



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

The Villawood Voice

DIARY DATES

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

TERM 1

MONDAY, 3RD APRIL

- P&C AGM 9:30am
- Gymnastics

TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL

Connect to Culture excursion - Penrith

WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL

Year 6 Spider Day Fundraiser

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL

Easter Hat Parade 9:30am in the hall

FRIDAY, 7TH APRIL

Last day of Term

TERM 2

MONDAY, 24TH APRIL

Staff Development Day

TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

MONDAY, 26TH APRIL

Students return
2:30pm ANZAC Ceremony

THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL

Karitane Playgroup returns

Dear parents,

The exciting news is that our Preschool was assessed and received **EXCELLING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS** rating. This is an amazing achievement for Villawood East's Preschool as very few preschools in Australia receive this rating. Congratulations to Mrs Halloran, Mrs Genco and all the other teachers and staff that supported the preschool in this process. This is an accomplishment we should all be proud of!

Also Stage 2 visited Mowbray Farm at Picton for the overnight excursion. A huge thank you to Ms Coleman, Ms Curran and Ms Crane who organised and supervised the students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. 'Sports in Schools' is happening every Wednesday with nearly all students participating.

Another exciting event was the Australian Launch of the Great Book Swap. A very special guest Justine Clarke, famous actor and musician, coming and entertaining the whole school. It was wonderful to see the playground a buzz with activity with our keen students swapping books.

Another achievement is that Villawood East Public School is now officially a White Ribbon school. You will see our staff wearing white ribbons and our newsletters, notes proudly displaying the White Ribbon emblem on which shows our commitment as a community to stop violence against women.

Please remember before and after school to obey the parking signs and not to double park to make sure our children are safe. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Have a safe holiday and students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Ms K Marshall
Principal

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Bell Times

Morning Session	9:15am - 11:15am
1st Break	11:15am class eating time 11:25am - 12:00pm playground
Middle Session	12:00pm - 1.55pm
2nd Break	1.55pm - 2:25pm
Afternoon Session	2:25pm - 3:15pm

Please be aware that school begins at 9:15am. All students should arrive at school before that time. Children should not be dropped at school before 8:45am as the gate is not opened and students are unsupervised. If a student arrives late please remind them to see the office to get a late note which is then given to the class teacher upon entering the classroom. If a student requires to leave early, parents are required to see the office to get an Early Leaver slip. Upon receiving this slip parents are then able to collect their child/children from their classroom. Please ensure you give the Early Leaver slip to the class teacher. All parents and carers visiting the school are required to register at the office. Due to safety reasons, after 2:30pm we encourage everyone to enter and exist via the top gate near the preschool and use the pedestrian crossing.

Library

All students are encouraged to borrow books in their library lessons. Please ensure that your child/children bring a bag to put borrowed books in. We encourage this as it looks after the books and when the students are finished reading they can put the them back into the bag so the books don't get lost. If books are lost there is a 'Lost Book' fee that applies.

Scripture

Scripture is held every Thursday from 2:45pm-3:10pm.

School Assembly

A whole school assembly is held in the hall on Friday afternoons commencing at 2:45pm. All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Sport

Villawood East PS students participate in sport on Friday mornings. All children are required to wear their sports uniform on this day. Any student representing VEPS in a sports team will be required to wear a sports uniform. All students are encouraged to have a sports uniform and are available to be ordered through the school office.

Breakfast Club

VEPS' Breakfast Club runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45am - 9:10am. We currently offer fresh seasonal fruit and toast with either jam or honey on it. Now due to the generous donation from local charity organisations we now have the opportunity to open on Tuesday and Thursday. On these mornings there will be cereal (Weetbix/Vitabrits) and milk available. As breakfast is offered to everyone please inform the office as soon as possible if you do not want food offered to your child/children.

Canteen

Villawood East PS' canteen is run by the Parent & Citizen Association (P&C) and is opened on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:45am - 11:40am. Please see the office staff for a current menu list. The canteen is run on a volunteer basis and are currently looking for volunteers to help out on a Friday. If you are available to help please enquire at the school office.

Parent & Citizen Association (P&C)

Villawood East PS Parent & Citizen Association meet at 9:30am on the first Monday of every month. The P&C brings together the community, parents and teaching staff to promote the best interest of the school and children by enhancing the learning environment and school grounds. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Playgroup

Villawood East PS holds two playgroup sessions for parents and carers who have children 0-5 years old. Playgroup is a great opportunity for children to interact with each other and parents and carers to meet in a friendly environment and enjoy craft activities and playing with their child.

