



Villawood North Public School

Nurturing, Innovative and Dedicated

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Monthly Newsletter– July 2015

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Public holidays School holidays

Start of school term for students

School development days*

Dates to Remember

10th August Opera –Whole school Incursion
14th August K-2 Athletics Carnival
18th August Stage 1 Excursion

Principals Report– School Success

Great things are happening at VNPS

Villawood North Public School benefits greatly from additional funding and education programs. One of the largest sources of funding comes from our RAM (Resource Allocation Model) funding which is based on student need. This was proposed by a report written by David Gonski, who visited VNPS and asked Mr Chong Sun for information, and relies heavily on both State and Federal funding.

This funding allows the school to:

- Increase the number of classes from 11 to 12, allowing smaller student numbers in a class
- Employ additional teachers to support learning in stage 2 and 3
- Run Professional Learning projects for teachers to access new research and teaching strategies
- Buy new equipment and school signs (coming soon)

Of course this doesn't change a school without a committed staff. Having been at VNPS for 14 years I have always seen staff striving to improve student outcomes. However, I have never seen the level of commitment to professional development and change that currently exists. Thank you teachers for making VNPS such an exciting place to come each day.

Selective High School success

Congratulations to the three students who were offered a place at a selective High School. It was a magnificent effort by Grace, Angelina and Minh-thy. I also understand that another student is on a reserve list.

Each year a consistent number of students from Villawood North Public School are offered places, which is fantastic for a school our size.

Thankyou

I would like to say thank you to Ms Faye for doing such a good job relieving as principal recently. I know she enjoyed the support of the school community.

Regards
Garrett Nelson
Principal
Villawood North Public School

Early Stage One (Kindergarten)

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing break and are looking forward to a busy term. Kindergarten students will be learning about animals that camouflage this term in our unit of work, *What Colour is Camouflage?* Students enjoyed an excursion to Taronga Zoo, sponsored by ANSARADA, where we experienced animals camouflaging in their enclosures. We learnt that animals use camouflage for different reasons and each animal camouflages in a different way. We thank ANSARADA for sponsoring the excursion and providing us with an opportunity to visit the animals we will be learning about this term. Thank you also to the parents who attended the excursion. The students really enjoyed sharing their zoo experience with you.

Kindergarten students have started preparing for the end of year performance. This year Villawood North Public School will be putting on a production of Aladdin. Students in MK will be working with Mrs Glissan on Monday afternoons while students in EK will be working with Ms Fayle and Mrs Tran. Each class will choreograph and perform a dance for this annual production.

Homework has commenced for the term and will continue until the end of Week 9. The Infants Athletics carnival will be held on Friday, the 14th of August. Students compete in a 100-metre run and participate in a variety of skill-based games. It is a wonderful day enjoyed by all!



Stage One (Years 1 and 2)

Stage 1 classes have some really engaging units of work planned for this term.

In Science and Technology we are learning about Products. In Human Society and Its' Environment (HSIE) we are investigating Transport.

During Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE) lessons, we are focussing on athletics and fundamental ball skills. The students will also continue their learning using the Friendly Schools Plus program. This program works on developing social, emotional and interpersonal skills.

Our English unit is one called Belonging.

Our Creative and Practical Arts program, titled The Animal in Me offers students opportunities to learn about and create portraits. As part of this unit, we are planning an excursion to the **Art Gallery of New South Wales**.

The Archibald Prize Exhibition is currently on display. We will be attending this exhibition to view the broad variety of high quality portraits. We are extremely excited to be able to offer your children the opportunity to visit the art gallery. As soon as we have finalised this excursion, you will be sent home the details including the date, cost and the permission note.

We look forward to this excursion with much excitement.

Another date to put into your diary is the **K-2 Athletics Carnival**. This will be held on Friday the 14th of August on our school oval, beginning at 9.00am and finishing at approximately 11.15am. Please come along and support your child/children by cheering them on. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great term, Ms Fayle

Stage Two (Years 3 and 4)

The Witches

A spell was cast over Villawood North on Open Day when the Stage 2 teachers all turned into witches !! When the students entered the classroom they discovered it had been turned into a dark, mysterious place.

Students had a chance to do some creepy, scary activities. We dressed each other up as mummies, put our hands in disgusting mystery boxes, play egg roulette and much, much more.

It was a great afternoon, especially since we had so many parents and family members join us and help with the afternoon. Thank you !!!

