

TERM 3 WEEK 10

The Vaocluse Weekly

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

*Happy
School Holidays*

Term 4

Week 1

12 October - First day of Term 4

Week 2

Book Week

20 October - Book Week Parade

Vaocluse Public School

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Our term has finished on a happy, calm note. In spite of all that is whirling around us we have been able to establish a harmonious environment for our students. Our assessment and evaluation of teaching and learning for Term 3 indicates our students are tracking very well. Recently students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the UNSW Global ICAS Assessments. This is an international competition. We have received our English results. Of the 57 students who competed in this competition -7 were awarded a Merit, 19 achieved a Credit, 6 achieved Distinction and 1 outstanding student achieved a High Distinction. It should be noted that only 1% of participants achieve High Distinction. We were thrilled with the results as it reinforces our Teacher judgement and confirms what we are seeing in the classroom. Congratulations to our outstanding students.

In Term 4 our library will undergo a facelift. Yesterday we had delivered a number of custom made bookshelves that will transform the space. The library is a favourite retreat space for many of our students and teachers. We are always looking for ways to make it more functional. The new shelving will create more space and offer more display opportunities. Thank you to all those families who have donated books via the online Book Fair site. Those students who have donated books have been able to see them to borrow immediately after purchase. Laura Caesar and Ruth have quickly accessioned them so that they can be put into eager small hands to borrow and read. The Book fair is always extremely successful at VPS. We rely on the purchase of these books to really add impetus to our collection. Laura Caesar chooses books on her wish list and also consults teachers to see what books they need to support units of work in the classroom. Laura is also able to purchase books for the book fair that our students have requested. At the moment we have a large number of students who are literally eating books. The Book fair enables us to inject new titles for these voracious readers to borrow. We really appreciate the support of parents and grandparents who donate so generously. Laura Caesar and her creative team of Book Week organisers have planned many activities for Book Week. You can read more about this in the body of the newsletter. This year it will be a COVID style Book Week.

Yesterday the Department of Education issued revised COVID 19 guidelines for schools. However little has changed for us. Non-essential visitors are still not permitted to enter on to school grounds. Procedures around drop off and pick up will remain the same for term 4 until advised. As non- essential visitors are not permitted on school sites we are still unable to invite parents to school events or have them on site. We very much appreciate your patience and support as we navigate the COVID19 world.

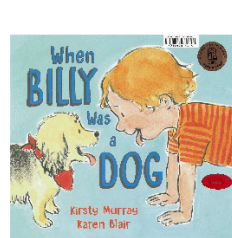
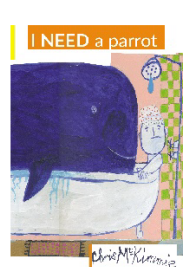
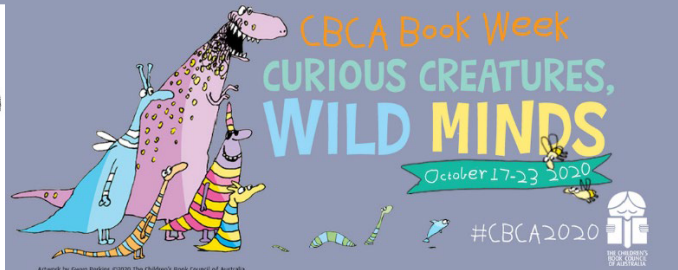
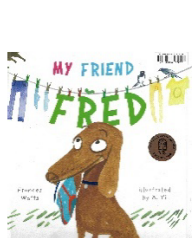
We are busy preparing for our 2021 Kindergartens. You will see in the body of the newsletter a collection of activities we have organised in lieu of a physical Kindergarten Orientation. If you have a little one coming to school next year and have not yet enrolled, you are now able to do so online. In Term 4 keep an eye on our Facebook page and website as we will be regularly uploading content for the Orientation process.

A reminder that school commences on Monday 12 October for teachers and students.

