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Together We Live

Term 3 Week 10 Newsletter

Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

This has been a wonderful term, and the first term in 2020 where we have had the opportunity to work with your child every day at school. We have had great success in students improving their independent reading skills across K-2 and decoding texts in 3-6. Our Debating Team had a win, we were able to hold our 3-6 Athletics Carnival and K-2 Sport Fun Day and we have planned for COVID safe Multicultural Day celebrations this week.

Congratulations

Mrs Aimee Busuttill was the successful applicant for a Relieving Assistant Principal position at Prestons PS. Mrs Busuttill has been working diligently to build her capacity in the area of leadership in schools and has demonstrated the ability to lead teaching and learning and student wellbeing with positive impact on student outcomes. While we will miss her skills and support at VNPS, we wish her all the best in her new role for the remainder of the year.

Welcome

I would like to welcome to Villawood North PS Miss Jasmine Tran and Ms Leanne Kostovska.

Ms Tran has been working at VNPS since the start of Term 3 and has been orientated in the teaching and learning programs that are implemented across the Year 2 and Year 3 curriculum. She brings with her enthusiasm and a love for learning, and has transitioned well into the role of classroom teacher. Ms Tran will be working with the students of C2/3 for the remainder of the year.

Ms Kostovska comes to us from Chester Hill North PS with knowledge and expertise working with Stage 2 outcomes. Ms Kostovska was highly recommended for the B3/4 classroom teacher position, replacing Mrs Busuttill, and has worked closely with Mrs Hanna to ensure B3/4 have a smooth transition between teachers. Her calm and supportive approach to our students has been warmly welcomed. Ms Kostovska will be working with the students of B3/4 for the remainder of the year.

Outdoor Learning Space

Our outdoor learning space has finally been completed! It is a wonderful space for all classes to access for outdoor learning and a great spot for eating lunch. I would like to thank the Local Schools Community Fund supported by the Australian Government's commitment to education by providing a contribution to schools for small scale projects. VNPS received \$20,000 to assist in funding this project.



Playground Markings

This week we are having our asphalt transformed! We have engaged a company to paint vibrant colourful games on our asphalt area, giving our students fun activities to play during break times. These paintings will also support K-2 learning, providing opportunities for students engage in mathematics and literacy activities outdoors. We will have photos for you soon.

Principal's Report Continued

Keeping Safe Online

Staying connected online is important for our children, especially now while we have friends and family that we are isolated from. It is important as parents and carers we keep a close eye on what our children are accessing online. Many of our students are using apps and online games to maintain social interactions, and some of these apps or games can leave our children vulnerable.

Below is a list of common apps or games accessed by our students and the age recommendations. It is recommended all parents and carers check the security settings if your child is using any of these.

- Tik Tok – 12+ years
- House Party – 12+ years
- Snapchat – 12+ years
- Roblox – 12+ years
- Fortnite – 12+ years

We teach our students to report any unkind comments or attempted contacts from strangers made online to their parent or carer, and to seek adult assistance to resolve the issue. To support you as the parent or carer, the eSafety Commission has provided information and resources to help you with scenarios like this at home. I recommend all our families use this resource to support your child with their online interactions: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

School Security

Over the holiday break Mr Whyburn and our cleaners will be at school, however if you notice any suspicious movement in or around the school please contact School Safety & Security 1300 880 021 (24 hours).

Enjoy the two weeks of school holidays and I look forward to seeing our students return on Monday 12th October.

Mrs Bentley
Principal



Early Action for Success

Effective communication is a skill our students continue to develop throughout all stages of primary schooling. Being able to take in information, respond to instructions and share thoughts and opinions are skills that are explicitly taught at Villawood North Public School. The Department of Education has shared eight ideas for parents and carers to develop the skills of talking and listening at home.

1. Avoid interrupting your child when they're talking and listen carefully to what they have to say.
2. Use everyday opportunities to talk with and listen to your child as they share things that are of interest or importance to them.
3. Show your child you are interested in what they are saying when they are speaking by giving nods, smiles, sounds, supportive words and gestures. The positive feedback helps reinforce to them that what they say is important and worthwhile.
4. If your child has trouble remembering things said to them, it's a good idea to encourage them to repeat in their mind what has been said, then retell it in their own words. Making notes can help if they have to do a task.
5. If you are planning something such as a party or an outing, try having a brainstorming session with your child. You can do this just by listening and sharing ideas or by writing them down together.
6. Discuss common dates on a family calendar, such as public holidays, and have your child mark in important events.
7. From the calendar, talk about days, months and years in relation to events such as birthdays and other special occasions.
8. When walking or travelling together, talk about street names and the meaning of signs, etc. You could discuss anything known about names and signs encountered (e.g. give an explanation about how street names may have come about).

