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Together We Live

Term 3 Week 5 Newsletter

Principal's Report

What a wonderful way to start Term 3 with the celebrations during Education Week. Thank you to the Education Week and PBL committees for all their organisation. I was very proud of H5/6 who performed at Chester Hill HS to open Education Week celebrations. Thank you to all the families that assisted in the celebrations by attending school events or purchasing student portraits.

Supervision at school before 8.30am

This is a gentle reminder to our families that supervision for students starts at 8.30am. No students should be at school before 8.30am. Teachers engage in meetings, classroom preparation and professional learning in the morning and are not available to supervise students in the playground. For the safety of our students, we ask families to support the request to have students start school from 8.30am. There are some exceptions for excursions, which will be communicated to families prior to the event.

Canteen Tender

Made Fresh have serviced our school community for five years and have been a supportive business in our fundraising events. Once a service provider has engaged in a canteen contract for five years, it is expected the school evaluates its options. In consultation with parents, the decision to readvertise the canteen tender was made and has been advertised in The Champion. Made Fresh will have the opportunity to put forward a tender for the new contract. I will keep the community informed as we go through the process.

Instructional Rounds

Last Wednesday we hosted Instructional Rounds which is a whole school approach to evaluating school teaching and learning aligned with our school plan. Our teachers have been focussing on being explicit in teaching and learning, and communicating to students the learning intentions and success criteria. Teachers have engaged in various professional learning this year to ensure the students at Villawood North are receiving the highest quality learning opportunities. We would like to thank the teachers from Mt Pritchard PS, St Johns Park PS, Warwick Farm PS, Fairfield PS and Guildford PS for assisting us in this valuable feedback process.

Parent Forum

I am interested in speaking with our community regarding:

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Student Reports
- New class opportunity for 2020

Please come along Monday 26th August to the school Hall after morning assembly to provide your opinions.

Mobile Phones at School

This is a reminder all mobile phones are to be kept in to the front office while students are at school. For the safety of all students and the device we ask that families and students follow the school rule of storing mobile phones at the office during school hours. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Kristy Bentley

Acting Principal

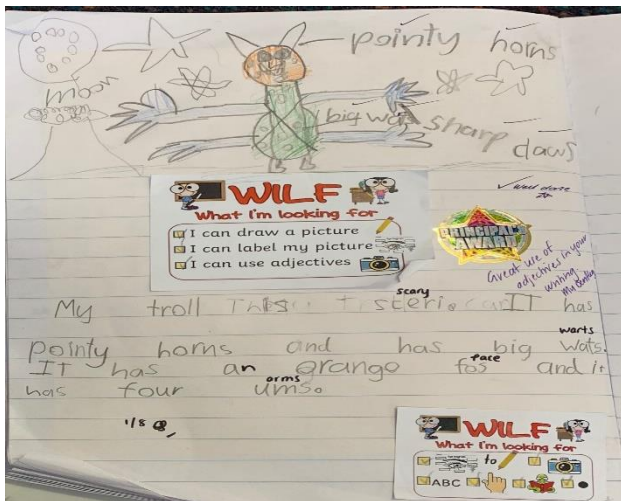
Term 3	Week 5
Tuesday 20th August K-2 Pet Safety Talk Wednesday 21st August Gillawarna Combined choir Rehearsal Book Week Parade 2.20pm Author Visit	
Week 6	
Tuesday 27th August K-6 Athletics Carnival Wednesday 28th August Parent Café – First Aid	
Week 7	
Tuesday 3rd September K-2 Music Incursion Wednesday 4th September SRC Day at CHHS Thursday 5th September Gillawarna Rehearsal	
Week 8	
Monday 9th September Zone Athletics Tuesday 10th September Gillawarna Performance Wednesday 11th September Gillawarna Performance – 3-6 audience Parent Café Friday 13th September Regional Athletics	
Week 10	
Wednesday 25th September Multicultural Day Friday 27th September Last Day of Term 3	

Early Stage One News

This term for Literacy, Kindergarten is listening to many fairy tales. Students are also engaged in writing activities where they use their creativity to complete tasks, such as: designing a building for Rapunzel to escape the tower, or create a troll to scare The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

The focus for writing this semester is to encourage students to write independently. Students are to plan their writing first using pictures and labels. Then, they must learn how to use their plan to help them write. We are so happy to see the progress Kindergarten has made in writing!