We hope you all enjoy the holidays. Our usual tasks for the holidays will continue – at least one day spent in your pyjamas relaxing. Everyone is expected to do at least five jobs around the house every day. We are adding at least one Kindness On Purpose activity per day. Limit screen time, read for at least half an hour every day and cook your family a couple of meals over the holidays (tea and toast will count as a meal!).

Enjoy being with those you love the most.

Maureen Hallahan



Book Week 2020

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! BOOK WEEK IS IN WEEK 2, Term 4!

This year's Book Week theme is CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS.

Students have been reading and participating in a range of activities around the shortlisted books and now it's time to celebrate! Here are our Book Week activities for this year:

BOOK FAIR

The book fair is the biggest and best opportunity during the year to help inject lots of great new books into the school library. This year we have taken the book fair online! Visit <https://vps-uniform-shop.square.site/shop/book-week/9> and donate a book or two, or ten. The student who donates the book is the first to borrow it and has their name inscribed inside the cover. It's a great way to leave a positive lasting impact on the school and ensure our students have access to the latest quality literature.

Book Character Parade

Tuesday 20th October our school will be taken over by a cast of hundreds of book characters for the day! Each stage will be having their own small costume display. Stay tuned to the VPS Facebook page for lots of photos! Please keep in mind students still need to wear safe, inclosed shoes and are not to bring any toy weapons as part of their costume.

Competition to Match the Class to the Book They're Reading

Can you figure out what book each class is reading at the moment? Could KL be reading Harry Potter? 5/6A reading Captain Underpants? Keep an eye out for entry forms to match them up!

Book in a Jar Guessing Competition

You will find 12 jars in the library containing pages from each of this year's shortlisted books and you have to figure out which book is in which jar. The catch? The pages have been shredded up!

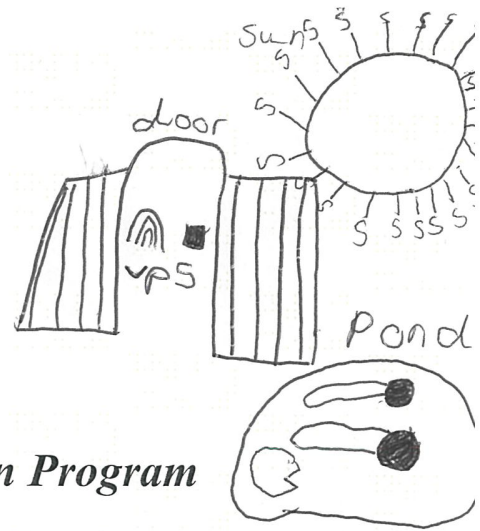
Book Character Hunt

Around the school you might spot some special visitors in the form of famous book characters. Can you name them all?





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2021 Kindergarten Orientation and Transition Program

Dear Parents

Kindergarten's pathway to school is very different this year. We are very mindful of creating a structured, confident learning environment that will set up your little one for a happy, relaxed and joyful experience in a time of uncertainty. Because of the changing guidelines around COVID 19 we had remained hopeful that we would be able to have our 2021 Kindergarten Orientation onsite. We have waited hopefully until the very last minute. Unfortunately we will have to do our Kinder Orientation remotely. We hope the following information is of help.

The Kindergarten Orientation and Transition for students coming into Vaucluse Public school for 2021 will take a different shape this year and next year due to the organisational guidelines due to the pandemic. Our Orientation and transition program will include the following:

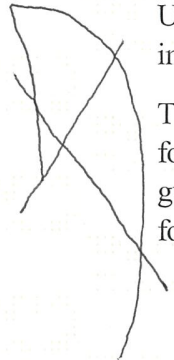
- A zoom parent / teacher meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 21 October 2020. This will be a Q&A session on all you need to know about starting school at Vaucluse Public School. We will introduce you to some members of staff and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.
- An information package that will include a social story for starting school and activities to prepare your little one for beginning school. This package will be sent home by email at the commencement of Week 2, Term 4, October 19, 2020.
- A series of films that will be uploaded to our school website that will demonstrate a day in the life of a Vaucluse Public School student, some examples of learning from a Kindergarten classroom, interviews with students and staff from the school and a Kindergarten Orientation film. We will also email you links to this media.
- Year 6 students are currently learning about creating their own podcasts. In Term 4 they will be launching a podcast which will be a series of interviews about their Kindergarten experiences. You will find these on our website in Term 4.
- We also suggest you download the Vaucluse Public School App, join the Vaucluse Public School Facebook page and subscribe to our weekly school newsletter. All of these sources will provide you with a variety of information about our school and help prepare you for the coming adventure. This year's Kindergarten students will be regularly posting messages in Term 4 on Facebook for our future students.

