

The Vacluse Weekly

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4

WEEK 7

28 November - K-2 Shoelace Lessons

28 November - Colour Run

WEEK 9

9 December - K-2 Principal's Lunch

9 December - Year 6 Farewell

10 December - 3-6 Principal's Lunch

11 December - Whole School Assembly

13 December - Presentation Day

WEEK 10

18 December - Last day of school

Vacluse Public School

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Annual General Meeting of the P&C on Tuesday evening. We took the opportunity to thank all those hard working parents who have toiled away this year trying and succeeding in making this a better place for our students. Our students love to see their parents involved in their school. Nothing sends a more powerful message to our children than when their parents are helping out at school. The P&C contributes a great deal to our school. Thanks to the P&C- all our students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 have access to laptops, K-2 students have access to ipads, our kitchen and garden is well resourced, every classroom has an electronic whiteboard, the library is full of the most interesting books, every classroom and teacher has access to a wide variety of reading resources, our playground is a wonderful place to be because of wonderful playing areas and seating. These are just the beginning of the list of achievements and contributions of the P&C. So we thank wholeheartedly the 2019 P&C and welcome in the 2020 group. We are looking forward to working with you and achieving great things for all our little people.

During the discussion on Tuesday evening I became aware that not everyone was taking advantage of the regular uploads to our school website. Vaocluse Public School SAO and all things social media technological wizz – Ruth Sadur regularly uploads information to the website. One of her mandatory weekly jobs is to make sure the weekly recipes from the SAKG kitchen are uploaded and archived. Ruth is also the curator of the school's Facebook page. Ruth works tirelessly to maintain regular, current information for both the website and Facebook. Please take the time to have a look at both.

I have included the Vaocluse Public School Class Formation Policy for your information. Teachers are currently discussing student placement for 2020. A great deal of time and consideration goes into placing students in their 2020 classes. We ask that parents not request a specific teacher or students to be in the same class. We are unable to accommodate any requests. If we were to do this we would have to offer this opportunity to all families to be fair and equitable. This is not at all possible. Teachers make very good decisions about the best place for all students. Teachers must make decisions based on the good of the group. Parents make decisions on the good of the individual. We would very much appreciate your support with this issue.

Yesterday was a wonderful day. I relinquished my position to two new Principal's For the Day – Clara and Finn Thomas. There is a photo montage in the body of the newsletter and you will see what a great time we had. Thank you Finn and Clara for all your help.

Maureen Hallahan



CLASS FORMATION POLICY FOR 2020

Dear Parents

The staff of Vaucluse Public School recognises the need for careful consideration to be given to the formation of class groupings. Teachers make decisions regarding the placement of children in classes based on their experience, prior knowledge of individual children and their skills and understandings as professional educators. Our intention is to provide students with a learning environment that suits their individual academic and social needs, learning styles and temperaments in the knowledge that this is the platform for optimum growth. We acknowledge that some children can find the start of the new academic year challenging. It is our firm belief that by supporting children to adjust to new situations within the supportive and familiar environment of a school we are developing resilience and self- management skills for life.

Groupings

- ✓ The number of children in a class will be as follows:

Kindergarten	Average of 20 children
Year 1	Average of 22 children
Year 2	Average of 24 children
Year 3-6	Average of 30 children
- ✓ There will be occasions when it is necessary to form a composite/multi-age class. It is widely acknowledged through a body of international and national research, that there is no evidence to support the belief that composite/multi-age classes have a detrimental effect on children's progress.
- ✓ If at all possible, composite/multi-age classes will be formed to fit within stage groupings. It is recognised that this is not always practical.
- ✓ Composite/multi-age classes will have as even a mix of grades and gender as is practical. When a composite/multi-age class is formed in Kindergarten, Year 1 or 2, the number of children will be on average the same as the average expected in the higher year level.
- ✓ The inclusion of a child in a composite/multi-age class will be based on the child's individual learning needs and the benefits that would be gained from such a placement.
- ✓ Children will be provided with the opportunity to nominate five friends they would like to be with in the following year at the end of the previous year. It is intended that all children will have at least one person they nominate with them.
- ✓ Classes will be formed in mixed ability groups. An even number of boys and girls is desirable. There may be times when staff believes it to be beneficial for gender based groups to be formed for certain teaching and learning activities.