Miss Nong



Our favourite maths lesson this term was making metre monsters, which we used to compare and measure items around our school. Each metre monster was one metre in length and we found items that were less than a metre, more than a metre and one metre. We made estimates before measuring and talked about how to measure the length of an item accurately. If you need help measuring anything, be sure to ask anyone in Stage One to help you out!

Stage One especially enjoyed opening our classrooms for our parents to join in with our learning and we loved sharing the picnic with our families, too.



Stage One News

Stage One has had an incredibly busy and exciting start to Term 3. We have delved into the world of *The Gruffalo*, made metre monsters and celebrated Education Week and Science Week.

The Gruffalo is an imaginative story written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Stage One children have acted out the story, made detailed storyboards to retell the story and have written brilliant character descriptions. Our writing focused on using interesting vocabulary, so we used synonyms, noun groups and borrowed words from other writers.

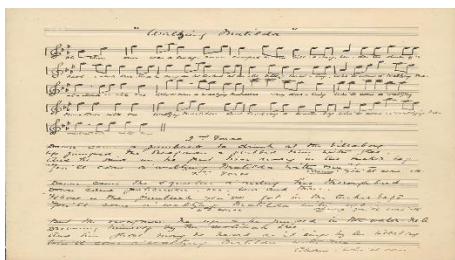
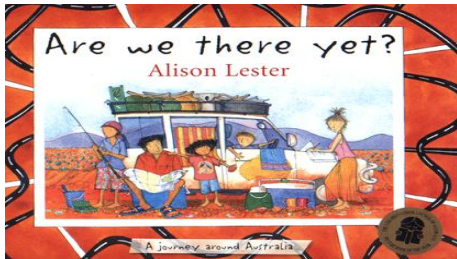


Stage One Team

Stage Two News

We have had another exciting start to the term in Stage 2!

In English we are engaging in a range of Australian texts including poems, songs, paintings and short videos. We will be creating a number of different texts including informative pamphlets, persuasive tourist videos and imaginative stories in order to teach people about our wonderful country.



In Geography we are learning all about the Earth's Environment. We are asking two very important questions:

How does the environment support the lives of people and other living things?
How do different views about the environment influence approaches to sustainability?

These two questions will guide our investigations throughout this term and will help to support our learning into Term 4. We are going to explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals in Australia. We will also investigate the different views of the environment including those of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We will be identifying sustainable practices and learn to recognise that there are differing views on how sustainability can be achieved.

We are excited for a great term ahead.

From the Stage 2 Team.

Stage Three News

It seems hard to believe that it is Term 3 already! There are so many amazing things happening in our school community this term. In Week 1 our debating team won their debate against Cabramatta PS, debating on the topic "Teachers should participate in all sports activities with the students."

Week 3 was a busy week as we celebrate Education Week with many events across the school. On Monday Stage 3 visited Chester Hill High School for the Combined Community of Schools concert. H56 performed an item as part of the celebrations.

In Geography this term we are focusing on the topic "A Diverse and Connected World" where we will be learning about Asian countries. Students will be learning the location of the countries in Asia as well about how people's lives differ in the different countries. To make connections with this unit, in English we are studying the book "Little Brother", which is set in Cambodia. Students will be researching Cambodia and creating information reports to deepen their understanding of this country.

Later in the term we also have the school athletics carnival, book week and the Gillawarna Performing Arts Concert to look forward to.

We are excited for the term ahead!

Mrs Hewitt
Stage 3 classroom teacher

We are now taking enrolments

Kindergarten 2020

Please see the front office for an enrolment form.



Parent Cafe



Parent Café Term 3 2019

Welcome to Term 3! I hope everyone has had a great and well-deserved holiday break as well as a great start to the new term.

As you are aware, our Term 3 has been organised for you to be involved in your child's learning. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and join us, so you can learn some skills to support your child at home.

