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Together We Live

Term 3 Week 10 Newsletter

Principal's Report

As we near the end of Term 3 I would like to celebrate some of our successes.

Thank you to all our staff, students and parents that contributed to a successful 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Makepeace Oval. Our mothers on the BBQ raised \$160 selling their sausage sizzle and water bottles. Thank you to Mrs Olivieri and Mrs Ngo for organising the carnival and sausage sizzle. Congratulations to all the students that represented Villawood North PS at the Zone Athletics Carnival, your dedication and participation was greatly admired. Two of our students, Sam Carter and Sarah-Maree were highly successful and were invited to represent our Zone at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Our K-2 students will be engaging in their carnival on Thursday.

I had great pleasure in attending the Gillawarna Festival of Performing Arts and watching our students shine in the dance group and choir. I thank the dedication and talent of our teachers, Ms Vannucci and Mrs Truica who worked with our performers during lunchtime to perform so wonderfully.

Principal for a Day was a great success with Principal Cassia assisting me with Health and Safety, staffing and developing ideas for our playground. Thank you to Mr Whyburn, Mrs Ingram, Mrs Ackaoui, Mrs Lyons and Mrs Nguyen for supporting the program and having the students join in the work.

I am looking forward to our Multicultural Day celebrations with our Flag Ceremony and Food Festival. I hope to see all our families attend and enjoy the celebrations.

Thank you to Warwick Farm PS for donating their unwanted XO's to our K-2 classes. This has enabled our K-2 classes to have access to electronic devices to practice logging in, accessing their student portal and engaging in research using ICT.



I wish everyone a safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th October for the start of Term 4.

Mrs Kristy Bentley

A message from Cassia, our Principal for a Day
Dear parents and carers,
On Thursday 20th September VNPS came to school dressed up as farmers. They were asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise money so the animals on the farm can have food and water. On Wednesday 19th September Villawood North had students that became Principals, General Assistants, Librarians and Office Assistants. On Wednesday 26 September VNPS will be holding Multicultural Day and your parents are allowed to bring food that is cultural.

By: Cassia, Principal for a Day.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 10

Wednesday 26th September
Multicultural Day



Thursday 27th September
K-2 Athletics Carnival 9am – 11am



Friday 28th September
Last day of Term 3



Term 4 Week 1

Monday 15th October
First Day of Term 4



Term 4 Week 2

Monday 22nd October
Swimming Scheme



Wednesday 24th October
Kindergarten Orientation 9.15am – 10.30am



Term 4 Week 3

Monday 29th October
Swimming Scheme



Wednesday 31st October
Kindergarten Orientation 9.15am – 10.30am



Term 4 Week 4

Monday 5th October
Swimming Scheme



Wednesday 7th November
Kindergarten Orientation 9.15am – 10.30am



Golden Ticket Winners

At our whole school assembly this week, we celebrated our four Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Golden Ticket winners. Students being presented with a Golden Ticket are nominated by staff for demonstrating consistent, outstanding behaviour. These outstanding students receive a Golden Ticket and a certificate. They are rewarded with twenty-five Villaward points to trade at our PBL Shop which is open each Thursday.

Congratulations to our current winners:

Lachlyn Belacic IK

Maryam Yossefi L1

ReBerKa Winchar EJ4

Ellyse Tran O6

Congratulations to our winners and we commend you on your positive attitude and behaviour.



Early Stage One

Kindergarten has had a fantastic Term 3 which was full of new learning.

This term in Geography, students learned about the community we live in and the services that are available. Kindergarten created their own community wall. We built a house for our family to live in and built our own shops that sell yummy food, clothing and cool toys.

Everyone in Kindergarten agreed that we **must** have a school because school is important and it helps us with our learning and with making new friends.

Students have attended many council meetings where problems happening in the community were discussed and together the council team came up with solutions to the problems. For example, it was evident that our community was affected by littering. The team discussed ways to solve this problem and some ideas include:

- Fining people who litter. The fine is **\$200!**
- Each family to clean the street for one week.
- Each class to clean the school field and asphalt for one week.

Students and teachers agreed that these ideas were fantastic! It was fun building our community and learning about all the services made available to us!

We wish every family a safe holiday and we look forward to lots of learning in Term Four.

Kindergarten Teachers



Stage One

We have had another exciting term in Stage 1!