Ms McLaren
Instructional Leader

Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to the students who have received a Golden Ticket this term. These students have been nominated by their teachers for demonstrating consistent, outstanding behaviour. These students received a Golden Ticket and a certificate. They also received twenty-five Villaward points to trade at the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Shop. The PBL shop reopened in Week 8!

Term 3 Week 10 Winners	
Hussein D5/6	Melefatai H1/2
Linh H5/6	Salina G1/2
Ivy O5/6	Ofa K1/2
Sela H3/4	Zain NK
Melaine B3/4	Hunter TSK
Noor C2/3	



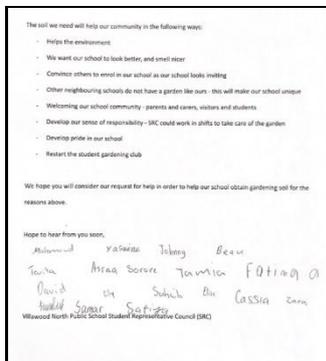
Congratulations to our winners!

SRC Report

It has been an exciting term for the Student Representative Council (SRC) as we were able to hold our first official meetings of the year. In our first meeting, we developed our constitution (a document showing how our SRC is run) which includes how we vote, our roles (treasurer, chairperson and reporters) and how we represent the student body at our school.

This term, we were able to hold our first whole school event - Pyjama Day - with funds going towards school resources. We raised over \$177! The SRC enjoyed seeing students and teachers in their pyjamas.

The SRC have written a letter to the mayor asking for soil in order to improve the entrance at the back gate.



Sundus and Zara

SRC Reporters

Celebrating Student Success

It has been wonderful having the opportunity to go into different classrooms and read with students. During a reading lesson we will look through the book first to see if we can predict what may happen in the text based on the pictures. We discuss some of the tricky words that we may come across and decide what we are going to do when we get to a word that we don't know.

Tamia-De, Fatimah and Noor enjoyed reading a text about a family that is having trouble getting started on their camping trip. The girls have been reading to me each day and are becoming more confident and successful readers.

It has also been really exciting to hear these students talk about their reading goals and take such pride in their progress.

Well done girls and keep up the amazing effort!!

Miss Kinloch



Early Stage One News

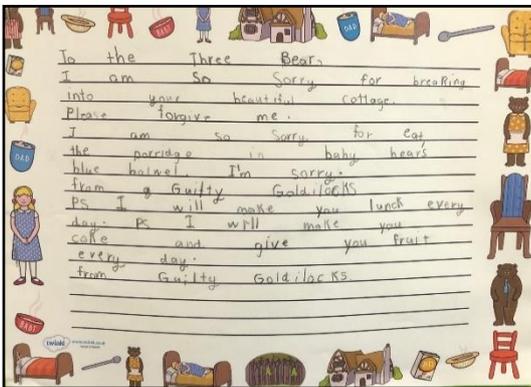
On 8th September, Kindergarten students participated in a variety of physical activities hosted by Sports in Schools Australia (SISA). The activities were designed to develop gross motor skills, to encourage students to cooperate and to promote collaboration as they had to work together to complete tasks. The students had a great time engaging in the different activities and enjoyed strengthening their relationships with their peers.



Stage One News

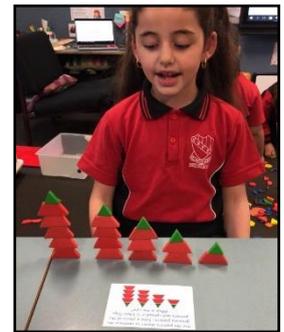
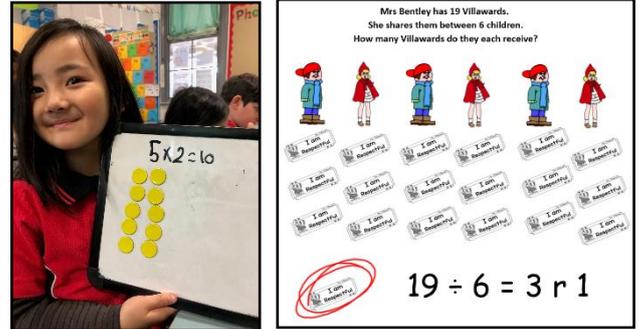
Stage One has had an incredibly busy and exciting term. We dived into the world of fairy tales to develop our speaking and listening skills, as well as improve our writing skills. Stage One students also learned about multiplication and division, fractions and patterns. We further explored the seasons of the year, types of weather, mapping our local area and improved our social skills through drama.

