



# Villawood North Public School

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## Monthly Newsletter– June 2013

### Principals Report– School Success

#### Inspirational Speaker

I had the great fortune of listening to Brett Murray speak to years 3 to 6 a few weeks ago. He grew up in Macquarie Fields and had some difficulties as a teenager. However, he decided to not let his past define who he was and embarked on a career of helping others. He discussed issues such as bullying and never giving up in a way that had the children listening to his every word. I am sure that the children were as inspired as I was.

#### New PSSA season starts

The new PSSA season has started with teams from our school competing in basketball, newcombe ball and oz tag. I coached the basketball team in their first game and was impressed with their effort and willingness to learn. I wish all teams the best of luck.

#### Zoo Snooze

ANSARDA are again donating money to help pay for the stage 2 sleep over excursion to the zoo. I am sure that the children are really looking forward to seeing the animals in the evening when they become more active. I would like to thank ANSARDA for their generosity.

#### P & C Update

At the last P and C meeting it was decided that the canteen would be tendered. This will take a bit of time to organise and will require some parents to sit on a panel to look at all applications. When the panel has met and created the criteria we will advertise for tenders. The successful tender will then be given a licence to run our school canteen.

The P and C also decided to hold a disco on Thursday 26th June. It will be a multi-day with a gold coin donation being the entry fee to the disco. Kindergarten to year 2 will have a lunch disco and the year 3-6 will be in the afternoon finishing at 3pm. All money raised will go to the P and C.

Regards  
Garrett Nelson  
Principal

June 2014

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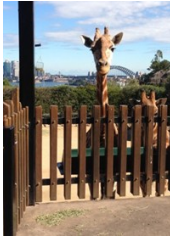
#### Dates to Remember

- 9th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 16th Stage 3 Excursion Australian Museum
- 19th-20th Zoo Snooze
- 24th P&C Meeting
- 24th–25th Parent Interviews
- 25th Kindy Camouflage presentation 2pm
- 27th Last day of Term 2
- 14th July First Day of Term 3

### Early Stage One (Kindergarten)

Wow! How quickly is this term passing by? Kindergarten students have been working very hard and are also having lots of fun learning lots of new things.

A couple of weeks ago most of the students visited Sydney Taronga Zoo. We travelled by bus and it was a long, exciting drive. We were very fortunate to have such beautiful weather and we saw so many amazing animals. We particularly enjoyed looking at the zebras, giraffes and the elephants. Do you know we have been learning about the chameleon in class as part of our camouflage unit and we were a little sad that we didn't see one at the zoo. Although seeing the other great animals made us happy again! Look at some of the exciting photos our wonderful teachers took and see if you can spot and name the animals.



We will be having a special day to celebrate all the fantastic work the children have done this term about the chameleon and camouflage. If you would like to visit our kindergarten classrooms to see this wonderful work you may. We would also like to invite you to come along to our open classrooms on Wednesday 25th June 2014 from 2.00-2.45pm to celebrate success and share a special moment with your child. You will also receive an invitation to this special event in the coming weeks.

Take care until next time,

Mrs Masri and Ms McLaren

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### Stage One (Years 1 and 2)

During term 2, stage one has been enjoying their science unit of living and non-living things. Each class is growing beans and also watching the life cycle of Aqua Dragons. Children have been engaged with living things and are enjoying watching the growth of both the beans and plants.

Stage 1 has also been developing their skills in skipping during fitness most mornings as well as dance routines on Friday mornings. Promoting healthy lifestyles is a focus in PD/H/PE at the moment and through the fitness and dance, teachers have seen students settling quicker at the start of class time.

Our book focus in English this term is Where The Wild Things Are. Children are enjoying the unit and will also have the opportunity to watch the movie in class at the end of term. As the film is rated PG a note will be going home soon to gain permission for children to be able to watch it at school.



## Stage Two (Years 3 and 4)

NAPLAN- National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

During week 3 all students across the country from Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 sat the NAPLAN testing. This was a 3 day process where students completed tests in language conventions ( spelling and grammar), writing, reading, comprehension and Numeracy.

All test papers have been sent to the marking centre where they will be marked by computer, except for the writing which will be marked by trained teachers.

