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Together We Live

Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4 and the exciting opportunities that lay ahead. The term has started wonderfully with Swim Scheme being a success, engaging with our new students for 2019 during Kindergarten Orientation and rehearsals are in full swing for the end of year performance. Our teachers are analysing work samples and collecting data to inform student reports which will be sent home on Friday 14th December.

End of Year Expectations

Students in Year 6 are coming to the end of their primary school career. This is a time when all Year 6 students look forward to a number of special privileges including the Year 6 Farewell.

Over the coming term Year 5 students will be considered for many of the student leadership roles within the school, including school captains and vice-captains. Therefore, they need to ensure that their attitude and behaviour sets a model for all other students in the school.

We believe it is important that the last experiences in primary school for all Year 6 students should be positive ones. We also believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that no individual or group should spoil this important time for others.

Consequently, I have set out below the expectations of behaviour by students over this term. Students will demonstrate:

Respect for our school, fellow students, members of the school staff and visitors to the school and will treat others as they would like to be treated;

Responsibility by being on time and prepared to learn and by managing their own behaviours and belongings;

Relationships where they work together positively and ask for help when needed;

Persistence in completing all set work in an efficient and quality manner;

Pride in representing the school in a manner that brings credit to oneself and the school. This includes the wearing of appropriate school uniform.

Compliance with these core values will ensure that everyone will finish the term happily and successfully.

It is important that all students and their parents understand that failure to comply with these expectations will result in disciplinary action. This action could include, (but is not limited to) detention, suspension from school and the withdrawal of a student's invitation to participate in one or more of the end of year activities. All these activities are privileges.

Parent Concerns

A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns follows.

Occasionally parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school to:

- discuss the progress or welfare of your own child
- express concern about actions of other students
- enquire about school policy or practice
- express concern about actions of staff members.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

Parents can:

- directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone, through Dojo or Seesaw or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues
- for more serious concerns, contact the office, state the nature of your concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with the appropriate staff member
- contact the principal for other problems.

Principal's Message

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the 'Enclosed Lands Act' to:

- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal seek further legal avenues.

I am more than happy to talk to you about your concerns but I strongly encourage you to talk to your child's teacher first. Quite often your child's teacher can answer your questions, particularly in relation to academic progress, behaviour or extracurricular activities.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher, you can make an appointment either by phoning the school and asking the teacher to call you back or writing a brief note requesting a meeting date and time. In order for the teacher to be prepared for meeting with you it is important to indicate the subject of your concern. This allows the teacher to be prepared for the meeting and assists you to have some resolution. In some cases you may not be able to speak to your child's teacher and you may ask to speak to your child's Stage Supervisor. Our Assistant Principals supervise Stage teams as follows:

Year Group	Stage Supervisor
Kindergarten	Miss Kinloch
Year 1 & 2	Mr Green
Year 3 & 4	Ms Fayle
Year 5 & 6	Mrs Olivieri

2019

As part of our annual planning process, we need to ascertain the number of children who will be enrolled at Villawood North PS in 2019 (except Year 6). Enrolment numbers need to include all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 who are presently enrolled and will be returning next year and all new enrolments for 2019.

To assist us with this task parents are asked to notify us now if they know their child/children will not be attending Villawood North PS in 2019. If you are aware of any families who wish to enrol their children at Villawood North PS next year, please ask them to contact the school on 9724 1423 as soon as possible.

Selective High School Applications for 2020

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2020 opened on 9 October 2018 and will close on 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted so principals are asked to remind parents about the closing date.

Parents apply through the High Performing Students Team website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The online application link is available from this website from 9 October 2018 until 12 November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted so principals are asked to advise parents about the closing date.

Mrs Bentley

Relieving Principal

SRC News

Villawood North's SRC meet every second week and discuss issues that are of importance to them and the school. This term the SRC wanted to raise money for children and teenagers living with cancer through a mufti and bandana day. Bandana Day took place on Friday 26th October and it is with great pleasure that I inform you that we raised \$926.50 for CanTeen, the Australian organisation or young people living with cancer.



We should all be very proud of our efforts! Well done! Thank you!

