

Vaucluse Weekly

7 December, 2011

Welcome our New Principal

It was with much delight that we welcomed our new principal, Ms Maureen Hallahan to Vaucluse Public School today.



Our School Education Director, Louise Ferguson brought Maureen to the school at lunchtime to meet the teachers and staff.

I hope that Maureen will be able to visit us on a number of occasions before the end of term to meet everyone. I would like to echo Louise's words in saying that I know you will join with me in congratulating Maureen on her appointment and welcoming her warmly to her new position.

On behalf of the whole school community, may I take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to Louise as panel convenor, and Jessica Timbs and Catherine Ross as panel members for their commitment to the merit selection process. Not only is the process thorough, it is time consuming, requires much discussion and negotiation and is a huge responsibility. Many thanks for all your time and effort.

Vaucluse Over the Moon

Despite some threatening raindrops, another wonderful night was held under the big tree in the K-2 playground last Wednesday for "Vaucluse Over the Moon".

The cow didn't jump but the chickens escaped (please see over) and parents enjoyed picnic dinners—and some scrummy sausages—with their children while our talented students performed a fantastic variety of songs and instrumentals as entertainment.

The P&C sold child-made cookies, rocky road and festive cards and then Santa came with his helpful elves to hand out Christmas stockings with VPS baubles and treats.

Such a delightful evening, no one wanted to go home!

School Photos

Any families who have placed a late order for extra school photos (eg soccer team, debating) please contact the office as we have a few spares.

Coming Events in Term 4

Thu 8 Dec	<i>Parent Helpers Breakfast 8:30am</i>
Thu 8 Dec	<i>Combined Choir Evening at Rose Bay Secondary College</i>
Mon 12 Dec	<i>Presentation Day 12:30pm</i>
Wed 14 Dec	<i>Y6 Farewell 6:00pm</i>
Thu 15 Dec	<i>Kindy Graduation at 9:30am</i>
Fri 16 Dec	<i>Last day of 2011 for the children</i>
Mon 30 Jan	<i>First day of 2012 for the children in Years 1-6</i>

Assembly Awards	
KB	William B & Peony
KW	Ruby & Daisy
1/2O	Caitlin & Chenae
1/2H	Makira & Ciaran
3A	
4/5A	Jake & Benji
5/6S	Jordan & Monique
PN/PR/PS	Paris
Languages	Peony, Dylan, Julia, Shai & Sarah G
Principal	Zoe (KB), Pippi (KW), Olivia (1/2H), Selin (1/2H), Sam (1/2O), Louicosta (3A), Evie (3A), Charles (PR), Jeremy (4/5A), Daniella (4/5A), Daniel (5/6S), Sender (5/6S)

Canteen Next Week

Zio Gianni will not be open next Monday 12 December because of Presentation Day.

Instead, the canteen will be open on the last day of school Friday 16 December.

Parent Surveys for Annual School Report

I am hoping you have a minute to complete two short surveys that I have for you. It is a requirement for all NSW public schools to conduct at least two annual evaluations – one related to educational management and practice and the other related to curriculum.

The first survey about school culture has only 13 questions and should only take a minute. Please click on the following zoomerang link to complete this survey.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22B7ZMD8TBC>

The second survey about Sport and Physical Education at Vaucluse will be sent home today with your child.

The more people who respond to the surveys, the more accurate the data will be.

The closing time for both surveys will be next Wednesday 14 December at 4pm.

Please note also that the surveys are voluntary and anonymous.

Brian Nethery

Reminder! **Rose Bay Secondary College** **combined Choir Concert**

On Thursday 8 December, our Vaucluse Public School choir (Years 3-6) will be joining other local schools for a combined choirs concert at Rose Bay Secondary College.

Choir teachers from the high school have been training our students over several sessions and our students will perform a selection of new songs.

Dress for the concert is **full school uniform**.

Vaucluse students will leave school at 3.15pm and travel to RBSC by bus to the high school. Rehearsals will take place until 6.00pm when a BBQ dinner will be available for the children which will cost \$5. Please refer to the permission note that went home last Friday.

Parents are invited to attend the concert which begins at 6.30pm and is expected to conclude at 7.30pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. Children will need to be picked up at 7.35pm.

Reminder! **Parent Helpers and** **Scripture Teachers**



In appreciation of your help and support throughout the year, the staff invite you to a breakfast tomorrow morning, Thursday, 8th December at 8:30am. Please note that we are only able to cater for the adults. Children will be supervised in the playground.

Last Chance for Raffle Tickets

Hi there,

All raffle ticket books MUST be back by this Friday, Dec. 9, SOLD or NOT.

If you've run out of time, it's fine to return a book with just a few tickets sold, every bit helps.

There's plenty of tickets still to buy at the office - let me just say it's probably the best lottery odds in town - or call or email me and I'll get you more.

Deb ph: 9371 5276 or
deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au

Set the Chooks Free!

A highlight of Vauclose Over the Moon was the official launch of the chook pen.

Everyone gathered down at the old vege garden to hear master chook shed builder John Stallman explain why it took soooooo many hours of hard labour to build this environmentally friendly, appealing and, most importantly, safe pen for our six newest Vauclose Public School attendees.

Then farmer Tony Coote of Mulloon Creek Organic Farms explained why our free range chooks are so special.

Major kitchen garden program sponsor Michael McMahon of Catalina tried to tell us why fresh organic eggs are so delicious but our impatient chickens could not wait any longer to come home to roost! They escaped from their holding pen mid-speech to the delight of their younger audience before strutting down the red carpet and doing what chickens do: clucking, scratching in the dirt and laying eggs.

