th September. There will be an afternoon tea at 1:55pm followed by an assembly at 2:25pm. It would be great to see as many grandparents and special family members come and celebrate with us.

Thank you for your continuing support of our great school.

Ms K Marshall
Principal

2017 ENROLMENTS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

PRESCHOOL

The Waiting List is NOW OPEN for children seeking enrolment in Preschool for 2017.

If you have a child who turns **4 before 31st July 2017 and will be attending Kindergarten in 2018 are eligible to apply. Please note this is a prior to school program and children are only to attend the year before they start school.**

Waiting List forms are available from the office.

Please return the completed Waiting List form to the office with the following documentation:-

- an original birth certificate, passport or visa,
- proof of address (eg council rates, telephone bill with your name and address on it)
- an up-to-date Immunisation Record Sheet from Medicare
- Medicare card
- Pension or health care card

KINDERGARTEN

We are now accepting enrolments for 2017. 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

2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS

In Term 4 Villawood East will be holding our school photos. The whole school and the Preschool Possum group will be having their photos taken on Thursday 27th October. Then on Monday 31st October Preschool Kangaroo group, family photos, sports and extra curriculum photos will be having their session.

Envelopes will be handed out to all students next week. Please complete, enclose the correct money and seal it. All envelopes need to be handed into the office Friday 21st October. Please ensure that the correct money is in the envelope as no change will be given.

A family portrait will be available and envelopes can be collect from the office.

We request that on the photo day all students wear their summer uniform. Children in sports photos need to bring their sports uniform on Monday 31st October.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

In week 6 we held our Public Speaking Stage Competition in the hall. There were two speakers from each class from K-6. All the students spoke extremely well and I congratulate them on their efforts!

Our winners were:-

Stage 1	Inas Ali 1/2G
Stage 2	Jayda Arja 4/5B
Stage 3	Aya Ali 5/6S

Well done to Kareem Afioni in Early Stage 1 for receiving a Highly Commended award.

Thank you to Ms Coleman, Ms Francis, Mrs Sor, Ms Than, Ms Stevens and Ms O'Shea who were our adjudicators and thank you to all those students who participated who in the competition.

Our winners will speak at the District Public Speaking Competition at Chester Hill Public School in Term 4.

Ms Chan
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN'S ROYAL BOTANICAL VISIT