Mrs Olivieri



Term 4 Calendar



Week 5

Monday 12th November Swim Scheme 	Wednesday 14th November Kindergarten Orientation 
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Week 6

Monday 19th November Swim Scheme 	Tuesday 20th November Year 5 Taster Day at Chester Hill H.S 	Wednesday 21st November Parent Café 	Sports Gala Day 
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Week 8

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th December Dental Van 	Wednesday 5th December Parent Café 
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Week 9

Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December End of year evening performances 	Thursday 13th December K-2 Fun Day at school 	Thursday 13th December 3-6 Picnic Day at Fairfield Leisure Centre 
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Week 10

Monday 17th December Presentation Day 	Tuesday 18th December Year 6 Farewell 	Wednesday 19th December Final Year 6 Assembly 	Wednesday 19th December Parent Cafe 
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Early Stage One

Kindergarten have been involved in lots of exciting learning experiences!

This term in Science, students are learning all about the weather. Kinder have enjoyed investigating the different seasons and recording the daily weather. Students will also be involved in many hands on tasks including making their own kites and wind testers.

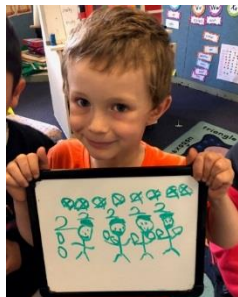
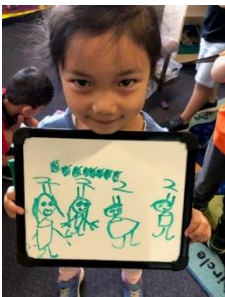
Students are enjoying maths time, where they have been learning how to share objects to solve problems like, "If 8 marbles are shared between 4 friends, how many does each friend get?" Students have learnt how to record their sharing by using pictures and numerals. Take a look at some of their fantastic drawings below!

Miss Nong and Miss Iskander are busily teaching our students dance routines to be performed at our school's end of year production of 'Peter Pan'. We have some fantastic dancers in Kinder who can't wait to show you their moves. Stay tuned!

Kindergarten continue to bring a smile each day to school, ready to learn and try their best.

We thank you for your continued support.

Kindergarten Teachers.



Kindergarten Orientation

We have now had our first 2 Kindergarten Orientation days. The first was an information session for parents on how to prepare their children for school. Our school captain Ellyse and 2 of our current Kinders Majed and Marywin did a fantastic job presenting to the parents.

It has been an exciting time for the teachers getting to know our new students and they have shown they are ready for big school!

It is not too late to enrol a child for 2019 and have them participate in the final 2 sessions.

We look forward to all the wonderful things Kindy will do next year!

Miss Kinloch

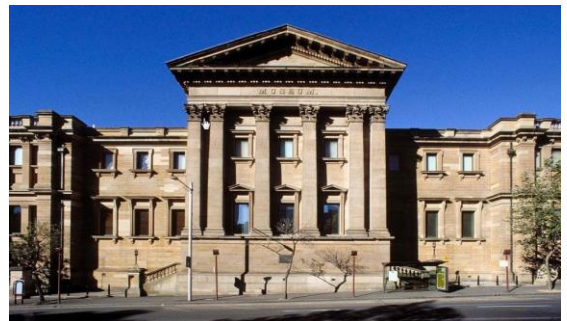
Stage One

This term Stage 1 went on a wonderful excursion to the Australian Museum. We have been learning all about dinosaurs, their habitats and what caused their extinction.

At the museum, we did a T. Rex autopsy and explored how the 65 million year-old-beast lived and its cause of death. Stage 1 saw Stegosaurus, Eoraptor and the bird-like Bambiraptor skeletons. We even walked beneath the incredible Jobaria - a 22 metre long sauropod. Students also watched a recreated scene from Australia's ancient past telling the story of a deadly encounter between a small herbivorous dinosaur and two hungry carnivores.

Thank you Miss Lim for organising this great excursion!

Mr Green



Helping children with long term illnesses

On Saturday, I went the hairdresser to have my hair cut. However, this trip to the hairdresser was a very special one because I donated my hair to Variety, the Children's Charity. The hair that I grew and had cut will be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair from a long-term medical condition. I was excited to help children in need and am very proud of myself. If you would like to donate your hair to children in need, you can find out more information by visiting the Variety website:

www.variety.org.au/get-involved/hair-donation/

Ally Hamilton, H2



Stage Two

Where is this school term disappearing to? It is already Week 4. Stage 2 are reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl for our Literacy unit. It is a novel about an old couple who are just the meanest people...ever. The only time Mr and Mrs Twit are NOT miserable is when they are playing practical jokes on each other. Horrid, dreadful practical jokes! The students are really enjoying getting to know the characters Mr and Mrs Twit through this book.