Time Frame

- ✓ Classes will be formed in the final weeks of term 4, 2019. This gives teachers time to consider the composition of the class and to consult collegially on the appropriate placement of students. At this time the placement of new enrolments if known is also considered. It is acknowledged that there may be times when classes need to be reconfigured in Term 1 to cater to fluctuations in enrolment. Because classes are not final we do not inform parents.
- ✓ Teachers will then have the opportunity to consult with each other to ensure the best possible mix of children.
- ✓ At the commencement of the 2020 school year all students will return to their 2019 class groupings. 2020 classes will be formed in week 2, Term1 2020. This is to ensure school student numbers are definite. Until the school can accurately determine the number of students enrolled for 2020 classes will not be formed.
- ✓ 2020 Classes will be announced and organised in week 2, Term1, 2020 after Kindergarten has commenced school and the school population has stabilised.

Parental input

- ✓ *It is recognised that parents/caregivers often have reasons for wanting their children in a certain group or with a certain teacher. It is only in **very exceptional** circumstances that children will be moved from one class to another. Consultation will take place between the child's previous teachers as well as the School's Learning Support Team.*

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
30 October 2019

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Finn and Clara Thomas Rule the School



MORNING MEETING

Finn and Clara began their day getting settled in their new office where they discussed the days agenda.

CLASSROOM VISITS

Up next were classroom visits. Along with Ms Hallahan, Principal Finn and Principal Clara reminded Vaocluse Public School students to wear their hats, drink lots of water and be kind to one another.



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INTRODUCTIONS

While touring the school, our Principals introduced themselves to the VPS community, including P&C President Nadia and Ms Aspden, who appropriately curtsied.

LUNCH

Next up was Ilana's Canteen. Principal Finn and Principal Clara ordered their special Principal's Lunch, pasta with butter and tuna sushi, to be enjoyed later in the Principal's Office.



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EXECUTIVE MEETING

Immediately after lunch our Principals got straight back to work at their Executive Meeting. Ms Hallahan, Ms Allen, Ms Aspden, Ms Nay and Ms Morgan joined Principal Finn and Principal Clara so the exec's could get feedback on their job performance, plan the days assembly and decide on the official Principal For A Day Rule: No homework during Week 8!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE THOMAS FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS
MS MAC!

BABY MASON

BORN ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019
WELCOME TO THE WORLD LITTLE ONE



VPS COLOUR EXPLOSION 2019

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

1:15-3:15PM

A PICNIC LUNCH FOLLOWED BY THE EVENT

All children will participate in an afternoon of FOOD, FUN AND FITNESS to celebrate the end of the year and also raise money for the playground upgrades around VPS.

The five station event will comprise of:

FITNESS * FOOTBALL * GYMNASTICS
DISCO * OBSTACLE COURSE

The aim is to complete each station in a shower of coloured powder, receive 5 stamps and earn your sponsor's pledged funds donated to the school!!

All fundraising will be done online. Please follow the instructions and link here:

<https://vps-uniform-shop.square.site/vps-explosion>

Please share the link with your family and friends and ask them to donate as well!

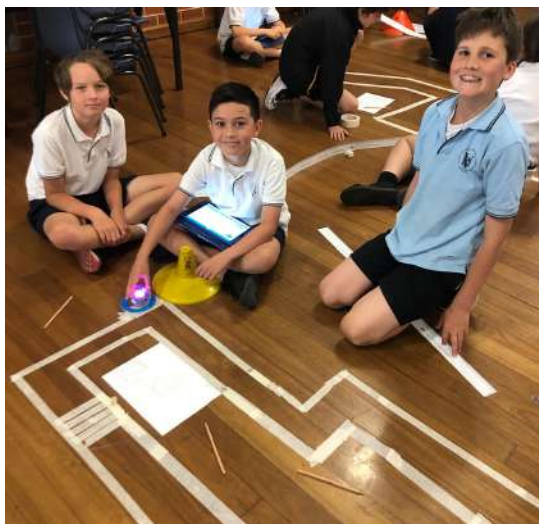
Follow the Leaderboards with your teacher in the classroom, top 2 fundraisers per year level will receive an awesome prize each!!