Before the end of term 4 we will be emailing you a questionnaire about your little one that will help us to understand their needs more clearly. We will also be emailing you procedures for the start of school in 2021.

Lunchbox



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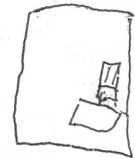


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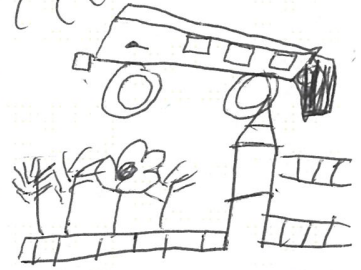
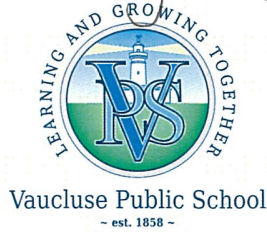
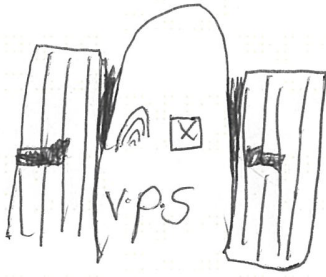
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We are
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to seeing
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I like big dogs

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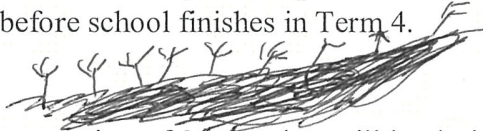


- 2021 Kindergarten students will attend school for a short interview period on January 28 or 29. Teachers will be conducting a short interview to establish benchmarks at the commencement of the school year. This is a national testing regime called Beststart. WE will be emailing you interview times before the end of Term 4, 2020.



- Kindergarten students will then attend school from February 1, 2 and 3. During this time teachers will observe students. On Thursday February 4 formal classes will be formed for Kindergarten students.

- Over the January school holidays the P&C uniform shop will email you with opening times so that you can purchase school uniforms. We will email you this timetable before school finishes in Term 4.



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Lunch box

The zoom session of 21 October will be designed to answer your questions and prepare you also for a very exciting time. When your little one starts school it is an enormous milestone for not only your child but for you also. We recognize these are anxious times. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have a question. Or if you would like to share information about your child that you think may assist in a smooth transition. Either our office staff, Karla Aspden, Assistant Principal K-2 or myself will be only too happy to help.



We are so looking forward to meeting you and your little ones.