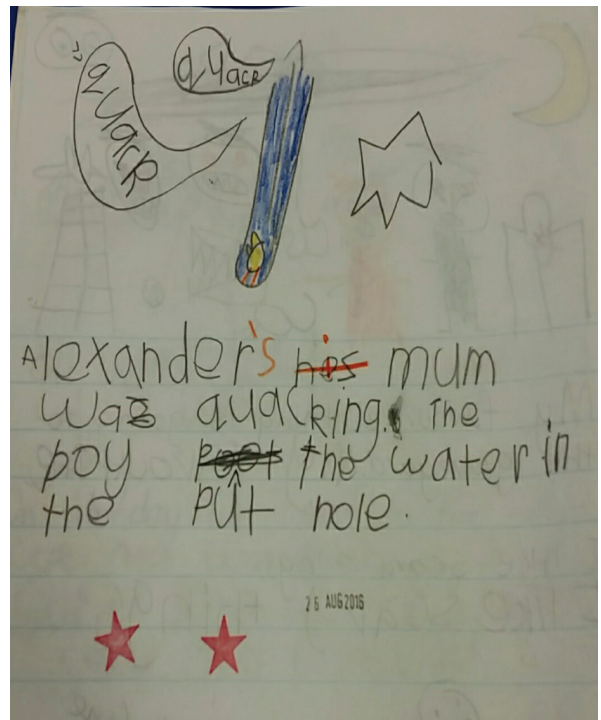
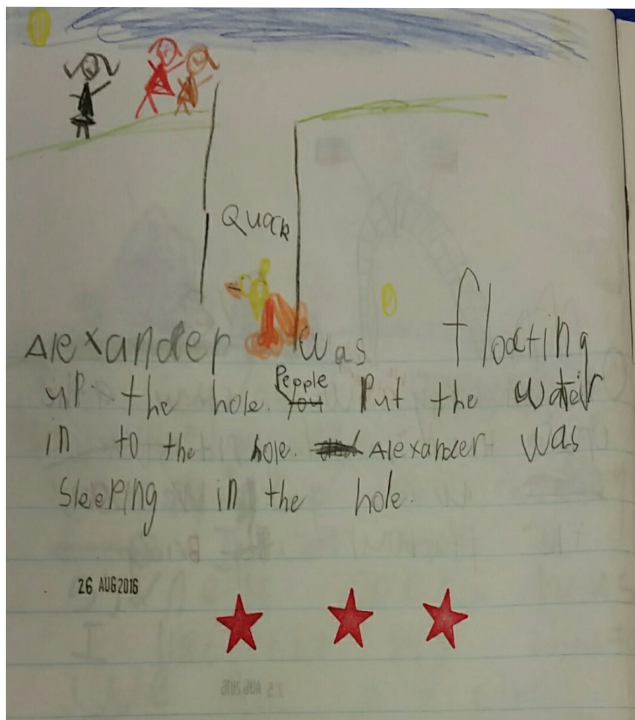
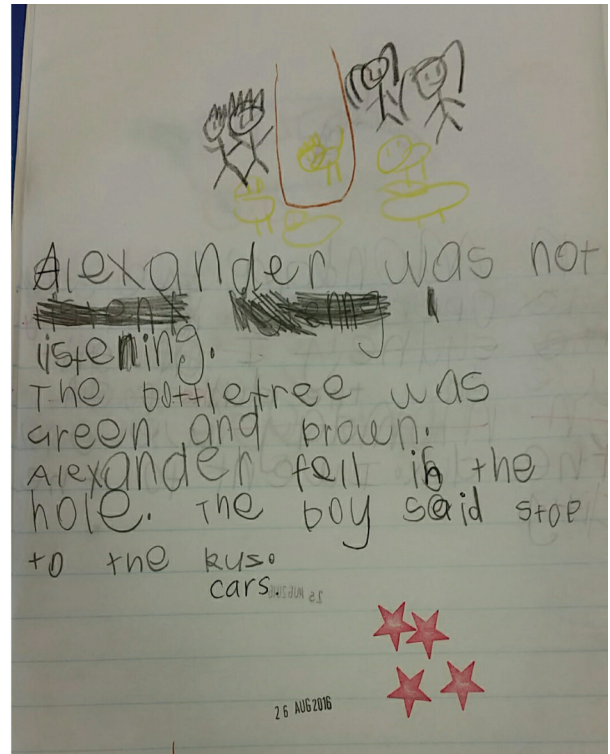
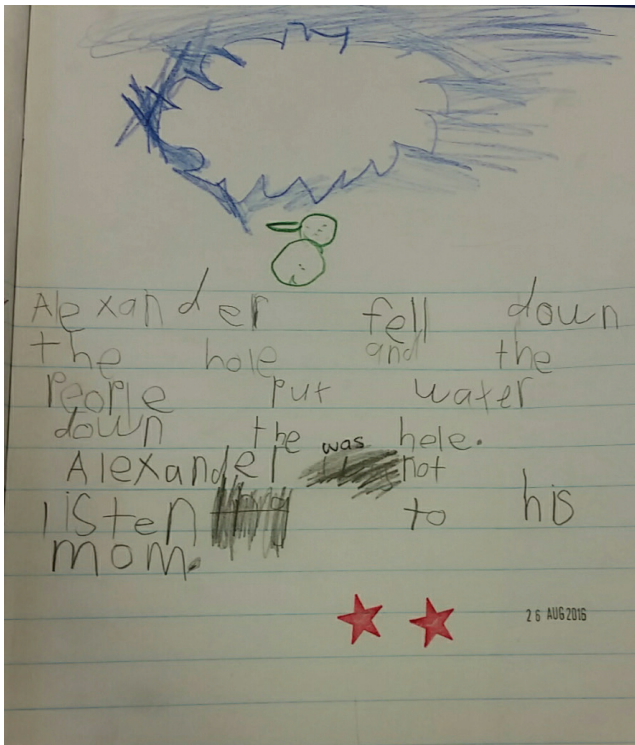


On Monday 22nd August Kindergarten went to the Royal Botanical Gardens in the city.

We had a great time re-enacting the book Alexander's Outing by Pamela Allen and looking for Alexander the duck.