Please note that the next Parent Café:

Parent Café

9.00am – 10.00am in the Community Room

Term 3

Week 4	Wednesday 14th August	Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Ms Leanne Fayle, Assistant Principal Wellbeing Kindergarten Enrolment 2020 Ms Lynette Kinloch, Assistant Principal Early Stage 1
Week 6	Wednesday 28th August	First Aid Training for Parents St Johns Ambulance
Week 8	Wednesday 11th September	Learning to read, write and count in the early years (K-2) Ms Emmie McLaren, Instructional Leader Mrs Kristy Bentley, Acting Principal
Week 10	Wednesday 25th September	Multicultural Day Celebrations

I hope to see our next Parent Café well attended!
Wishing you all a wonderful term ahead.

Mrs Le Phan
Community Liaison Officer



Education

Spelling Whizz

The Annual Spelling Whizz competition was held during Education Week. Well done to all the students who were nominated and competed in this event.

A special congratulations to our runner up and first place winners.



Grade	Winner	Runner Up
K	Maymuna T	Adam D
1	George V	Cara V N
2	Sharif N	Akeer A
3	Ehkumoowin C	Khadeja N
4	Jericho E	Ivy Q
5	David C	Ali S J
6	Seph I	Evania D



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BOOK WEEK IS COMING TO VILLAWOOD NORTH!

Monday 19th- Friday 23rd August

BOOK FAIR:

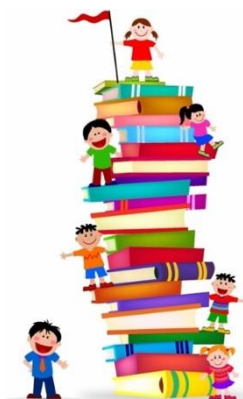
Choose from hundreds of books at low prices!

WHERE: Library

DATE: 19th-21st August

TIME: 8:30am-9am

3:30pm-4pm



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE:

Dress up as your favourite book character.

Prizes will be given for participation.

WHEN: Wednesday 21st August

WHERE: Under the COLA

TIME: 2:20 – 3:00pm

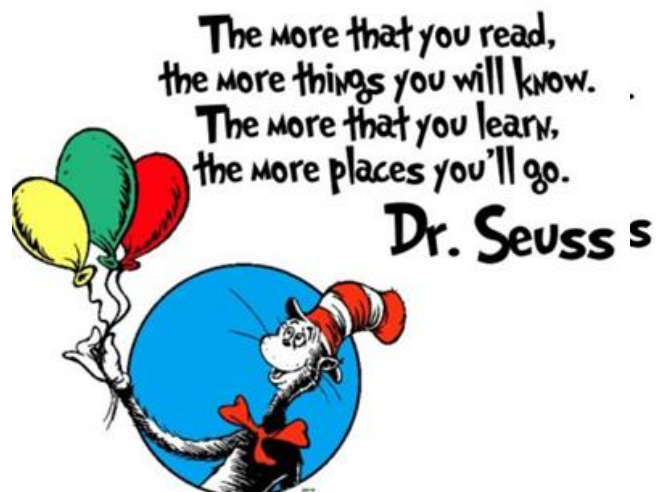
Parents invited!



Organising Teachers: Miss Nguyen

Mrs Hohnwald

Mrs Khan





Education Week at Villawood North Public School

Education Week is one of the most important weeks on our school calendar. It is a state wide, annual event that celebrates NSW public education. The week communicates the achievements of public schools, our students and the value of public education.

The theme for Education Week 2019 is ‘**Every Student, Every Voice.**’ It is a celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens.



We had a wonderful week celebrating our talented and hardworking students, and hearing what they had to say.