Stage One students have worked really hard on using adjectives and similes in their writing this term. We have studied the use of interesting vocabulary and exciting verbs and how our word choices can make our writing more engaging for our readers. Persuasive letters, imaginative retells and informative descriptions were planned, drafted, edited, revised and published to perfection!

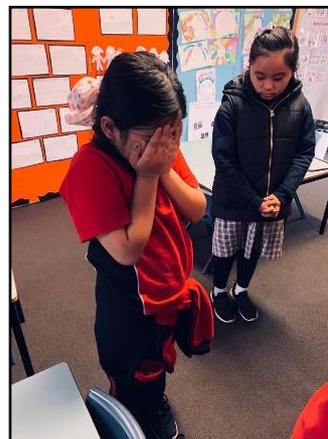


During maths lessons, we have been working hard on developing our multiplication and division skills. Stage One children especially enjoyed solving tricky word problems and even helped Mrs Bentley solve a mind-boggling Villaward challenge!

Sweaty brains were also activated when finding the rule of growing patterns. Just look at us go!



In order to improve our drama skills and develop positive relationships with our peers, we have been working on solving problems in the classroom and on the playground through role play. We are safe, respectful learners who can invite peers to play with us, use breathing and counting strategies to calm down and bounce back by saying no.



As active kids, we had a fantastic day showcasing our athletic skills with the coaches from Sports in Schools Australia. We have been developing lots of track and field skills, such as throwing, catching, running, jumping and participating in relays.

See you after the holiday for another exciting term!

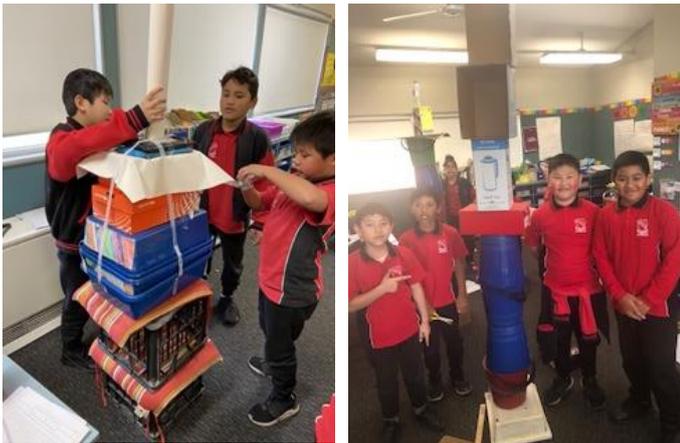
Stage One Team

Stage Two News

Stage Two has had an incredibly busy and exciting Term 3. Last week we had our athletics carnival. Students were extremely competitive and ran to the best of their ability. It was a beautiful sunny day and students thoroughly enjoyed the track and field events.



Our favourite maths lesson this term was building towers using items that can be recycled. Students were placed into groups and had to work collaboratively in teams to build a tower. We then measured the length of each tower to find out which team had built the tallest tower. Students were extremely competitive and enjoyed the hands-on challenge.



In Science this term, students have been learning about earth and what it is made of. In small groups, students examined samples of soil, sand and mulch using a magnifying glass. Students then recorded observations about what each sample felt like and looked like. We have also learnt about erosion and looked at the effects erosion has had on some of our natural Australian landmarks e.g. Wave Rock, The Pinnacles, The Three Sisters and The Twelve Apostles.



Stage two have thoroughly enjoyed their learning this term. Please ask them to share their learning with you.

Stage Two Team

Stage Three News

It has been nice to have students settled in back at school for most of Term 3. In Stage 3 this term we have been very busy in all of our learning areas. For music term we have been studying African drumming and as a part of this unit, students created their own bongo drums! All of the students really enjoyed this experience.

In Geography, we have been learning about bushfires and students have researched about well-known Australian bushfires, including the Black Summer fires that we recently experienced.

This term has also seen our debating team participate in three debates against other schools in our zone. The team did an amazing job at debating topics such as "Students should be allowed to bring mobile phones to school." We have also held a public speaking competition this term, with 2 students from each class progressing to the Stage finals, which will be held on Monday 14th September. Good luck to Cassia, Ali, David, Kylan, Ivy and Johnny. The winner of this stage of the competition will progress to the Zone finals.

Stage Three Teachers



Athletics Carnival and K-2 Fun Day

Finally on Tuesday 8th September, we had a beautiful sunny day for our annual athletics carnival and K-2 Fun Day! Years 3-6 students enjoyed the carnival at Make Peace Oval, with students participating in a variety of events including long jump and shot put, as well as the track events. We witnessed some very fast races, with many students achieving outstanding results.

K-2 also had an excellent time with their fun day activities. All of the students were very engaged and excited by the different activities that were provided by Sport in Schools and they didn't want the time to end!

Mrs Hewitt
Sports Coordinator