KC WROTE SENTENCES ABOUT OUR DAY AT THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS



BOOK WEEK DAY

Students and staff at Villawood East Public School celebrated Book Week Australia Story Country on Tuesday 16th August 2016. Students and staff dressed as their favourite characters and embraced the theme of Australia Story Country with classroom activities in the genres of drama, visual arts, poetry, creative writing and music. Each class was asked to collaborate, create and discover Australian Story Country through Australian literature.

Mr A Harkness
Relieving Librarian



MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 24th August the Aboriginal students and their family members attended an excursion to the Museum of Contemporary Arts in the city. We went to the Museum to look at a variety of Indigenous artworks which were part of the Telling Tales Art Exhibition. The students and their family members had a wonderful time looking at and creating their own artworks.

Ms N Koorey





2C WRITING SAMPLES

Last week 2C students wrote about attending the Learn to Swim program at the Wran Leisure Centre. The below are work samples.

MY FIRST DAY AT SWIMMING SCHEMES

Today was my first day of swimming lessons at Villawood east public school. When I was walking I felt nervous and my heart was beating fast. When I went inside the pool and when I saw the water I was a bit afraid. When I got in the pool I was splashing in the water and it was fun.

When I got out of the pool I was surprised because I had been swimming by myself. I was very excited.

I like the starfish and blowing big bubbles under the water. I was amazed that now I know how to hold my breath under the water. I was feeling happy.

Then I felt better because I went swimming. It was fun and I am excited to go everyday.

Going swimming at Wran Leisure centre

Today was the first ever time going swimming with 3/6S and having swimming lessons. I was very nervous. I tried out doing freestyle. It was very hard. I swam 3 metres. I made to level 3 and jumped from level 3 to 5. I felt deserted swimming by myself and I floated because a teacher told me to.

Next I was with a teacher and her name is Fitzgerald. She told me to get a multi-coloured paddle board. After that my swimming teacher said to put the paddle board on my stomach and do baby kicks. I bent my knees but my swimming teacher said "lift your legs". It was steamy. I was surprised actually.

When I got out of the pool I felt very heavy from all of the water on my clothes holding me down. When I got out of the pool and went into the toilet I got changed but Nour was scared that he was going to get naked in front of all the boys so I helped him. When I put my clothes in my bag, I never knew that my bag would be that heavy. It was heavy as a brick. After that I sat under the bright sun. I found 2 band aids in my bag. I never knew they were in there. I was speechless about what I did today and I told Melissa.

When I walked by my grandpas house he came out fast as the wind just to get my bag I wonder what will happen in the future.

by Jayson Pham

My first time at swimming scheme

Today I went with 3/6s and 2c to swimming scheme. It was my first time at swimming scheme with school. I was feeling scared that the water was deep so I went in the water slowly. It wasn't deep. I was feeling scared because I did not what I was doing.

My head was under the water for a long time and I could do it with my goggles on and my nose not blocked and my mouth opened. I could float like a star fish for four seconds so I learnt something new today.

The swimming instructor asked me "can you swim under the water?" so I tried and I could not do it . It took a long time to get in the water because we had to talk about safety in the water.

After the safety talk we went in the water and we learnt how to swim. The teacher dropped something heavy in the water and we had to get it. I got it with my foot. The next day she did it again and this time I went under the water and got it. Then after that I learned how to swim. I put my head under the water and kicked. I also can sit under water for three seconds then swim back up. I learnt how to swim backwards with a noodle on my back and I am so good at it. My favourite thing is when the teacher threw the heavy thing in the water so I had to get it.

Swimming scheme is fantastic and I have learnt so many new fun skills to swim safely in the water.

By Zack Zreika

My first time at swimming scheme

Today I went swimming with 3/6s and 2c. It was the first time at swimming with Villawood East Public School. I thought that the water was going to be cold but it was warm.

The teacher said to me "good job" because I did good back stroke.

I was kick boarding and was coming first. With my kick board I put my head under the water.

My first day at swimming was fun and I was super excited for the next day.

By Marwa Boucetta

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
WK9	12/09	13/09 Kindergarten Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/09 • Second Kindergarten Orientation • Grandparent's Day Afternoon Tea and Assembly in the hall at 1:55pm 	15/09 Kindergarten Transition	16/09	17/18
10	19/09 Football Gala Day	20/09 Kindergarten Transition	21/09	22/09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Transition • Gold Badge Assembly 	23/09 Last day of Term 3	

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

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