

The Vaucluse Weekly

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

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 Farrawell & 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

Principal's Report

Dear parents

Today I had the great pleasure of sitting in with Stage 3 and their teachers and listening to Eddie Boas tell his story. Eddie is a Holocaust Survivor and is part of Project Heritage. For those interested Eddie left several copies of his book which will be available to borrow from the library. We were most fortunate to be offered this opportunity by BJE for all our Stage 3 students to participate in this program. Throughout my years here we have participated in Project Heritage with our Stage 3 Jewish scripture students. I have often been fortunate enough to hear the stories of Holocaust Survivors who visit our school. Our visitors' stories are always sensitive, age appropriate and full of messages of hope and wisdom. We felt this would be a rich opportunity for all our Stage 3 students. BJE kindly offered to give us this opportunity prior to COVID. We were all ready to implement the program in 2020 and the rest is history. Finally, we are able to realise our plans and Stage 3 are embarking on their own projects and implementing their action research skills. Eddie will be invited back to school for our students to present to him.

During this morning's presentation our students sat and listened in such a respectful way. You could have heard a pin drop in the room such was their concentration. The questions they asked Eddie reflected their deep thinking throughout his talk. Their questions were insightful, respectful and reflective. These opportunities are excellent assessment source material for us and this was an outstanding response. At the conclusion of the session, the BJE educator came and shared her observations. She told me she visits a lot of schools. She said the students at Vacluse Public School were the most impressive she had seen in a long time. She said not only was their behaviour and engagement outstanding, but the questions they asked of Eddie demonstrated their connection, respect and insight. Needless to say the Stage 3 teachers and I were so proud we thought we might burst. Thank you Stage 3, you are getting there.

It was a week of great feedback about our students. Wednesday was our Cyber Safety Day with Yasmin London (ex-Rose Bay Police Youth Liaison Officer and now Cyber Safety expert). Our students participated in sessions with Yas during the day and our parents had the opportunity to Zoom with her on Wednesday evening. Yas' feedback was very similar for the whole school. Our students are respectful and very enthusiastic to learn. They have great manners and listen well. They also look after each other. This feedback was repeated this morning from the Kindergarten Ethics teacher. Mandy commented on how far our Kindergarten students had progressed since Term 1.

Tuesday night was Term 2's P&C meeting and it was excellent to see so many dedicated parents attend in order to support all our students. The P&C are very busy organising fund raising to improve the playground facilities in the top playground. There will be a working bee to tidy up the playground before the end of term. There is quite a bit of weeding to be done and Ruth has had several contractors here to quote on a clean-up but it has been very difficult to get someone to quote on the job. Weeding will be a priority job at the working bee. The garden needs some work - paving repaired and a gate built to protect our free ranging chicks to name just a few. Keep your eyes open for a date for the working bee.

Next week is school photos on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please do not send your child in coloured joggers on those days. It is such a challenge to get the photo right with rainbow of shoes in the image.

Maureen Hallahan



20 years of
Reconciliation
Australia

MORE THAN A WORD



**RECONCILIATION
TAKES ACTION
-2021-**

National Reconciliation Week 2021

27 May – 3 June

nrw.reconciliation.org.au

#MoreThanAWord #NRW2021

K-2 Australian Museum Excursion













Mindfulness in 1W





Kindy - Blue Bots



STEAM
WEEK 4 & 5



STAGE 1 – ROBOTICS



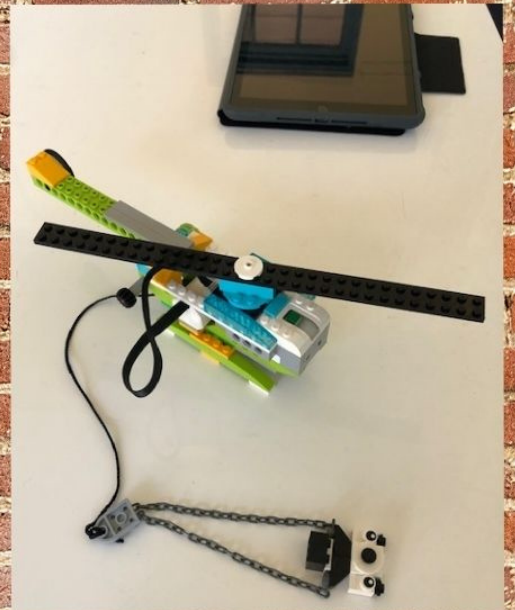
Stage 2 - Robotics



**STEAM
WEEK 4 & 5**



STAGES



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WEEK 4 & 5

STAGE 3 ASSEMBLY



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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?