Maureen Hallahan



Maureen Hallahan and the Vaucluse Public School Family

Principal

23 September 2020



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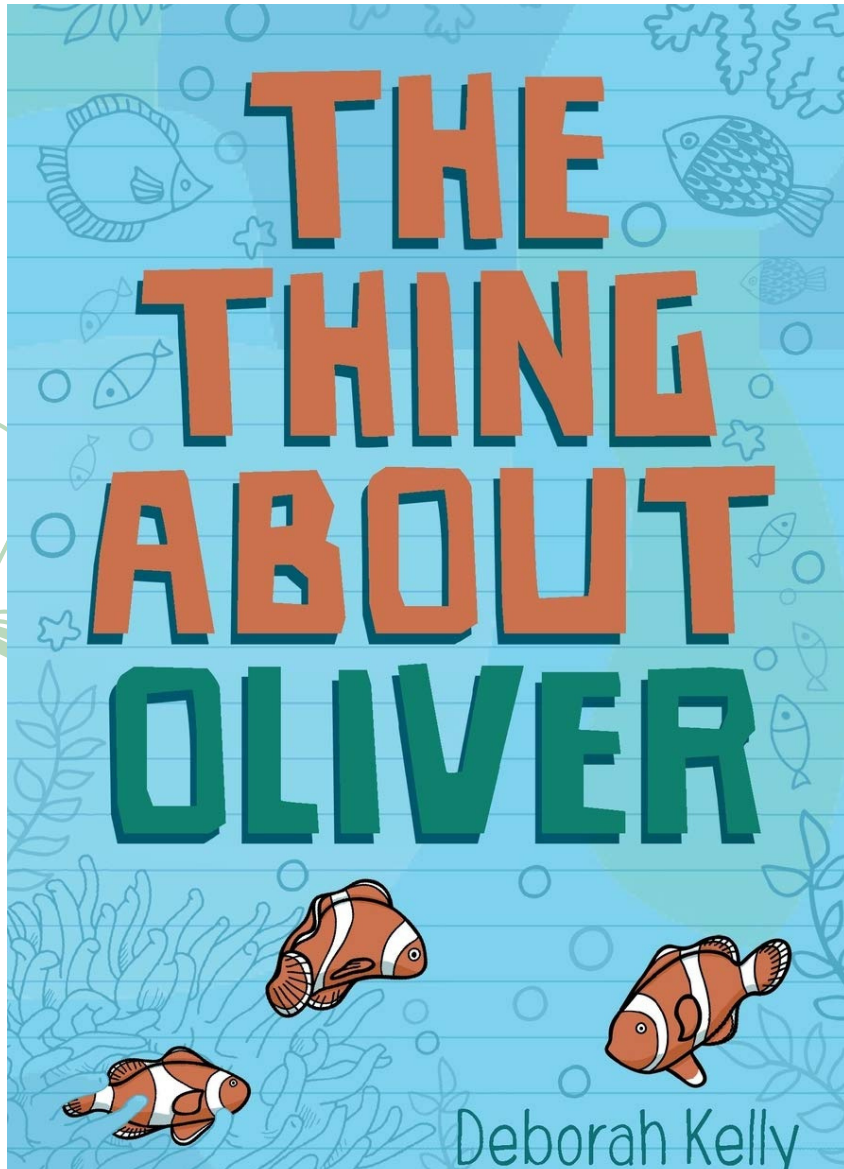






Book Review

By Daisy Year 5



I love this book because it is on a topic not many people understand, let alone support. I have a sister with autism and sometimes I feel like she gets all of the attention, but not often because she's quite low on the spectrum. Sometimes she gets wound up and starts whining until our parents do what she wants. I used to think I was the reason my sister had autism because she was diagnosed just after I was born, but that's not true. I also know someone who is the lowest on the spectrum anyone can get, but wasn't before.

This book makes me emotional because it reminds if how hard it is for people with autism, low and high on the spectrum. It's incredible how they are the same species as us but have an entirely different perspective. Don't judge people if they are different.

STAGE 2

Last week Stage 2 became engineers for a day. Combining gumption with acquired knowledge of circuits, we were able to use switches, motors, pulleys and more to build our own battery powered toy. The notion of simplicity was quickly tossed aside as our bright sparks put Nikola Tesla to shame. Well done Stage 2!