“I enjoyed Education Week because it helped me learn lots of great things.” Doha (B4/5)

“I loved Education Week because we got to have a sausage sizzle and a whole week of fun.” Khaled (G3/4)

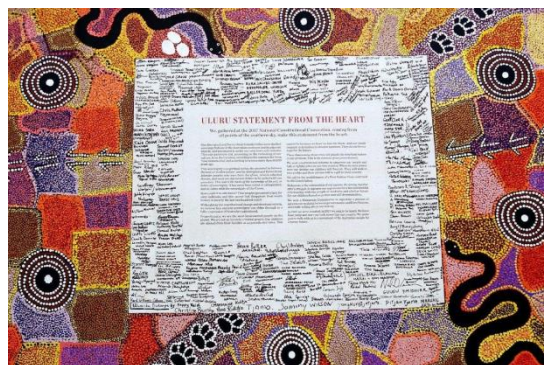
“I loved Education Week because there were a lot of really fun events.”
Tavita (B/5)

NAIDOC WEEK

Voice. Treaty. Truth.

This year’s NAIDOC Week theme, *Voice. Treaty. Truth.*, encouraged us to work together for a shared future and to celebrate the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We celebrated NAIDOC Week with classroom activities that explored this year’s theme and discussed the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This helped us understand that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would like their voice to be heard and included in our democracy.

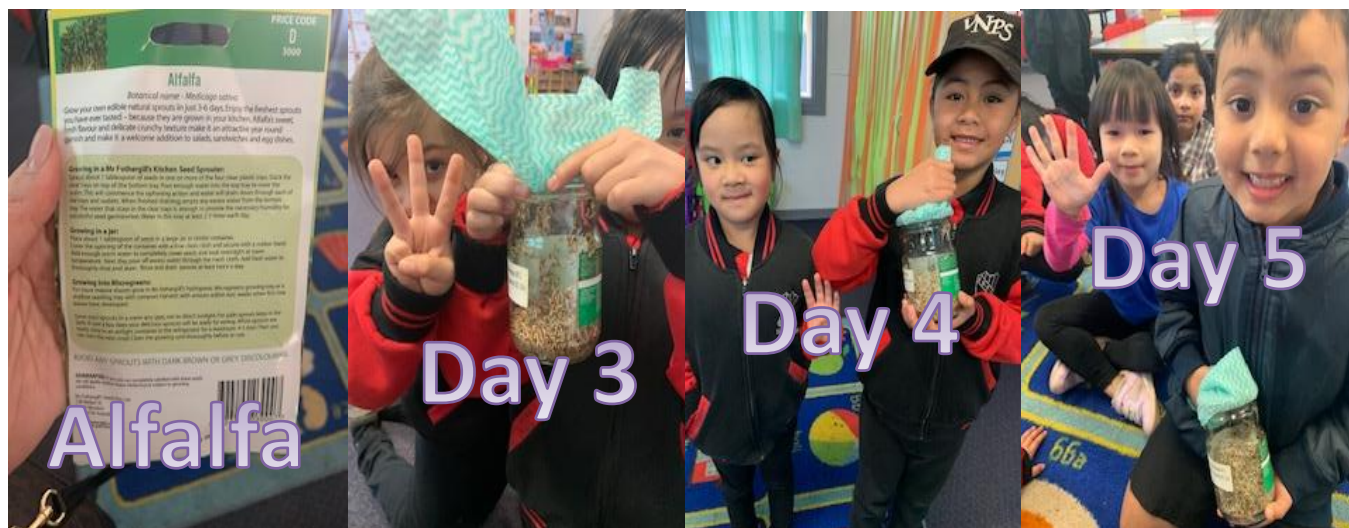


In the weeks leading up to NAIDOC Week, the VNPS Garden Club worked in partnership with Bunnings Villawood to create a spectacular bush tucker garden. Jumma Jumma, Gudingjha and Andrew opened the bush tucker garden with a very special smoking ceremony and our garden crew gave our guests a guided tour.



NAIDOC Week Committee

Science Week



Students in IK/1 have been learning about living things this term during Science. This week we learned about different plants, different parts of a plant and their functions. We know that plants need sun, water, a place to grow and most importantly lots of LOVE! We followed step by step instructions to grow our own Alfalfa in a jar! Here are some pictures showing the Alfalfa growth.

Miss Iskander



During Term 3 the students of TTK are taking their teddies on a BUSH ADVENTURE.

One of the activities asked students to create their own bridge to help their teddies cross a river. After investigating different bridges from around the world they showed their creativity by designing and planning their very own.