Donations can be made at the clothing pool by EFT or cash during clothing pool hours Friday mornings 830-930am.

BATTLE OF THE MINDS

"On the 6th of November Lia, Lea, Caitlin, Lewis, Roman, Julian and I all went to the Battle of the Minds. There were 7 challenges including rebus puzzles and a group challenge. In the team challenge we had to pretend we were in Antarctica and build a shelter with two people blind folded and two people with arms behind their back. It was so fun and I really want to do it again next year! The finishing score was 99 (girls) and 92 (boys)."

-Holly



WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY



GARDEN CLUB REPORT 2019

TERM 4 WEEK 6



HARVESTING IN THE GARDEN

Thank you **Mrs Weiss** and students of **Class 1W** for your help in the garden on Tuesday. With great enthusiasm, the students harvested **Silverbeet**, **White Onions** and **Carrots**. And they were all 'super excited' to find our garden friends the **ladybugs**!



SAKG KITCHEN REPORT 2019

TERM 4 WEEK 6
THIS WEEK IN THE KITCHEN



VEGGIE THAI STIR FRY



FREE EVENT



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

**Join us on Friday 6
December to
celebrate International
Day of People with
Disability.**

Come along and celebrate
the contributions, skills and
achievements of people
with disability.

Activities include:
live music, dancing, art
and craft stalls,
information stalls, a picnic
lunch and more.

Lunch provided, BYO picnic
rug.

**FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER
12.30PM—2.30PM
ROBERTSON PARK
22 MILITARY ROAD
WATSONS BAY**

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Head Lice

How do you get rid of them?

Once you've realised you've got head lice, you can get rid of them with lotions and shampoos from the chemist. One of the best ways to remove them, if you don't like the thought of using chemicals, is by wet-combing the hair with a special fine-tooth comb, but it needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly. Everyone with head lice in your household should be treated in the same day.



Prevention is better than cure

It pays to stay one step ahead. Regular combing with a fine comb will help early detection. Also keeping long hair tied up stops lice from grabbing hold of stray hairs and climbing onboard.

ART CLASSES AT VPS

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Thursday afternoons

3:30 - 4:30pm

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30 NOV, 2019 SAT. 9:30-3:30pm

Christmas
Gift Exchange

Veg.
Food

Lion
Dance

Art and
Craft

Family
Blessing

Jumping
Castle

Drumming
Workshop

Meditation

FREE
ALL WELCOME!



Come and join us for a fun day of community reunion, happiness and peace!

- * Online booking essential prior to the event
- * Free lunch vouchers must be collected from the temple between 9.30am and 10.00am on the day.

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Stuart, Victoria



"My daughter loved her code camp and will be back for more... The experience was great, teachers were fantastic and the follow up emails with more activities has been unbelievable..."

Katie, Queensland



"The end result is far and away the best programming teaching environment I have ever seen. Seriously now my primary school child can program in JavaScript."

Jeffrey, Western Australia



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Come and visit **Watsons Bay Library**

The wonderful Watsons Bay Library is just 5 minutes from Vaucluse Public School.

You can access a great range of online resources including *Studiosity* for real time homework help for Years K-12.

We have a monthly Mini Makers Club for children age 6-12 and regular school holiday activities.

We are open every day after school.

Opening times

Mon, Fri: 2.00pm–5.00pm

Wed: 12noon–7.00pm

Tue, Thu: 9.30am–5.00pm

**8 Marine Parade,
Watsons Bay**
(next to Tea Gardens Café)

**Don't forget – joining your
local library is free!**



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CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Christmas & Artisan Stalls
- ★ Farm Animal Petting Zoo
- ★ Kid's Face Painting & Craft Activities
- ★ A visit from Santa
- ★ Food Stalls

Sunday 1st December | 10am to 1pm
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Holiday Camps

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- Boats (Pacers, PJs, Sabots)
- Fun!

What you'll need to bring:

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- Sunscreen
- Sailing clothes
- Snacks, lunch and water
- Loads of enthusiasm!



SAILING PATHWAY

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SAILING 1 & 2

BETTER
SAILING

START
RACING

BETTER
RACING

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16 - 20 Dec 2019

13 - 17 Jan & 20 - 24 Jan 2020

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