During the school term playgroup sessions are:-

- Uniting Burnside Multicultural Family Centre runs on **Mondays 10:00am - 12:00pm**
- Karitarne Linking Families runs on **Thursdays 9:30am -11:30am**.

For further information please visit the school office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Hi I'm Mrs Ginige and I'm the new Teacher Librarian at VEPS! I am extremely excited to be working with the wonderful teachers and students at VEPS. I am already convinced I have the most helpful and respectful library monitors ever.

In the last week I have had the most amazing time;

- Selecting and awarding badges to our new Library monitors
- Have kindergarten join us in the Library for the first time and borrow books
- Had so many wonderful students return overdue books!

I love reading (of course) and when I am not teaching, I love to cook. So if you see me around, ask me about a fantastic new book to read or a recipe.



LIBRARY BUSINESS

The library timetable (as per last week is)

We still have a large number of books overdue from last year. Please take some time to look for any books that you borrowed in the last year. Mums, Dads, anyone else at home, please help our students search for overdue books. I will be sending notes home soon, asking for payment for any lost books.

SOME LIBRARY RULES!

Students **MUST** bring a library bag on their assigned day in order to take their books home.

Our 3 Library borrowing rules are;

- Bring your Library bag each week
- Have a safe place at home to keep your library books
- Always read books with clean hands

Students are welcome to come into the Library (if open) before and after school, or during break time to borrow or return books.

I look forward to meeting you all. Please come and say hi to me in the Library!

Mrs Ginige
Teacher Librarian
Mon/Tues/Wed

THE LIBRARY TIMETABLE IS:

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
9.15	5/6 S		
			Pre-School
10.15	3/4A	4/5B	3/6 S & K-6L
11.15	Library Open 2 nd Half of Lunch		
12.00	2F	5/6B	Kindy
1.00	2/3L	1K & 1A	3/4M
1.55	Recess		

BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATE

VEPS' Breakfast Club runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45am - 9:10am. We currently offer fresh seasonal fruit and toast with either jam or honey on it. Now due to the generous donation from local charity organisations we have the opportunity to open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well. On these mornings there will be cereal (Weetbix/Vitabrits, Nutri-Grain, Rice Bubbles and Just Right) and milk available plus toast.

We would like to give a big thank you to the following companies;

- Anglicare, who are donating supplies of long life milk and cereal
- Kellogg Australia Pty Ltd, who are supplying a variety of cereal
- Ozharvest, who donating a variety of foods
- Liberty Church Food For Life program, who are donating fresh fruit

We would like to thank these organisations for their generosity.

As breakfast is offered to everyone please inform the office as soon as possible if your child/ children suffers from allergies or you do not want food offered to them.

Mrs N Bryant

SHOWCASING 2017 KINDERGARTEN

The first few weeks of schooling for our newest additions to the school have been both an exciting and rewarding period for our KM kindergarten class at VEPS. The students have successfully transitioned into the schooling context, and we are proud to say have rapidly developed a love of learning - fostered by the combined efforts of Ms Mina and Ms Chan, their teachers. The students have begun their writing journey with learning the alphabet and how to write their names. In the picture below, students are engaged in an activity known as 'alphabet soup', where they need to identify, locate, and write the correct letters in their name. You can see the great success these students are achieving! Furthermore, students in kindergarten have been showing a strong keenness to be engaged in their learning, and through the supportive environments made accessible to them by their teachers, their desire for education continues to grow.



Students in kindergarten have been showing a strong keenness to be engaged in their learning, and through the supportive environments and staff their desire for education continues to grow. As students grow in their academic learning they've also begun understanding the positive VEPS behaviour values of being safe, respectful learners. Here we have Mariam from KM showing us her beautiful 5L's of Listening. Overall, we are proud to say our kindergarteners have already had great achievements and we are so excited to see what the rest of the year holds.

Miss Mina



SHOWCASING 2017 KINDERGARTEN Cont

KG is off to a flying start beginning their lifetime of learning. It is a year for learning, growing, making friends and having fun too! As we have settled into our new classroom and routine - our days are filled with stories, phonics, reading, numbers and writing. We also made sure we are learning VEPS' Safe, Respectful, Learner values through our bears.

Want to be up to date with all the learning adventures of KG?

Follow me on; Twitter : @gloria_chan10



PSSA AFL



Congratulations to our senior AFL PSSA team who played the game for the first time on Friday.

They played against Bankstown and won 64-0! Great effort and amazing sportsmanship boys and girls!

Ms Barr



MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

On Tuesday 7th March VEPS invited the community to a 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ held under the COLA from 3:30pm-5:00pm. We had a wonderful turn out of parents keen to talk to their children's class teacher.