We have been reading *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch. The story is about a brave, smart and resilient young Princess called Elizabeth who decided not to marry Prince Ronald. She also managed to trick the fierce dragon.

We created wanted posters and pretended that Elizabeth had been falsely accused of robbing the dragon. We also created a sequel to *The Paper Bag Princess*. There were lots of exciting alternative endings that our students proposed.

We have also been creating dinosaur habitats. Students have been carefully researching and creating fascinating dinosaur dioramas that we will share with students this week. We have been using Google Classroom to share our research with across our stage, and students have been giving each other feedback using Google Docs.

Thank you for your continued support this term the Stage 1 team are so excited for Term 4.

We hope that you have a wonderful and safe holiday.

From the Stage 1 Teachers.



Stage Two

Students are really enjoying our History unit, First Contacts. As part of the unit of work, we recently went on an excursion to Botany Bay.

We learnt about Indigenous life before British settlement of Sydney. We enjoyed a bush walk during which we learnt about bush tucker and some of the natural medicines and products used by Aboriginal people.

Did you know that Aboriginal people used a specific plant to clean their bodies? They used the leaves of the plant to rub between their hands. The leaves, when mixed with water, lathers like soap, producing a natural cleaning product.

The Elders shared their knowledge about which plants were safe to use and which were poisonous. After our walk, students went into the museum to view a model of Captain Cook's ship, the Endeavour. Students then divided into groups to build models of the ship using sticks we collected in the bush.

It was a day full of learning.

Ms Fayle



Stage Three News

Wow! It's almost the end of Term Three!

What a busy term it has been in Stage Three.

Students have been working very hard across all Key Learning Areas.

Earlier in the term, firefighters from Chester Hill Fire Station came to speak to the students about fire safety and the importance of having a fire safety family plan in place. Students listened well and asked many great questions.

In Science and Technology, students have been busy conducting fair tests. A favourite, was investigating the combination of water with tartaric acid and bicarbonate soda. Collaborative group work in such investigations is essential. Students are to be commended in the way in which they worked well together to predict and then test ideas.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding activities for me as a teacher this term was reading recipes written by students in how to create a perfect world. Themes of peace, friendship, love, no war and no bullying were paramount in all the recipes so I feel assured that our future is in safe hands. These recipes will be made into a book, so next time you visit one of the Stage Three classrooms have a look through and read them. They're great!

I wish each and everyone of you a safe holiday and look forward to the final school term for 2018.

Mrs Olivieri





Dental Van

Villawood North Public School is collaborating with Smiles Onsite to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school!

This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), and comes along with the chance to grab some amazing prizes. All students will be given a consent form to bring home so that they can participate, and also so that they can go in the draw to win a prize!

How does it work?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CBDS) grants all eligible parents with \$1000 worth of Medicare towards dental per child, over a two-year period.

Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

Can I make use of this service if I'm not eligible?

Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board their state-of-the-art mobile Clinic. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable.

This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

If you would like your child/children or yourself to participate in our service and have not received a Dental consent form please click on the blue link below and complete the form. This form can be filled out on your computer, smartphone or iPhone.

<https://form.iotform.co/82277503597870>

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on 1800 276 453.



Library News



To celebrate this year's book week theme 'Find Your Treasure' – students engaged in a shared reading activity. Senior students came to visit K-2 classrooms to read each student a wonderful picture book story and complete a fun art activity.

K-2 students also dressed up as pirates and went on a treasure hunt. They solved clues and followed directions to find a treasure box full of GOLD and a wonderful picture book.

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the book fair this year. By purchasing books from the book fair, we were able to receive \$150 worth of free books for our school library.



Hat Blitz

Please ensure your child has a black school hat (or a black hat with no logo) at school each day.



"No hat, play under the COLA."

3-6 Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the Waratahs who are this year's winning house with a total of 692 points!

The Athletics Carnival which took place on Wednesday 29th August showcased the athletic talent of the students of Villawood North. Even though the Waratahs was the winning house, each house competed well in both track and field events and should be commended for their efforts.

Twenty five students represented our school at a zone level on Monday 3rd September. A special mention must be made to Sam (discus) and Sarah-Maree (100m and 200m) who have been successful in being chosen to represent our region later on in the term. We wish them all the best! You make us proud!

Mrs Olivieri



Principal For A Day

Principal for a Day is a student leadership initiative which is now in its' fourth year at our school. Each year, students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to apply for a day of work experience within our school. This year we were able to offer eight student positions; Principal, Office Assistants, General Assistants and Librarians.

