

The Vacluse Weekly

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Week 5

NAIDOC Week

10 November - P&C Annual General Meeting

12 November - Great Book Swap

Week 6

18 November - ySafe Cyber Safety Webinar

Week 7

27 November - Colour Run

Week 10

14 December - Year 6 Farewell

Vacluse Public School

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents

This week we put the finishing touches on the 2020 Vacluse Voyage – our annual school yearbook. This year we did not send out an EOI. We have ordered a limited number of copies and we will sell them on a first come first served basis. The Yearbooks are a wonderful record of the school year. I still have many of mine and they are treasured. The Yearbook documents each class and many of the extra activities that happen in a school year. The year of COVID has provided a real challenge to our savvy book editors – Morgan Douglas and Riza Lagado. I am happy to say they have met this challenge and the 2020 Yearbook is outstanding. Watch this space for order forms which will be circulated in the next two weeks.

In the body of the newsletter you will find information about a program that was to be implemented pre COVID. We have postponed the program but will be running it on Wednesday 18 November. The program is a cyber- safety and social media program. There will be workshops for each stage, a staff information session and a webinar for parents at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening. You will find the information and registration in the body of the newsletter. We would encourage every parent to take advantage of this seminar. We have used a special government grant to fund this activity. As part of the program you will also have access to a Parent Hub. The purpose of this Hub is to offer an interactive resource for parents that will support you at home with all things social media and concerns around cyber-safety.

Next week is NAIDOC week and we have included in the newsletter some of the resources we are using in classrooms. Margaret Nay has put together a wonderfully interesting package. Much of the information is organised around the new Midnight Oil album – The Makareeta Project. We will welcome Matthew Doyle who choreographed and played Didj at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Opening Ceremony and Aunty Kathy Dodd Farrawell, our artist in residence. We are looking forward to next week.

Maureen Hallahan

GREAT BOOK SWAP



On Thursday 12 November, students are invited to participate in our Great Book Swap. Students are asked to bring in a book that is in good quality as well as a gold coin donation.

Please bring in all books by Tuesday 10 November. The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading and raise much-needed funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

QUALITY BOOKS TO SWAP

GOLD COIN DONATION

For more information or to make a donation, scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/35vHl6Y>

VPS NAIDOC Week



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8-15 NOV 2020

Next week, we mark NAIDOC week and the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be' which recognises that First Nations People have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country. We encourage you to come on the learning journey with us!

We are linking our studies to our school mural and the recent collaborative album, the Makarrata Project, by Midnight Oil.

We will also welcome Matthew Doyle as Dancer in Residence for the week and look forward to a visit from Aunty Kathy Dodd Farrawell on Thursday.

Visit the accompanying links to learn more!



Always Was, Always Will Be.

8-15 NOV 2020



What is the Uluru Statement from the Heart? Explained by Peter Garratt and the members of Midnight Oil

<https://bit.ly/2I2R78B>

**Read by Troy Cassar-Daley (Country Singer);
Aunty Pat Anderson (Health Advocate), Stan
Grant (Journalist); Ursula Yovic (Actor) and Adam
Goodes (Retired Footballer)**

<https://bit.ly/2I8USd4>





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Thoughts on the protocol of Welcome to Country:

by Poet Joel Davison

<https://bit.ly/3p1qlcl>

**Learn more about Culture - Country - Survival -
Water Management**

**by listening to the ABC Podcast AWAYE! 'Living
Water' (26 Minutes)**

<https://ab.co/3oYM6yN>





8-15 NOV 2020



**Learn more about people's individual stories:
Watch the program about the life story of Troy
Cassar-Daley**

SBS "Who Do You Think You Are: Season 11 Episode 8

<https://bit.ly/3etjDfT>



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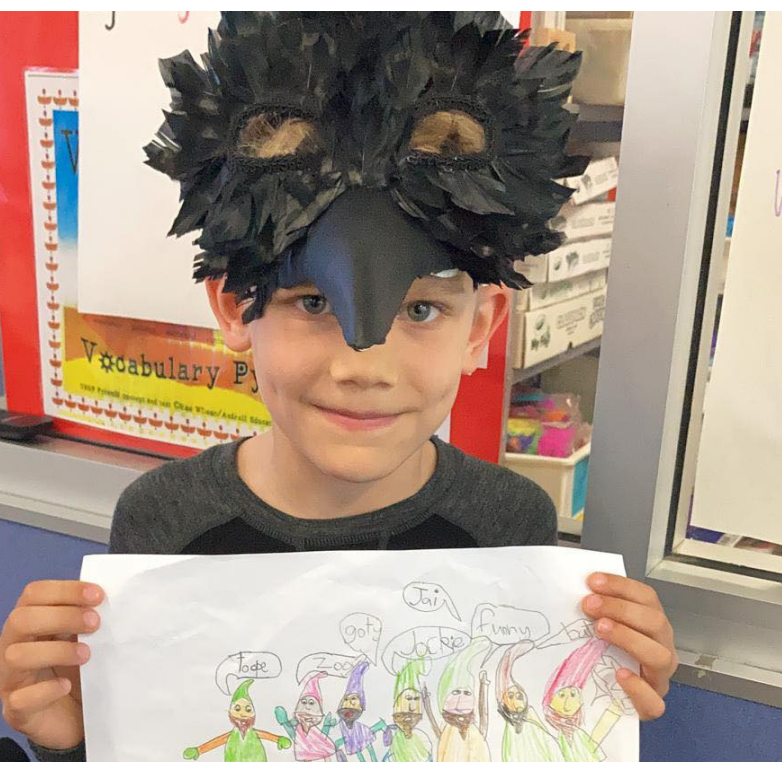


















Protecting kids in the digital world is an ever evolving task for Australian families.