Communication and Global Citizenship is our Science unit this term. Students are learning about communication technology and how essential clear and open communication is to our everyday lives and world harmony. Our Library program is linked to this unit for this term and students are discovering a great deal about digital communication such as ebooks.

In Geography our unit, Taking Care of the Earth Together, began with learning about the 17 UNICEF Global Sustainability Goals and the importance of keeping our planet healthy for future generations. Students are investigating how small changes in our lifestyles make a difference to sustaining our world. Recycling and re-using, reducing water and food consumption are all issues we are investigating to take better care of Earth.

I know I'm certainly looking forward to the rest of the term.

Ms Fayle



Stage Three

We are mid way through Term Four and the students of Stage Three are working hard in all Key Learning Areas.

In English, students are examining a book called *My Place*. This book by Nadia Wheatley is a time machine! It flips students back into the past, and they have met other Australian girls and boys who have lots in common with them. The story is centred on a house somewhere in Sydney, and the land around it. It is told by the children who lived there from 1988 back in time to the Dreamtime. As an introduction to the book, students looked at the history of Villawood North Public School. A visit to the library proved to be a treasure trove of old photo albums filled with many photos of students, teachers and activities past and present! O6 were particular interested that reports were hand written in the 'olden days'!

In Science and Technology, students have been examining circuits and putting a working circuit together. Their enthusiasm in this area is very rewarding. I think there might be a few budding electricians among the students of Stage Three evident through the photos capturing this lesson.

As we approach the end of the year, it is important that students remain focussed on their learning. Coming to school on time with all the necessary equipment is vital! Remembering to follow our school rules at all times is also very important.

There will be many activities towards the end of the term so look out for permission notes or visit our newly developed school website.

Mrs Olivieri



Multicultural Day

At the end of last term, Villawood North celebrated our highly anticipated annual Multicultural Day.

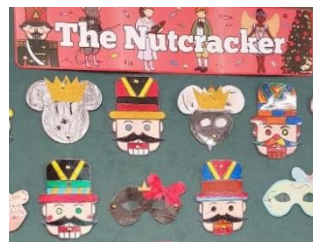
Students enjoyed performances at the Flag Ceremony, tasted food from many different cultures at our Food Festival and travelled around the world with our passports as part of our Country Study rotations.

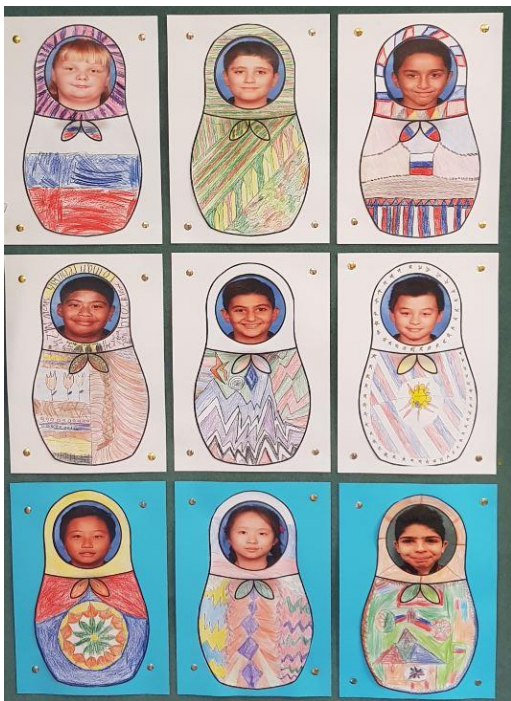
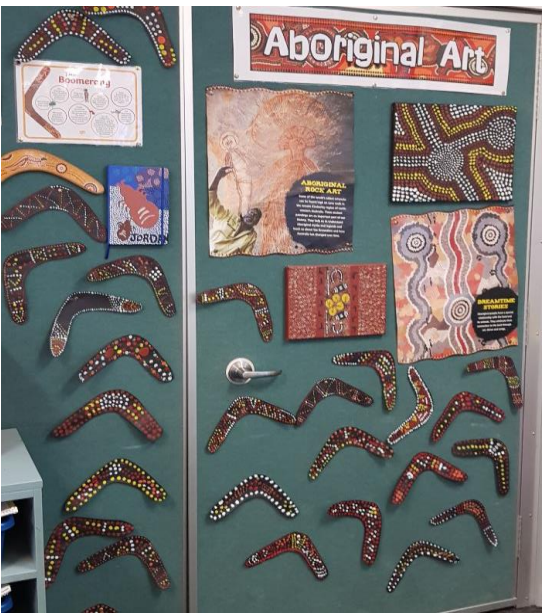
This day cannot happen without the hard work of our wonderful teachers who spent many hours planning, decorating and organising an unforgettable learning experience for our students.

