

The Vaucluse Weekly

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Week 5

- 18 May - P&C Meeting 6:30pm - School Library
- 19 May - 2022 Kindergarten Tour
- 19 May - Cyber safety incursion
- 19 May - Parent Cyber Safety Webinar

Week 6

National Reconciliation Week

- 25-26 May - School Photos
- 26 May - National Sorry Day

Week 7

National Reconciliation Week

- 31 May - 2 June - Stage 3 Camp

Week 8

Aboriginal Education Art Workshops with Aunty Kathy Farrowell & Georgia Frew - Artists in Residence

Week 9

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- 14 June - Queen's Birthday - No School

Week 10

NAIDOC Week - Heal Country!

- 25 June - Last day of Term 2 ~ est. 1858 ~

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

We hope all the wonderful mums, step-mums, carers, grandmas and bonus others in our community enjoyed their Mother's Day and most importantly the Mother's Day gift so lovingly chosen from our stall last week. If parents could see the thought and care our students put into choosing the right gift they would be overwhelmed. I might add, the pull of chocolates is always interesting to watch. We also send many positive thoughts to those who have lost their mum and mums who have suffered loss. A very big thank you again to those parents who volunteered to man the stall and help our students choose just the right gift.

The highlight of this week has been the special Vacluse Lego Masters assembly we held on Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was packed full of excitement. There were multiple activities: class questions, a Lego building challenge, Lego Trivia and a Lego colouring-in competition. Miss Vial and her students presented a project they have been working on – Robotics using Lego and she also shared that Lego was the reason behind her becoming an architect. We were very fortunate to have chief Lego Master and Vacluse PS parent Hamish Blake curate the whole Lego afternoon. Hamish was able to answer some very challenging questions from our students. He was also a wonderful judge of the Lego competition. If you are a fan you will know Hamish from his show Lego Masters. Hamish was very generous with his time and a huge hit with our students, some of whom are very big fans of the show. To have Hamish here telling us all about Lego was for some of our students a wish came true.

It was our first incursion since this time last year. It's hard to describe the joy and excitement that was so present in the playground on Wednesday afternoon. Our students were delighted to be outside. The shade cloth provided a great atmosphere. We were all together and there was a strong sense of gratitude for being able to be together. A very big thank you to Hamish for his patience and his humour and most of all his generosity.

On Wednesday night a large group of kindergarten parents came to listen to Early Stage One teachers Karla Aspden, Riza Lagado, Melissa Buchanan, our Learning and Support Teacher Margaret Nay and myself talk about how we teach reading in kindergarten. It was a very productive night with lots of interesting questions. We felt the parents left at the end of the evening with a deeper understanding around the complex issue of how children learn to read. Our Librarian Laura Caesar also gave a very interesting talk on how the library works, how it fits into classroom reading programs and what her role consists of. Laura is always happy to recommend books and guide our students. Laura has a vast knowledge of books and more importantly has read most of the books in our Library. Her expertise is invaluable and she's always happy to talk to parents. Laura is generally found in the Library before school and after school if you need advice.

Another first for us yesterday was the Early Stage One and Stage One excursion to the newly renovated Australian Museum. Our teachers and students were delighted to be able to jump on a bus and head into town once again to take advantage of the wonderful resources our city offers. By all reports the dinosaur exhibition was the most impressive for our students. Thank you to those parents who generously gave up their day to support our students and teachers on their first excursion since COVID.

Next Wednesday 10 May we will be holding a Cyber Safety Day similar to the one we held last year. There will be a parent zoom in the evening. Details are in the body of the newsletter. We recommend this zoom highly to parents and hope that it helps to guide our students in the ever-changing digital world.

Next Tuesday 18 May is the Term 2 P&C meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Maureen Hallahan



Vaucluse Public School ySafe Parent Cyber Safety Education Session

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

Wednesday 19 May - 7pm

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 latest 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 (including take home resources) 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.