Stage 2 Teachers



Stage Three (Years 5 and 6)

Welcome back to the new term! Hope you all had a great break and are ready for all the exciting activities planned for the stage. It is sure to be a busy one!

We start the term with our excursion to the Powerhouse Museum scheduled for Week Four. This will facilitate our study of Earth and Space in Science and Technology. It will be very beneficial for students, so I do encourage their attendance.

In Week Five we have Opera Australia visiting with a wonderful performance of the well-known fairy tale, Cinderella. Another great experience on offer!

During Week Six, a special experience for a select group of students to visit the NSW Art Gallery has been organised. This will be free to students who have indicated an appreciation in art.

Finally, at the end of term our much loved Multicultural Day will take place. Each year this day has grown and we look forward to sharing all our wonderful cultures (and yummy food) with one another.

Mrs Olivieri

Sports Wrap

VNPS Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday the 21st July, we held our annual Athletics Carnival at Make Peace Oval. It was a beautiful day for our track and field events. The day was a success, with the students participating in the majority of events and trying their best for their house colour. The key event was the Teachers Race with Pauliasi and Madison from O6 to encourage and motivate the teachers. It was a very close heat with Pauliasi leading the race, Mr Yoya next, then Mr Geddes and Mr Dimian, with Madison on their toes. Well done teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers that assisted on the day, as well as our parent helpers Mrs Al Zeit, Miss Al Zeit and Mr Sutherland. We could not run a successful event without the help of everyone.

House Colour Tally:

- Koalas 338
- Rosellas 353
- Waratahs 394
- Kookaburras 415

Well done Kookaburras!

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held in a couple of weeks on the 27th August, students that qualify will be notified.

Regards



What has been happening at VNPS?

We are now a Sporting School

Starting in Week 3 this term, VNPS will start an exciting six week fitness program in coordination with Bring It On Sports at no cost to the students. The Government Incentive called Sporting Schools has made this possible to our school. VNPS is now a Sporting School and will receive coaching on T/Ball or Softball (depending on stage) from experienced staff from Bring it On Sports every Thursday or Friday for the period of six weeks under the supervision of their classroom teacher.

We are very eager to get this program running smoothly, the students will be reminded that they have fitness on those days and it would be beneficial if they wore the correct footwear for fitness on those days.

A little about the program:

What is SPORTING SCHOOLS?

Sporting Schools is a national programme available to all Australian primary schools.

It will engage *more* children in *more* sport based activity within schools and then convert their interest into club based settings.

It will help children foster a lifelong interest in sport, gain a healthier mind and body, have fun and learn sport activities and games in a safe environment.

Funding is available to schools to engage quality coaches to deliver the sporting programmes developed by the partners of Sporting Schools. These activities can be delivered to children before, during and after school.

PLAYING FOR LIFE?

The *Playing for Life* philosophy is all about getting children excited, having fun and engaged in sport.

Based on the Game Sense approach, its objective is to develop in school-aged children a love of physical activity that will encourage them to play for life. All activities are game-based and generate a safe, inclusive and challenging environment, which helps children develop skills while having fun.

Each session is designed so that the games progressively introduce and develop new skills.

If you have any further questions about the program please see Mrs Malvicino or go on the web site

<https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/>

Thanks for your support.

Mrs Marcela Malvicino



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Education Week

Education week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools. On Thursday 30/7/15 we invited parents in to our classroom to celebrate what we have accomplished so far this year. Thank you to all of our wonderful families who came along and shared a picnic lunch with your children and visited us in our classrooms. The children loved sharing this experience with you and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Kindergarten



Years 1 and 2



Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6





Super Hero Day

Thank you to every one who became a Superhero for a day and helped to raise funds for Bear Cottage, NSW's only children's hospice. Your kind donations have helped Bear cottage to continue providing support, respite and end-of-life care for beautiful kids with life-limiting illnesses.



Our Superhero Week Fundraiser Details:

Just like Superheroes, Bear Cottage is there for children and families who need them the most.

DONATE and show your support to Bear Cottage.

Get involved with Superhero Week and help support Bear Cottage, the only children's hospice in NSW.

 The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network
care, advocacy, research, education

**ALL CHILDREN NEED HEROES
SOME NEED
SUPERHEROES**



Superhero Week 20-24 July 2015
www.superheroweek.com



Important Messages



Gillawarna Festival of Performing Arts



Many Children Many Lands

ON SALE NOW!

**Monday, 7th September
&
Tuesday, 8th September 2015**

Bankstown Sports Club

From 7pm