As always, our parent and community's contribution to our Food Festival was amazing! Thank you parents for making this part of the day a success.

Finally, thank you to Miss Nong, Miss Iskander, Miss Dang, Miss Do and Mrs Phan who organised the event this year and to Mr Whyburn for his hard work behind the scenes.

Miss Danh





Understanding language and instructions

Busy Bees SPS Top Tip 4:

- It is important that children can follow spoken directions, as they are a part of our everyday life. We depend on our ability to listen to instructions, process the parts of the instruction and complete the task required.
- This skill is vital for everyday life, success at school and in the community.
- To be able to follow instructions correctly, we need children to also have a strong understanding of concepts.
- Concepts include:
 - Colour and patterns (red, blue, stripes, spots)
 - Shapes (round, square, oval)
 - Size (small, big, little, huge)
 - Spatial/location words (under, front, next to, behind)
 - Time (late, early, afternoon)
 - Sequences/order of events (first, next, last)
 - Characteristics (old, new, shiny)
 - Quantities (few, lots, many)
 - Texture (rough, smooth, bumpy)
- To give instructions to your child, you may need to start with basic, one-step directions using only one of the above features e.g. "Point to the pencil".
- As your child progresses and they can manage more complex directions, you can give instructions like these:
 - Point to the red pencil (add colour concept)
 - Point to the sharp pencil (add characteristic concept)
 - Point to the pencil that is next to the paper (add location concept)
- After this you can make two-step instructions, which we will cover in our next top tip ~~ Stay tuned!

Dania Mohammed

Director & Speech Pathologist

Busy Bees Speech Pathology Services



Community Morning Tea

Each year at Villawood North Public School, we have a number of parent/caregiver volunteers and members from our community who support teachers and students during our sports carnivals, excursions, special events, and help run the uniform shop, school library and special religious education classes.

As a way to thank all the volunteers and helpers this year, we will be holding a community 'Thank You' morning tea on **Thursday, the 6th of December (11:00am-11:30am) in the library.**

The staff and students at VNPS would like to say a special thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have given up their time and energy to support our school this year. Invitations to the morning tea will go out some time this week.

Miss Lim

Special Religious Education Organiser



Hat Blitz

We have been conducting random hat checks at recess and lunch to encourage our students to bring a hat outside during play. This has seen an increase in students wearing their hat and being kept safe from the sun. Please ensure your child has a black school hat (or a black hat with no logo) at school each day.



SRC Trolley Drive

The Fairfield Trolley Drive is an annual event where schools, businesses, clubs and community groups in Fairfield donate food to help the less fortunate during the holiday season.

The SRC would like to participate in this worthwhile cause this year and ask that you help us. We will have some SRC members represent the school at the Trolley Drive on Friday 7th December. We will be collecting donations of canned foods, pasta or any pantry items **between Monday 19th November to Friday 30th November.**

Items to donate

Any type of food that does not require refrigeration and can be left in the pantry is good. Here are some ideas below:



Pasta/ pasta sauce



Canned food:

- Vegetables
- Meat
- Tuna
- Soup



Cereals



Sauces



Long life milk



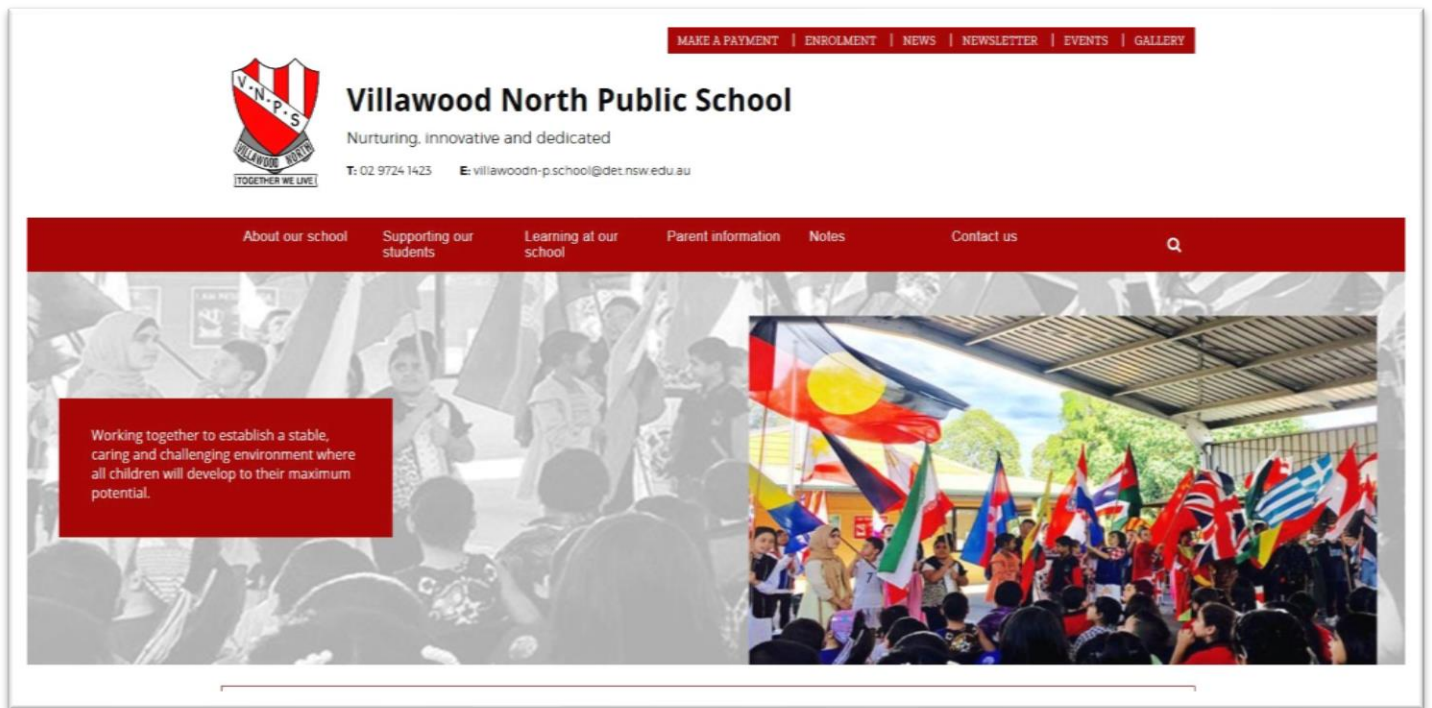
Biscuits

Collection Date: Monday 19th November to Friday 30th November

Collection Point: Give your donation each morning to your class teacher.

A special prize will be given to the class that donates the most food.

Villawood North's new school website



Check out our new website: <https://villawoodn-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

You can now access all current excursion, sport and reminder notes through our school website.

A message from the NSW Health Department

choose **HEALTHY** SNACKS

Healthy snacks are important to help meet children's nutrition needs. Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yoghurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

WHAT IS A HEALTHY SNACK?

✓ **INCLUDE FRESH FOODS & WHOLEGRAIN VARIETIES AS SNACKS**

NSW GOVERNMENT **MAKE HEALTHY NORMAL**

This resource has been developed by Western Sydney Local Health District, published October 2017

Parent Café

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent Cafe last week. It was a great success with parents sharing our success, areas to improve and priorities for funding. Parent Cafe is a wonderful opportunity for our community to engage and learn more about our school.

Our next Parent Café will be held Wednesday 21st November. Our special guest, Senior Constable Mathew Green will speaking to the parents about keeping our children safe.

We hope to see you there.

Mrs Bentley



What could we do better?

- * inviting parents into the classrooms
- * balance of computer's and handwriting / bookwork
- * scripture SRE
- * more translated notes
- * increase parent / school communication - skoolbag / website / twitter
- * safety of Students in playground - upgrade playground

What do we do well?

- * multicultural day
- * rules, information - everything
- * good support
- * Seesaw + dojo
- * Sport - PSSA
- * Etn week - picnic
- * Parent Cafe
- * Meeting the director + police talk
- * speech therapist
- * progressive - keep improvement

Where do you think our school funds should be spent?

- * Playground
- * Toilets
- * Tutoring - After school homework club?
- * Filter - Water
- * Playgroups
- Before * After School Care ✓✓