Parents can expect to receive their child's results around September ( Term 3 ).

If you would like any help understanding the results and information that will be sent to you, please feel free to approach your child's classroom teacher.

Miss Kinloch

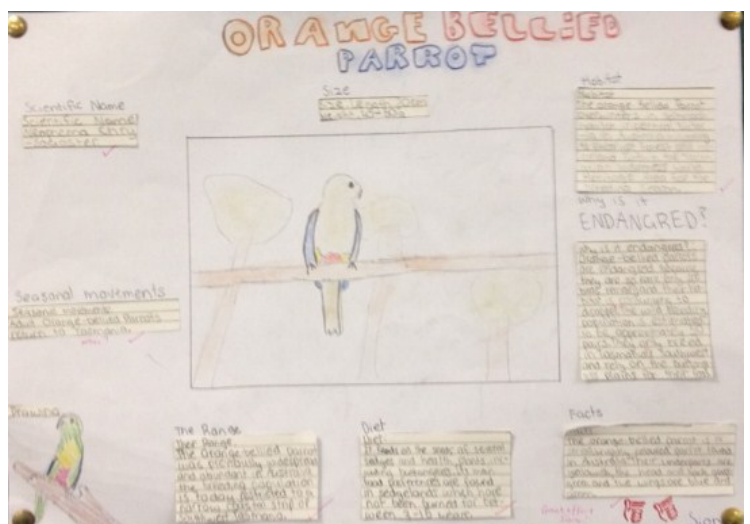
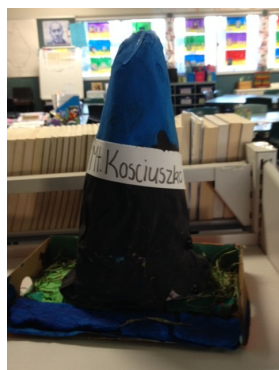


## Stage Three (Years 5 and 6)

Term Two is well and truly under way and Stage Three has been working very hard. We are all enjoying our focus novel Dot and the Kangaroo. It is about a little girl lost in the Australian bush who befriends a kangaroo. The kangaroo tries to help her find her way home but not before the two of them experience many adventures together. An underlying theme throughout the book is the need for the preservation of Australian native animals. We are amazed that a book written in 1899 is still well and truly relevant in 2014. We have been doing a lot of research into endangered native Australian animals and can't believe how many there are.

In Science we are investigating Australia as an ancient land. It involves looking at geological Australia. We researched well known Australian rocks and built a model of our rock. We worked really hard at replicating our researched rock and had lots of fun. To consolidate the unit, an excursion to the Australian Museum has been organized for the 16th June. We will tour the museum, visit the T Rex exhibition and have a hands on lesson conducted by museum staff. It will be so much fun. We can't wait!!

Mrs Oliveri





## Cyber-smart Outreach Presentation by ACMA

On Wednesday 7th May we had the pleasure of Mira Danon-Baird from ACMA come and speak to all the children in years 3-6 and the teachers on the topic of staying safe on the Internet.

The presentation covered topics including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

We also had a parent presentation scheduled that night but due to only 3 parents attending we had to cancel the presentation, which was a shame. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents that did come up that night and as promised here is the link to more information for any parent that wishes to learn more about how to keep their children safe online.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/Educate%20yourself/Parents%20guide%20to%20online%20safety.aspx>

Inserted into your newsletter you will also find a Parents guide to online safety pamphlet, spare copies and translations are available from the front office.

Mrs Jugovac  
VNPS Computer Coordinator

## Computer News

During Term 1, Stages 1-3 have been learning about staying safe online. Part of the cyber smart program the students were involved in learning about the golden rules of staying safe. Many of the students produced fantastic posters highlighting the main rules of cyber safety using Microsoft Publisher.

Mrs Jugovac  
Computer Coordinator



## Zone Cross Country

On the 20th of May, 36 of our talented students represented Villawood North Public School at the Landsdown Zone Cross Country. The event was held at Adams Park Canley Vale and it was a very difficult course. All of the students ran extremely well and should be proud of their efforts. A special mention to Angelina, Shantyl and Malak who all made regional which is on the 12th of June.