It was then time for them to work together in groups to create a bridge.

TTK had so much fun using different materials and were very proud of their finished products.

Miss Kinloch



Busy Bees SPS Tips: Exploring categories to build vocabulary

Another great way to build a child's vocabulary (words they understand and use) and understanding of important concepts is to use category-specific language. Concepts refer to the representation of categories in our mind. For example, everyone has a concept of dogs in their mind (has fur, four legs, barks) and we can use that concept to pick out things with these features which we would call 'dogs'.

Categorising in language is useful because:

- It helps us to describe an item to others
- Highlighting the connections between words allows us to see both similarities and differences
- It helps us to store and organise information in our minds
- It strengthens our knowledge of different concepts

Sorting words into different categories can help a child explore how groups of things are related to one another. You can take this a step further by looking for the shared features among words in the same category to highlight the relationships between the words.

So how can we help a child develop the skill of categorisation?

- **Sorting:** There are many fun and hands-on activities you can do with a child involving sorting. One example is laying pictures on the ground and setting up two or three 'mail boxes' labelled with a different category (e.g. for transport, you can sort into land, sea and air transport). Then get the child to pick a picture and post it into the right mail box. You can also sort things by colour, shape, size, etc. Get creative!
- **Identify features:** Describe some of the features of the word. You can talk about the size, shape, location, use, or parts. How would you describe it to others?
- **Identify similarities and differences:** Look for some of the similar features of things in the same category (e.g. animals, transport, food). What makes something belong in that category? Then identify different features. What makes each word unique?

The most important thing is to be creative and make it fun!

Thank you,

Dania Mohammed (Speech Pathologist)
Lillian Bui (Student Speech Pathologist)



Tuning in to Teens	Prosper (Project Australia)	MILLER	FREE	Friday, 23/08/2019	Friday, 20/09/2019	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	YASMIN MOHAMED	9601 3555	mail@prosperprojectaustralia.org
1-2-3® Magic & Emotion Coaching	CatholicCare	FAIRFIELD		Monday, 02/09/2019	Monday, 16/09/2019	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Parent Educator	9509 1111	parenteducation@catholiccare.org

Practitioner Events - Training for Family Workers and Educators

Psychological Dyadic Intervention for Feeding Disordered Infants	Karitane	Carramar	\$25.00	Tuesday, 23/07/2019	Tuesday, 23/07/2019	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Karitane Education Team	Tel. (02) 9794 2300	sophie.maxwell@health.nsw.gov.au
Family Partnership Training (Level 1 Core Training)	Karitane	CARRAMAR	\$650.00	Friday, 02/08/2019	Friday, 30/08/2019	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Sophie Maxwell for Karitane Parenting Services	Tel. (02) 9794 2383	sophie.maxwell@health.nsw.gov.au
Stress Management in the Workplace	Karitane	CARRAMAR	\$25.00	Wednesday, 07/08/2019	Wednesday, 07/08/2019	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Angela Petridis	02 9794 2300	krtne-conferencecentre@health.nsw.gov.au
Creating Better Futures - Developing Advanced Partnership Skills	Karitane	Carramar	\$65.00	Friday, 13/09/2019	Friday, 13/09/2019	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Sophie Maxwell for Karitane Parenting Services	(02) 9794 2383	sophie.maxwell@health.nsw.gov.au
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Play 2 Learn

A good beginning for every child



Play2Learn is more than a playgroup!

Play2Learn is a fun time for you to share with your child. Play2Learn gives your child the chance to learn, grow and prepare for school.

All families with children aged 0 – 5 years are welcome to attend.

Come and join us for:

- Lots of play activities
- craft
- healthy snacks
- music & story time
- fun & friendship
- support with parenting



Program Times & Locations

Save the Children
Villawood North P.S.
playgroup

Where: Villawood North P.S
95 Bligh St Fairfield East

When: Tuesday of school terms
between 9:15am-11:15pm

Commencing:
Term 3, 2019





For More
Information

Contact program
coordinator
Sheree Agostino:
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Save the Children respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, and pay respect to Elders past and present.