Lego Masters Assembly







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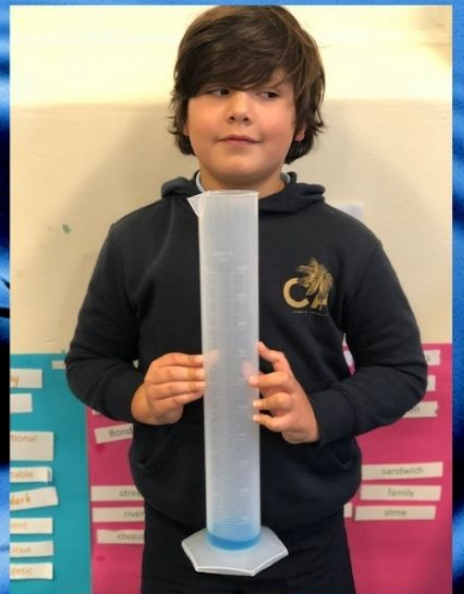
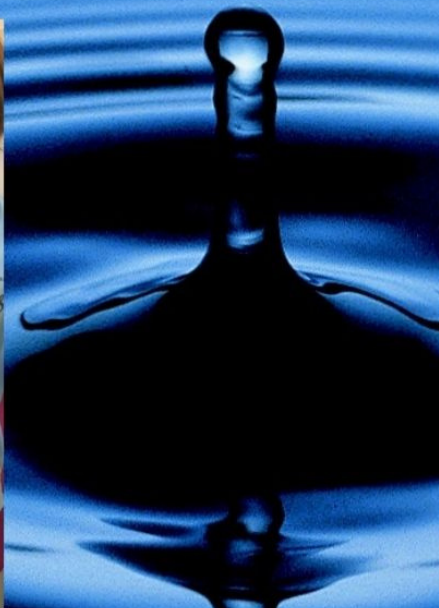
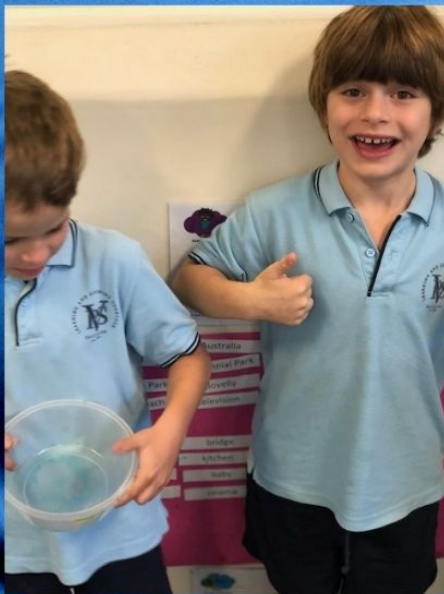
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THEY MADE
CARS.

I WONDER WHAT
CHILDREN
LOOKED LIKE.

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think about life
in the olden
days. Then we
learnt about
telephones and
the history of
communication.



STAGE 1 - WATER



STEAM WEEK 3

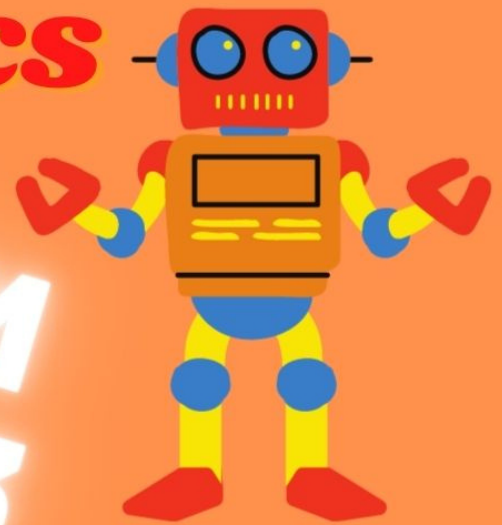


We learnt about EVAPORATION. We discussed how water can change from a liquid to a gas and seems to disappear. We set up some experiments for our classrooms to observe the process of evaporation.

Stage 2 - Tablet Robotics



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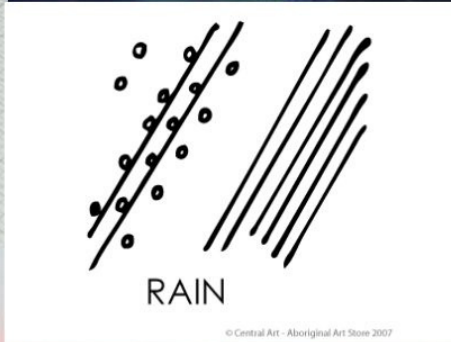


We made robots using Lego then connected our iPads to the robots so we could program them using visual coding. This required teamwork, patience and trial and error. Even if we don't use Lego at home, it's really simple to follow using these kits!



Professional Learning

On Wednesday, I attended a conference held by the Science Teachers Association of NSW. New knowledge was gained and some inspiring ideas have emerged as a result. These include using augmented reality through MERGE CUBES to explore, create and share. I was also impressed by the 'Schools Weather and Air Quality' citizen science project. I'm excited about the opportunity to integrate Aboriginal Education into our STEAM program, with our upcoming incursion for NAIDOC Week. Welcome back to Term 2! Ms Vial.



PROJECT HERITAGE

Throughout Term 3 Stage 3 students are participating in Project Heritage organised by the NSW BJE. Project Heritage is an inter-generational learning experience that brings youth together with senior members of the community. Today students met Eddy Boas, a "living historian" who shared his memories of survival during the Holocaust. We are so grateful to Eddy for his time and sharing his incredible story with our students.