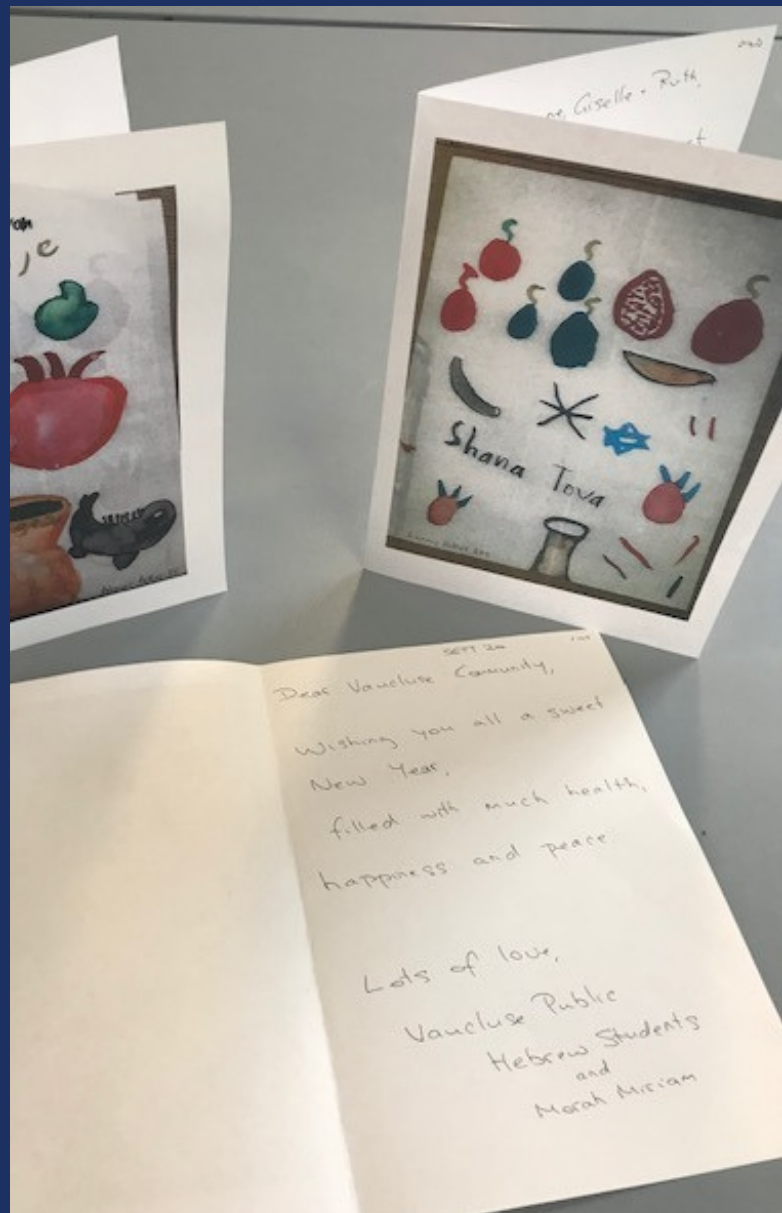






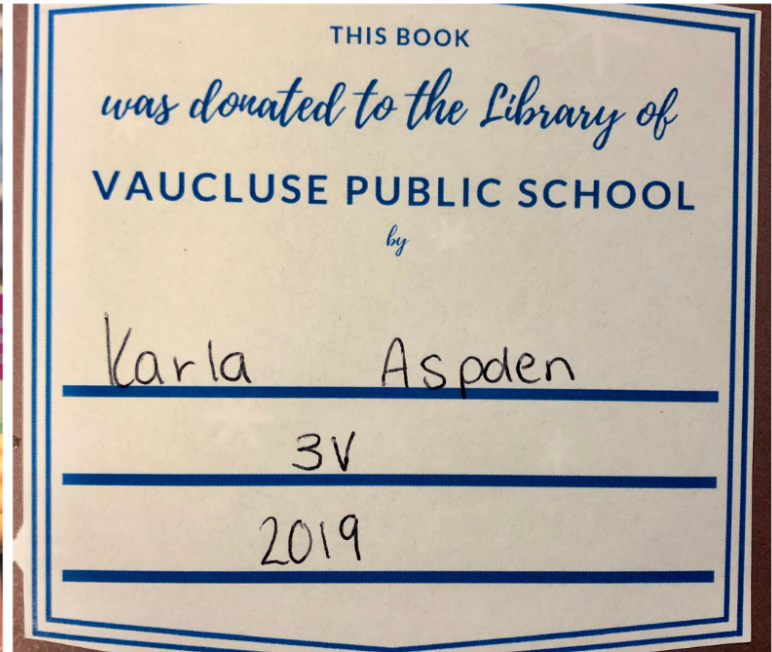
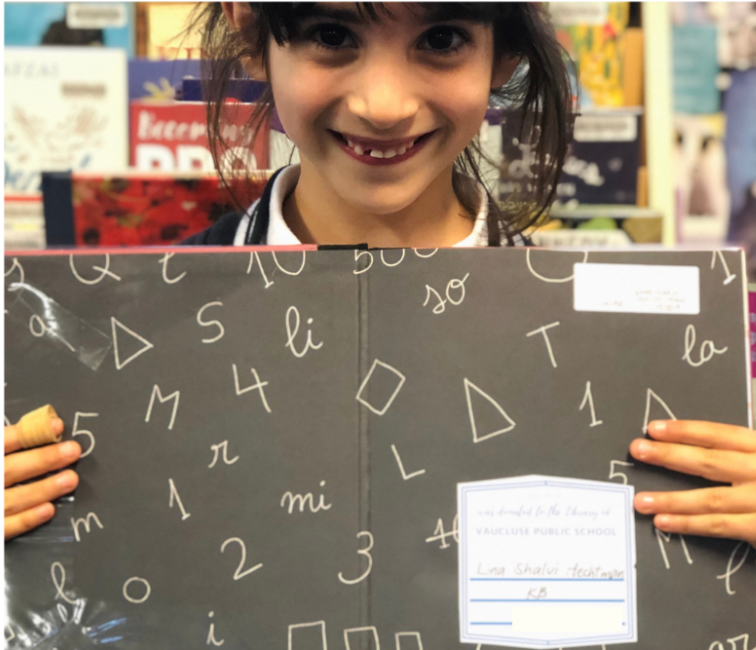