The application process involves students receiving the Position Advertisement through their email. Each student must complete a half page job application, providing the reasons why they are the most suitable person for the position.

Students then submit their applications to me via email. All of our staff read the applications and vote on the successful applicants.

This year we had more than forty applications, more than in previous years. I would like to congratulate all the applicants for their applications.

I would like to thank our participating staff for welcoming our students so openly, for sharing their skills and knowledge and for their outstanding level of care and dedication shown to our students. Without our staff who go above and beyond each day, opportunities like this would not be possible.

Ms Fayle



Principal Cassia T (V3/4) Mrs Bentley



Librarians Ivy Q (F3)
Selene N (S5) Zac E (F3)



Office Assistants Mrs Ingram
Tegan D (EJ4) Grace R (V3/4 absent)
Fadia H (D5) Mrs Ackaoui



General Assistants
Mr Whyburn
Ryan D (EJ4) Tamim N (V3/4)

Gillawarna Festival 2018—Icons of Music

Villawood North had 29 students from years 3-6 along with 11 surrounding schools in the area participating in the annual Gillawarna Festival of Performing Arts held at Bankstown Sports Club. This year, the theme was Icons of Music. Our dance group did an outstanding performance called Uptown Funk based on Bruno Mars hit song and choreographed by Mrs Truica. They were the best performance of the show on Tuesday. Well done to the whole dance team!

We also had our fantastic choir group led by Miss Vannucci represent our school at all four performances singing songs from famous icons of music such as Kylie Minogue and ABBA. Our groups presented fantastic items and attributed to a very successful festival this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for all their hard work. Thank you for your dedication and time spent rehearsing during your own lunchtimes all year. I would also like to extend this thanks to both Mrs Truica and Miss Vannucci. Without their commitment to the festival and to our students, organising and rehearsing in their own time, we wouldn't be able to participate. We look forward to seeing our school performing next year, showcasing more wonderful talent by our students from Villawood North. Please enjoy some of our photos from the show.

Mrs. Jugovac

Gillawarna Festival Coordinator





TIP #1 from Busy Bees Speech Pathology Services

A great way to build your child's vocabulary i.e. words they know and use, can be to talk about the groceries you are buying on your shopping trip. Here is a simple activity you can include as part of your routine:

- Talk about the items you need to buy
- Write your shopping list together
- Ask your child choose 3 items they are responsible for finding e.g. carrots, bananas and bread
- When you arrive at the shops, read through the list one more time to highlight the items they need to find.
- As you pass through each aisle and find the things you need to buy, have a chat to describe them
- When they finish their shopping list, have your child make a sentence to talk about their items
- An example of this sentence is "the carrot is a long, hard, orange vegetable.
- Describing words can include size, shape, colour, feel and the group it belongs to.

Busy Bees SPS Top Tip 2: Book and Print Awareness

Looking at books with your child is a great way to build their reading ability and a wonderful way to spend time with your child. It is important to set aside 20 minutes each day to read with your child.

Whilst reading the words on the page is a great start, it is also important to do the following things:

- ✓ Look at the front cover and find the author and illustrator's name. These are the people who wrote the story and drew the pictures. You can explain this to your child by saying "the author wrote the story and the illustrator drew the pictures"
- ✓ Ask your child what they think the book might be about
- ✓ Point to the title of the book as you say it
- ✓ Point to the words as you say them
- ✓ Let them help you turn the page from right to left.
- ✓ Encourage your child to talk about the pictures and repeat the words, phrases and sentences they use.
- ✓ If they say a sentence incorrectly e.g. "the hat is blue for the boy", it is important to model the correct sentence e.g. "the boy has a blue hat".
- ✓ If you don't feel your child can maintain attention for the entire book by reading word for word, it is okay to adjust the story to suit their needs.
- ✓ Try using funny noises and sounds!
- ✓ At the end of the book, ask some questions to emphasise the story and how you both felt about what happened.

Dania Mohammed
Director & Speech Pathologist
Busy Bees Speech Pathology Services

FAMILY FUN DAY

at the New South Wales Parliament
October School Holidays!

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER
10 AM TO 3 PM



**Free fun educational activities
at Australia's oldest Parliament
for children from 4 to 12 years.**

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.



**FREE ENTRY
Activities**

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location

6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

**The public café
will be open.**



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