I would like to say a big thank you to Ivan's Smallgoods of Chester Hill for their donation of the non-halal sausages. Their generous support is greatly appreciated.

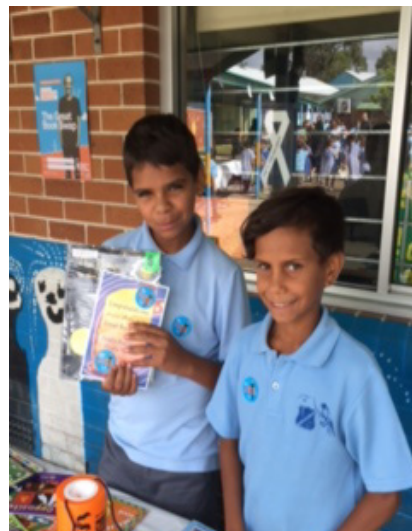
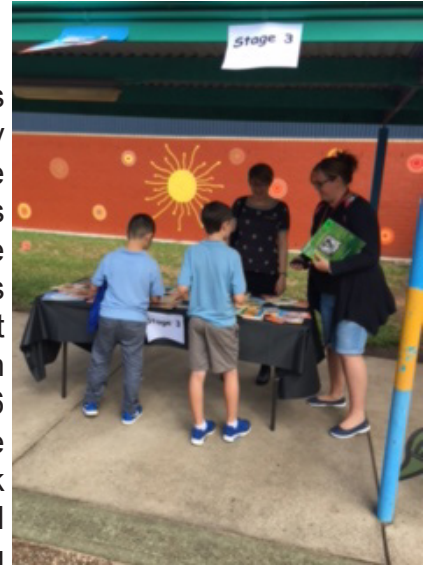
Mrs N Bryant
Community Liaison Officer



NATIONAL 2017 GREAT BOOK SWAP LAUNCH



On Tuesday 7th March, children's entertainer and Indigenous Literacy Foundation ambassador Justine Clarke and other special guests visited VEPS to help launch the Great Book Swap for 2017. This was a result of the wonderful effort the Connect to Culture group, with Julie Bertram, put into the 2016 Book Swap held at our school. The money raised from these Book Swaps all across Australia is used to purchase books for children living in remote communities. Every child in the school took part in the launch which was a wonderful success with a photograph and story appearing on the front page of the local newspaper, the Torch.



Debating Team



On Monday, the 13th of March Miss Chan took the debating team, which included Cathy, Aya, Adrianna, and Kelly to a debating workshop in Greenway Park Public School to learn the rules of debating.

We enjoyed discovering all the rules to become successful debaters. We learnt the 3M's, matter, manner and method as well as the PEEL structure that stands for point, elaborate, example and link.

After practicing for a while we played some games then found out how to write a rebuttal (a way to argue someone's opinion) and an argument.



In the afternoon, we wrote a speech each and had a debate against Greenway Park P.S. We enjoyed rebutting and arguing against the other team's arguments. It was an amazing experience.

We cannot wait to take part in this year's premier competition.

By Aya & Adrianna



HARMONY DAY



On Tuesday 21st March Villawood East PS celebrated Harmony Day by encouraging students, staff and the community to wear orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'; the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Villawood East celebrated the day by the students participating in class discussions and activities on culture. Parents and carers were invited to attend a picnic with their children followed by an afternoon tea where everyone was asked to bring a plate of food representing their culture.

It was great seeing so many parents arrive carrying a plate and even better trying all the amazing food.

Mrs N Bryant and Ms N Koorey



STAGE 2 MOWBRAY PARK FARM EXCURSION



Gumboots and raincoats were packed, ready for the overnight excursion to Mowbray Park Farm. 29 Year 3 and 4 students and 3 teachers boarded the bus and headed to Picton to get up close and personal with the farm animals.

A sheep shearing demonstration kicked off the activities where students learned all about the importance of wool and shearing sheep. After lunch, half of the students got to experience whip cracking and boomerang throwing, while the other group made and cooked their own damper over the camp fire. The rain started falling in the afternoon but it didn't stop the students having fun running around and jumping in the puddles. After dinner, we wandered down to see the animals and splashed around in the mud. The students roasted marshmallows and played table tennis before going to bed after a great day.



We woke up early Friday morning ready for another exciting day of farm activities. In the morning, one group jumped on the back of the tractor and headed down to the nursery. They got to feed and pat all of the animals and even milk a cow. The other group stayed on the back of the tractor and headed up the hill to feed the cows. The heard ran after the tractor waiting for the students to throw the hay over the side. After eating lunch and buying some souvenirs, it was time to pack up and leave.