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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOK WEEK FUNDRAISER



This year our Book Week Fundraiser is online!

You can visit the Clothing Pool website to donate a book to our school library. Each book is carefully selected by our Librarian Miss Caesar based on what our students love to read. Your contribution will be celebrated over the years with a special placard on the front page of the book stating your child's name and year donated. Our fundraiser will be available online now until 23 October.

The Vauclose Public School Library plays a critical role in increasing literacy among students, assisting teachers with their curriculum and contributing to our students lifelong joy of reading.

QR Code:



<https://vps-uniform-shop.square.site/shop/book-week/9>



VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL COVID SAFE GUIDELINES

Morning Drop-Off

You can drop your child off at either gate starting at 8:50am.

Members of staff will be supervising both gates. **Please do not enter the school grounds.**

Late Arrivals

If you are bringing your child to school after 9:20, please call the front office and wait outside the Cambridge Ave gate. A member of staff will meet you there and bring your child to the classroom.

Early Pick-Up

If you need to pick up your child early, please call the office and wait outside the Cambridge Ave gate. A member of staff will bring your child to meet you at the gate.

Away From School

If your child is unwell, they must stay home from school. If they have any flu or cold symptoms, **you must provide a negative COVID-19 test** before returning to school. Please email or use the SkoolBag app to notify the school of an absence.



Please do not enter the school grounds.

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL COVID SAFE GUIDELINES

Pick-Up: Kindy & Years 1-2

Students in K-2 will finish school at 3pm. Kindy and Year 1 will be collected at the Village High Road gate. Students in Year 2 will be collected from the Cambridge Ave gate. Teachers will supervise students meeting their parents at the gate.

Please do not enter the school grounds.

Pick-Up: Years 3-6

Students in Years 3-6 will finish school at 3:20pm. Year 3 & 4 will be collected from the Cambridge Ave gates. Years 5 & 6 will be collected from from the Village High Road Gates. Teachers will supervise students meeting their parents at the gate.

Please do not enter the school grounds.

Siblings, Bikes and Late Pick-Ups

Students with siblings in multiple years will exit from the youngest sibling's nominated exit gate. Students in Years 3-6 who walk or cycle home will self-nominate the appropriate gate. If you are running late please contact the office.

Thank You

These procedures are in accordance with the Department of Educations current COVID-Safe guidelines. If you have any questions please contact the office at **vaocluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au** or **9337 2672**.