YEAR 4 CAMP









Let's make winter a more comfortable experience for those without a home



Please bring in:

- Socks, gloves, and beanies - in good condition
- School snacks
- Cereal
- Small Popper drinks
- Long-life milk
- Canned goods (easy-opening)

All donations by **1st June** go to St Vincent de Paul winter appeal

Did you know:

- more than 116, 000 people are homeless in Australia?
- the homeless are of all different ages and backgrounds?
- more than 17, 000 Australian children under 12 years old have no permanent home?

AFL TRAINING

Thank you to Hamish's mum, Angela, for coaching our morning AFL sessions!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Year 4 student Harriet who won the First Prize in the 9 years Art Show and was also awarded the Primary Age Grand Champion for her artwork at the Royal Bathurst Show!



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sandpit Photos, a dynamic and professional photographic company specialising in School photography. Our team of creative photographers and qualified coordinators all have experience working with children to ensure a fun-filled photography day for your child.

Our talented photographers will be visiting your School on:

Tuesday 25th May

Wednesday 26th May

Payment must be made before THURSDAY 20th MAY.
We only photograph children who have prepaid online

To order your School Photo's please log onto our website and select from the following three options

THE SCHOOL PACKAGE - \$40

Your full package will contain 2 different individual natural outdoor photos of your child professionally printed at 5x7" and 8 wallet size prints (4 of each portrait) and a beautifully produced class photo with names 7x10'

SIBLING PORTRAITS - \$35

2 different natural outdoor sibling photos of the children together (both printed at 5x7")

GROUP PHOTO ONLY - \$25

For those families not wishing to purchase individual photos, but still wanting a memory of your child's School days, there is the option to purchase a class photo only. This comes as a 7'x10' print.

To order your photos please go to www.sandpitphotos.com.au and follow these instructions:

- Click on [**PREPAY**]
- Select your School
- Select your child's Class
- Select your preferred package/s – **School Portrait Pack / Sibling Photos / Group Only**
- Click **Prepay**
- Go to **View Cart**
- Make sure packages ordered are correct
- **Proceed to Checkout**
- Once you have completed your personal information please enter your **payment information.** (Place Order)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call on **99799334** or email [**info@sandpitphotos.com.au**](mailto:info@sandpitphotos.com.au)

Warm Regards,
THE SANDPIT PHOTOS TEAM



2022

Kindergarten Tours

21 April

5 May

19 May

10am - Vaucluse Public School Front Office

If your little one is starting Kindergarten in 2022 we would love for you to join us for a tour of our beautiful school and a sit down with our Principal, Maureen Hallahan.



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Wild At Art: threatened species art competition for kids

The 2021 threatened species art competition will be open for entries from Saturday 5 June, World Environment Day, to Friday 30 July.

This year, the Australian Conservation Foundation is partnering with Forestmedia Network Inc. to make the competition bigger than ever!

Children aged 5-12 from all Australian states and territories are invited to unleash their creativity through art while learning about our incredible plants and animals, and the threats facing them.

Each child may choose one of Australia's many threatened animals or plants to research, create, and write a short explanation of their work. Copies of artworks and written explanations can be submitted by teachers, program managers and parents via ACF's website from 5 June.

An exhibition of artworks by finalists will be held in Sydney in September, with winners announced on Tuesday 7 September, Threatened Species Day.

Prizes and categories will be announced shortly.

Find out more and sign up to receive exciting news and updates at www.acf.org.au/artcomp



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CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION**



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CREATE COMPOST, NOT LANDFILL ART COMPETITION

Did you know you can put food scraps into your green-lid wheelie bin at home? If everyone did this we would halve the amount of waste our local area sends to landfill each week and create nourishing compost instead!

We need your help to get the word out!

We're calling all creative kids to craft an artwork around the theme – Create Compost, Not Landfill.

The winning artworks will be printed on our garbage trucks for everyone to see.

Entries can be hand drawn or created using digital media.

Some ideas to think about:

- What is compost?
- What can go in our green bin at home?
- Why is compost important?
- How does recycling food scraps help our environment?
- What methods can we use to recycle food waste at home?

- 4 winners will be chosen for truck art and a \$50 book voucher
- 4 runners up will receive a \$25 book voucher
- The school with the most entries will win a \$200 prize for their school.

For more information email:
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**Entries close
Monday 31 May**



**Woollahra
Municipal
Council**

VOOSC NEWS

This week we completed our Assessment and Rating process and now await the outcome which we will share with you when we receive notification.

Thank you to the children and families for assisting us in making our service what it is and the ongoing support you provide on our shared journey.

Children have enjoyed building their own cubby houses, creating cafes, giant Jenga, sticky noodles and collage over the week.

During billycart races we discovered there could possibly be some future rally car driver's amongst us and others who hopefully will gain more confidence before becoming road users!

VOOSC STARS

Travis B. and Gus Mc.
For challenging yourselves with new taste sensations.
Mathew P. and Brooklyn S.

For always getting involved in activities and making the most of your time at VOOSC.
Well done boys, very well deserved!

Kind Regards

VOOSC TEAM