Now, more than ever parents are looking for guidance on how to manage screen time, deal with negative online experiences and navigate the world of gaming and social media.

Join Australia's award winning and leading cyber safety educators, ySafe, as they take you through the trends in online behaviours, social media and games, as well as the latest research and legislation as it applies to children and their families in the online world.

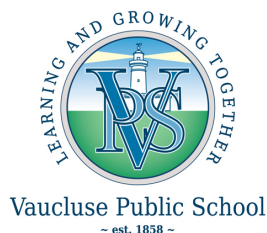
This session is strategy rich and full of practical tips to help you ensure you are able to create a truly cyber safe home.

If you've ever struggled in getting your kids off their devices and into bed, or worried about the content or connections they have online, then this webinar is for you.

Please register for this event by following the link provided. This is an important school event for all parents to attend.

Wednesday 18 November 7:30pm

<https://bit.ly/2TUxe6t>



NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2020 CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Dear Parents

As part of our on-going commitment to student welfare, a unit on Child Protection will be taught in Term 4 2020. This will involve a four-week program, from the Department of Education Child Protection Syllabus, for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program will be taught by your child's teacher at a level appropriate to your child's stage of development.

The Child Protection Syllabus is a vital component to the educational programs provided by schools for your child's development, and we urge your support by signing the consent form below and returning it to your child's teacher by Friday 13 November 2020.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
3 November 2020

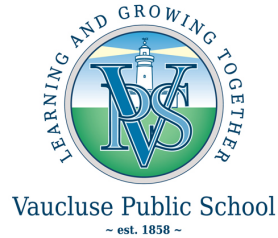
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Vaucluse Public School 2020 CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

I give consent for my child,in class.....

to participate in the *NSW D of E Child Protection Program*.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date/...../.....



Dear Parents

The P&C are holding a Colour Explosion Fun Run on November 27 2020 to give the kids an exciting way to wrap up this surreal year! These events have been a huge success over the last few years and are also a fun and energising way of raising much-needed funds for the school; this is our first opportunity to fundraise this year due to COVID- 19 restrictions.

As we did the first year this event was held, we are using an external company to manage the online fundraising platform and provide the equipment for the day.

There will be a few key differences this time around:

- While there will be prizes available for the students who raise money, there will also be the option to
- NOT have prizes for your child or families wishing to donate prizes can do so. The P&C will collect these prizes and donate them to a charity that gives Christmas gifts to needy families.
- This year, student leader boards will not be published in the classroom but can be found on the online platform.

In breaking news, the overall individual student who does raise the most sponsorship funds will get to be Principal for the Day and rule the school!

Very clear collateral will be coming home with your kids over the next few days and your class parents will be in touch with more details.

Happy colour running!

Nadia Kaye and the VPS P&C

Vaucluse Public School Annual General Meeting 2020

The Executive of the P&C liaise directly with the Principal and staff to ensure the P&C and the school are working together to provide the best possible learning environment for the student body.

Under the guidance of the P&C President and Vice President, P&C meetings are usually held once a term. School Principal Maureen Hallahan and a staff Representative are present at each P&C meeting.

The next VPS P&C meeting is an AGM which will be held as a zoom meeting.

All parents, staff and community members of VPS are welcome.

Date: Tuesday 10th November

Time: 6:30pm

Zoom link: <https://xactlycorp.zoom.us/j/96273351063?pwd=a3VWdWRhR2RyMFFWMEJGbGdqSmNvUT09>

Password: 387099

At this meeting the current P&C Executive will stand down allowing a new executive to be elected.

Some of the people who held these positions in 2020 will stand again as 2021 representatives, however there are several opportunities for new members to join the Executive Committee.

For 2020/2021 the following VPS P&C Executive Positions will be available:

President	Current Nadia Kaye,
Vice President	Current Tully Rosenberg
Treasurer	Current Sam Peters
Secretary	Open
Class Parent Co-ordinator (CPC)	Current Anita Arnold
Building and Environment Manager	Current Dean Ryan
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden	Current Justine Shaw and Leeann Kosanic
Clothing Pool	Current Che Dunlop
Extra Curricular Activities	Current Julia Hughes
Technology	Current Simon Gascoigne
Sponsorship and Grants	Open
Events and Fundraising	Open
Community Liaison	Open

If any of these positions are of interest to you or you would like further information, please email infopcvps@gmail.com

Please join us for the P&C Meeting on 10th November with your ideas for the school.

We look forward to seeing you, Nadia Kaye and the 2020 VPS Executive Committee.

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

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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VOOSC NEWS

Halloween at VOOSC

We thought we would follow on from last week and share some more of our Halloween fun with everyone.

In the past Parents have been able to share in this first hand but with Covid -19 restrictions still in place everyone has sadly missed seeing what we have organised for the kids. We hope you enjoy some of our captured moments!

VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the following children who this week were chosen for our Wall of Fame.

For Mateship and always aiming to be a stand-up guy,

Oscar .S, Brooklyn. S, Jago .S

Matheus. A, Leo. R, Willem .VZ

Well done boys!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

As previously advised enrolments are open for next year. If you are yet to do this, please don't delay contacting us, we can send you a package.

No current enrolments will automatically rollover. It is the responsibility of each family who is requiring care for their children, to ensure that you touch base with us in regard to your needs and submit your requests before the end of the year.

Warm regards VOOSC Team