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NEW



*Donate your favourite book
to the VPS library for*

CBCA Book Week

**CURIOUS CREATURES,
WILD MINDS**

October 17-23 2020

*& get your name
printed inside the
book cover!*

#CBCA2020

A colorful illustration of various creatures, including a blue dragon, a green dinosaur, a pink unicorn, and a yellow cat, all gathered around a person reading a book. The background is a light blue sky with a green banner.

[HTTPS://VPS-UNIFORM-SHOP.SQUARE.SITE](https://vps-uniform-shop.square.site)

LOST PROPERTY

HELP US FIND LOVING HOMES FOR THESE LONELY JACKETS



Once a week Office Staff sorts the lost property. All items with labels are sent back to their rightful owners. If your child is still missing an item, please contact the office. Unlabelled items are washed and available for anyone who may need them. All sizes available.

**Special
acknowledgement to
Christopher's Grandma
for her incredible
labelling skills.**



CALL WITH ANY INFORMATION

02 9337 2672



VPS EXTRA-CURRICULAR TERM 4 2020 BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Begins WEEK 2 Monday October 16 2020;
Ends WEEK 10 Friday December 18 2020.

designblizzard@gmail.com

The booking window for Term 4 opens Tuesday September 22 at 8pm.
Places are limited so get in quick! Please click on the links below to book.
All activities for Term 4 2020 will begin in Week 2 starting Monday 19 October.

MONDAY

Karate K-4
Trifu Dojo

Netball K-2
Katch Netball

TUESDAY

Hip hop K-3
REDed Dance

Netball 3-6
Katch Netball

WEDNESDAY

Gymnastics K-3

Liora's Gymnastics (Special Price only **\$135** for the term)

THURSDAY

Basketball K-6
East Basketball League (\$135 deal)

Acrobatics K-6
Bays Cheer Dance

FRIDAY

Soccer K-6
GOAL Soccer Academy

Dance K-4
REDed Dance



Term 4 Extra Curricular Sign Up:

Karate: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661788&>

Netball K-2: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661790&>

Hip Hop K-3: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661791&>

Netball 3-6: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661793&>

Gymnastics K-3: [https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?
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Acrobatics: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661795&>

Soccer: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661798&>

Dance K-4: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=661799&>



PlayCricket Month

Cricket NSW design your own bat competition!

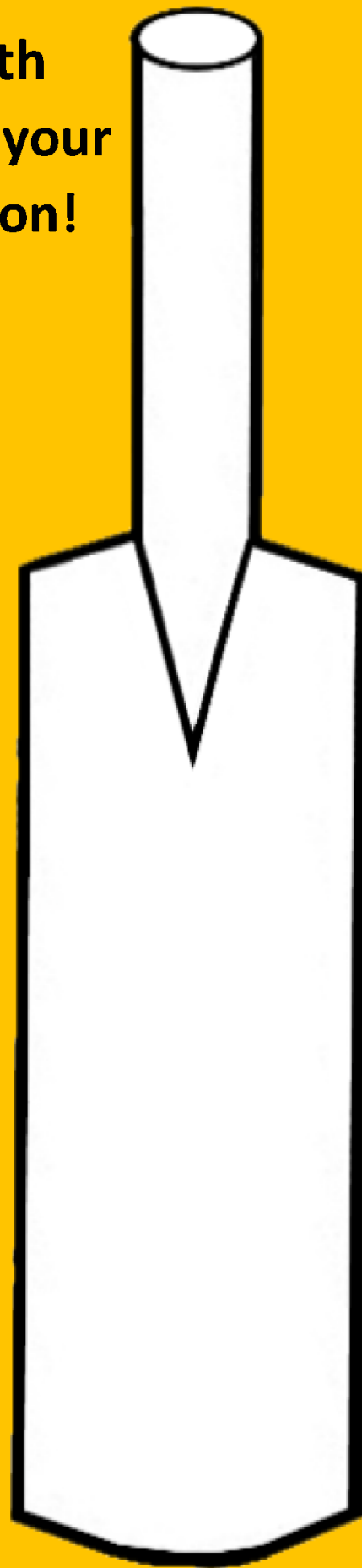


For chance to win a \$100
Woolworths voucher, simply
design the bat, take a photo of
your bat design and submit below!