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**

Warm Regards,
THE SANDPIT PHOTOS TEAM



LEMON & ROSEMARY SHORTBREAD



INGREDIENTS

MAKES 30

- 250g butter, cubed and softened
- 3/4 cup caster sugar (150g), plus extra for sprinkling
- 2 cups plain flour (250g)
- 1 cup rice flour (130g)
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tbsp rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp lemon zest
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice

FROM THE GARDEN

- Rosemary
- Lemon

EQUIPMENT

- Baking trays/cooling rack
- Measuring cups/spoons
- Citrus grater
- Citrus juicer
- Sharp knives
- Chopping boards
- Electric mixer
- Mixing bowls
- Rolling pin
- Cooling racks



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 150°C.
2. In a mixing bowl, WHISK together the flour, salt, lemon zest and rosemary. Set aside.
3. In a separate bowl using an electric beater, BEAT the butter and sugar until smooth and creamy, for approximately 3 minutes. Then ADD lemon juice to the butter mixture and continue to beat until mixed through.
4. Using a wooden spoon, FOLD the flour mixture into the butter mixture until combined. This should look like a crumbly dough.
5. LEAVE the mixture in the bowl and using your hands gently FORM a dough ball.
6. PLACE two sheets of baking paper on the bench. Then DIVIDE the dough ball in half and place one each on a sheet of baking paper.
7. Place another piece of baking paper over the top of the dough ball and using your hands press down the dough ball into a rectangle shape. Push any edges in that start to get too thin.
8. ROLL over the top using a small rolling pin to even out the thickness to about 5mm and to smooth the surface. *Don't press down too hard as it makes the cookies firmer.*
9. Take the top layer of baking paper off and TRANSFER into the baking tray. Gently cut rectangle shapes, and design with a fork. SPRINKLE biscuits with extra caster sugar.
10. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden. Leave in tray to cool for a few minutes before transferring to rack.



SOM TUM NOODLES

WITH GREEN PAPAYA



INGREDIENTS

SERVES 8 TASTINGS

- 100g dried rice vermicelli noodles
- 200g green papaya
- 1-2 fresh red chilli
- 3 cloves garlic
- 6 green beans
- 6 cherry tomato
- 1 medium carrot
- 6 large lettuce leaves
- 3 tbsp lemon or lime juice
- 3 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tbsp fish sauce OR soy sauce

FROM THE GARDEN

- Chilli
- Papaya
- Lemon
- Carrots
- Tomato

EQUIPMENT

- Peeler & Grater
- Mortar and pestle
- Citrus juicer
- Measuring spoons
- Scissors
- Bowls
- Fork

SOM means SOUR, TUM means POUND

PREPARATION

1. SOAK the noodles in warm water for 3-4 minutes or until softened. Drain and use scissors to chop into smaller lengths - set aside.
2. PEEL & GRATE the papaya - set aside.
3. DE-SEED the chillies - PLEASE USE CAUTION! Use a pair of rubber gloves - set aside.
4. PEEL the garlic - set aside.
5. TRIM green beans and CUT into 3cm lengths - set aside.
6. CUT tomatoes in half - set aside.
7. PEEL & GRATE the carrot - set aside.
8. BUNCH lettuce leaves and CUT into large strips using scissors - set aside.
9. JUICE lemon - set aside.

METHOD

10. Using a mortar and pestle, POUND the chilli and garlic.
11. ADD beans, carrots and tomatoes. POUND to crush the ingredients further so that all the juices start to come out.
12. ADD brown sugar, fish sauce (or soy sauce) and lemon or lime juice and continue to POUND and MIX.
13. ADD papaya, lettuce and noodles and STIR through with a fork until well combined.





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



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For more terms and conditions visit **woollahra.nsw.gov.au**

VOOSC NEWS

VOOSC STARS

This week our star has been chosen for being an all- round positive role model, showing consistent kindness and always being polite. Congratulations **Harper H.** you are a true VOOSC Star!!

VACATION CARE

Our June/ July vacation care program is nearly ready. As requested by children we have included Ice Zoo, Wheels Day and a special cooking experience to acknowledge Naidoc Week.

We will advise when the program is complete as we are waiting on a couple of final confirmations on planned activities. All bookings MUST be received by **18/06/21**

SUSTAINABILITY, CONSTRUCTION + CREATIVITY AT VOOSC

Well done to all children who got on board with our recycling initiative returning the dip cups instead of putting them in the bin. We will reuse these for art projects .Congratulations to Lila R. and Julia A.S for being our first winners in the lucky dip! Imagination and creativity was key this week with Lego, wooden blocks and playstix being popular with several children spending days on creating and constructing their masterpieces, while others have participated in nature play and chalk drawing.

Warm Regards VOOSC TEAM