What a great experience it was for everyone!

Miss L Coleman





ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Current to 30 June 2016.

SAFE SUPERVISION IN SCHOOL ZONES

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



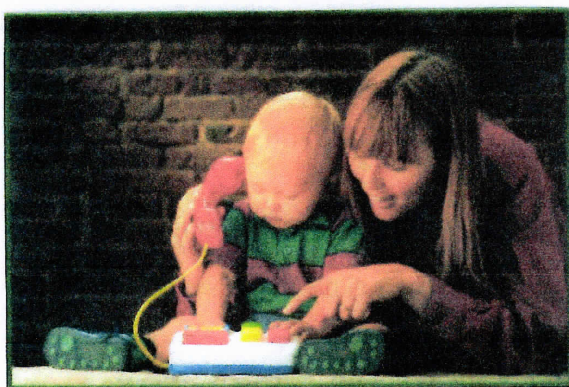
LISTEN for danger

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.



Karivilla Playgroup



Where: Villawood East Public School, Lowana St Villawood

When: Thursdays

Time: 9.30am—11.30am

(School Terms Only)

Karivilla Playgroup Overview

Playgroup gives you the chance to meet other parents

- Love, talking, singing, dancing and playing with your child
- Enjoy craft activities, drawing and story time
- Improve your skills to support your child's development

What we can offer you

- Provide information about other services
- Connect to the community
- Develop friendship with other parents
- Learn and enjoy other parents company
- Baby growth and development
- Child behavior management
- Self Care, Health and Wellbeing

Karitane Linking Families

Caroline: 1300-GARING (227 484)

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(non-urgent queries only)

Phone: 02 9754 2655

Fax: 02 9754 2644

www.karitane.com.au

ABN 25 000 018 842

Don't stay home by yourself, come

by and say Hi

Morning tea is provided

Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Uniting Burnside
Multicultural Family Centre

232 Railway Parade
CABRAMATTA NSW 2166



Uniting

What is Supported Playgroup?

Groups of parents, carers and their young children meet together once a week for 2 to 3 hours so that :-

Children

- Can learn through play, how to share and how to interact with others.
- Will participate in singing, dancing and musical games.
- Develop their creative, numeracy, pre-reading and prewriting skills through craft activities, group time and different table and floor activities.
- Will further develop their language, sensory and manipulative skills to facilitate early cognitive growth.

Parents/Carers

- Will have the opportunity to interact with the children, and learn about child development and how to promote positive behaviours
- Will work cooperatively with educators to enhance the early learning skills to their child.
- Will make new friends with other parents.
- Will receive information regarding early childhood development and community services and activities in their area.
- Will have the opportunity to attend sessions run by guest speakers from different service providers.

Time and Group Location:

Multicultural Supported
Playgroups

For further information and
booking please
contact Christina on
0448 938 179 or 9781 3333

Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Villawood East Public School
Lowana Street, Villawood

**VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
2017 COMMUNITY CALENDAR
TERM 1**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
11	03/04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C AGM 9:30am in J Block Gymnastics 	04/04 Connect to Culture Excursion - Penrith	05/04 Year 6 Spider Day Fundraiser	06/04 9:30 am Easter Hat Parade and raffle	07/04 Last day of Term 1	08/09

Students return to school on **WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL, 2017**

**VILLAWOOD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
2017 COMMUNITY CALENDAR
TERM 2**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
1	24/04 Staff Development Day	25/04 ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	26/04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students return 2:30pm ANZAC Ceremony 	27/04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scripture starts Karitane Playgroup returns 	28/04	29/30
2	01/05	02/05 Choir rehearsal at Chester Hill North PS	03/05	04/05	05/05	06/07
3	08/05	09/05	10/05	11/05	12/05	13/14
4	15/05	16/05	17/05 Year 4 CARES	18/05 Year 5 CARES	19/05	20/21
5	22/05 Stage 3 Multicultural Perspective 2:30pm	23/05 Stage 2 Multicultural Perspective 2:30pm	24/05 Netball Gala Day	25/05 Stewart House Day (clothes collection day and fundraiser)	26/05 District Cross Country	27/28 Ramadan begins
6	29/05	30/05	31/05	01/06	02/06	03/04
7	05/06	06/06 Stage 2 Full Steam Ahead excursion	07/06	08/06	09/06	10/11
8	12/06	13/06	14/06	15/06	16/06	17/18
9	19/06	20/06 Choir rehearsal at Chester Hill North PS	21/06	22/06 Last day of scripture	23/06	24/25 Ramadan finishes
10	26/06	27/06	28/06	29/06	30/06 Last day of school	01/02

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