- If you received this electronically, submit your answer through this link - [Click Here](#)
- If you received this as a flyer use your phone to take an image of the QR Code below to submit the bat design



Competition ends on Sunday the 11th of October 2020. Winners will be contacted directly. Good luck!



JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY

PLAY CRICKET



8:00AM-6:00PM Sharp

voosc@people.net.au

Mobile: 0420 729 143

Vacation Care Hours Only

VOOSC VACATION CARE

Sept/October 2020

Your detailed Itinerary will be emailed to you due to COVID -19.

EMAIL SIGNED CONSENT FORM. Full payment is required at the time of booking. Please attach receipt from Funds transfer or Provide Card details.

Daily Fee per Child- \$45.00 + Activity fee

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE 2020

1 CHILD: \$45.00

FAMILY: \$80.00

<p>Monday 28.09.20</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING DAY</p> <p>Take your taste buds on a journey around the world with this Tasting & Cultural Experience. Fun games & activities.</p>  <p>9:00am-3:00pm See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee + \$15.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 29.09.20</p> <p>Super Spy Day</p> <p>SHHHHHH!</p>  <p>Put your powers of observation to the test in this exciting quest to solve a mystery.</p> <p>A day full of team and individual challenges, crack codes, discover clues and solve the case!</p> <p>See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily Fee +\$5.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 30.09.20</p> <p>The Mad Hatter's Picnic Day</p>  <p>Join us for a back to front, upside down, crazy Games day and Picnic, if you please. Wear a crazy hat and join the fun, fun fun!</p> <p>See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee + \$5.00</p>	<p>Thursday 01.10.20</p> <p>VOOSC WARRIOR</p>  <p>ZORB BALLS CHALLENGES</p>  <p>BILLY CART DERBY Bring Safety Gear</p>  <p>Races and Obstacle Courses</p> <p>See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee + \$8.00</p>	<p>Friday 02.10.20</p> <p>Art and Craft</p>  <p>9:30-11:30am Make your own special friend to take home 1:00pm-3:30pm Fun craft activities Origami, Fan making and Animal themed craft.</p>  <p>See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee + \$20.00</p>
<p>Monday 05.10.20</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>PUBLIC</p> <p>HOLIDAY</p>	<p>Tuesday 06.10.20</p> <p>ART & CRAFT</p>  <p>Candle Making Paddle Bats Dream Catchers & Plaster Painting Dress for mess and get ready to be creative!</p> <p>See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee + \$15.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 07.10.20</p> <p>WHEELS DAY</p>  <p>Zoom around on your own wheels for a day of fun! Safety gear compulsory See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily Fee</p>	<p>Thursday 08.10.20</p> <p>COOKING EXPERIENCE</p> <p>CREATE YOUR OWN PIZZA & GARLIC/HERB BREAD DINE WITH US AT THE YUM-YUM CAFE</p>  <p>Cookie Baking in the afternoon See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee + \$18.00</p>	<p>Friday 09.10.20</p> <p>Movie Day at VOOSC</p>  <p>Enjoy relaxing with your friends! Hot Popcorn included</p> <p>See Itinerary for full details</p> <p>Incursion Daily fee</p>
<p>Monday 14.10.19</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL!</p> 	<p>Due to COVID-19 Parents are to hand <u>All children</u> over to Staff at the front gate. Staff will sign in and out for you. No Adults permitted past the gates at any time.</p>	 <p>PLEASE DON'T PACK ANY NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS IN LUNCH BOXES</p>	<p>Bookings Close On Monday 21/09/2020</p> <p>To allow for final numbers and ratios all activities/days.</p>	<p>Please choose your days carefully</p> <p>Bookings are non-refundable or transferable due to daily child/staff ratios, safety requirements and pre-booked activities.</p>