Thanks also to Tony for supplying us with egg cartons so we can sell any spare eggs. If you miss out on buying school eggs look out for his in the supermarkets.

Thanks also to everyone who signed up to sponsor the chickens on the night. If you missed out and want your name up on the shed, please call or text Ingrid, 0407 522 878. Now that we have the chickens, we need to



Smiles all round as our first eggs are laid



Our gorgeous hens get the red carpet treatment



Feed the Chooks!!

Please send in vegetable scraps from home to feed the chickens in the morning, less waste for you, yummy tummies for our chickens.

PLEASE KIDS, DON'T PICK ANYTHING FROM THE VEGETABLE GARDEN FOR THE CHOOKS, bring leftover vegetable treats from home!

Veggie Garden News

A drizzly Monday morning saw classes coming to the vegetable garden on the cusp of our summer crop.

There was an excited curiosity around the new chicken coop, and we had to pretty much hold the children back from running down to it before each outdoor lesson.

The coop adds a fantastic new dimension to the garden, and makes the garden more holistic in the way we can manage it now. Chooks are settling in and working out their pecking order. 1/2 H helped me sow some basil seed, while KW helped me harvest radish seeds that are starting to dry nicely.

5/6S had a revision of the year's subjects including soils, garden design, plant propagation, chickens, and pH. Big shout out to class for remembering what a loamy soil was.

It was also a slightly melancholic lesson as well, as it was the Year 6 students' last vegetable garden lesson forever!

More importantly it is the first cohort of children from Year K, what is left of the original bunch, that has gone through the Garden Program we have started at Vaucluse School, including the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program that we started last year. I hope you guys had as much fun as me and I wish them all the best with the big move to secondary education. From little things big things grow.

4/5A and 3A completed lessons on chickens. We looked at what the requirements and benefits of having chickens in a vegetable garden are. 3A also helped me harvest the next batch of fresh eggs from our new chicken shed, which Chef Ilana tells me sold like hotcakes.

Pumpkins, beans, tomatoes and basil coming soon.

Best Wishes to Brian Nethery and Sue O'Brien in their future endeavours as well. Thank you for supporting the garden in your time here.

Rudi the Kitchen Garden Guy.

Some Veggie Garden Housekeeping.

Just to let you know the children seem to like climbing on chicken wire surrounding our coop, and feeding chicken scraps which are often snapped off fresh veggies. If you are around with your children keep them off fence as holes will potentially form allowing Mr and Mrs Fox in, and do not pick any veggies to feed chicken. In regards to veggies scraps some are poisonous such as rhubarb and green potatoes, so please do not put any scraps in if you are unsure.


If you are interested in volunteering in the garden over the holidays or next year do not hesitate to call me on 0423 020 648. There is plenty to do.

Thanks Rudi.

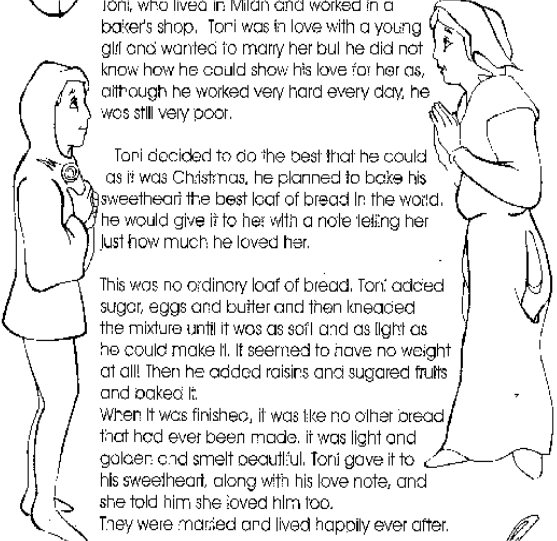
Buon Natale

Part 10

«La Leggenda del
Panettone»
The Legend of the
Panettone



Once there was a young man named Toni, who lived in Milan and worked in a baker's shop. Toni was in love with a young girl and wanted to marry her but he did not know how he could show his love for her as, although he worked very hard every day, he was still very poor.




Toni decided to do the best that he could as it was Christmas, he planned to bake his sweetheart the best loaf of bread in the world. He would give it to her with a note telling her just how much he loved her.

This was no ordinary loaf of bread. Toni added sugar, eggs and butter and then kneaded the mixture until it was as soft and as light as he could make it. It seemed to have no weight at all! Then he added raisins and sugared fruits and baked it.

When it was finished, it was like no other bread that had ever been made. It was light and golden and smelled beautiful. Toni gave it to his sweetheart, along with his love note, and she told him she loved him too. They were married and lived happily ever after.

Toni's special bread became known as "PANETTONE", the best bread in the world!



VOOSC NEWS

Vacation Care

Please remember to have all of your vacation care bookings finalised and paid for in full by the 9/12/11. **No bookings will be accepted without full payment and a signed permission note.**

Staff will take annual leave from 19/12/11 and will not be available until 23/01/12. All rosters and correct ratios need to be attended to prior to the end of school, hence the closing date for all bookings.

Term Fees

We still have outstanding fees. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee your child/ren a spot for next year. **All fees will now accrue late fines until paid in full as per policy** (prior arrangements exempt).

Voosc Stars

We have three stars this week. **Evelyn 3A, Audrey 1/2H and Theo KW!** Thank you for being happy, friendly and well-mannered kids. Congratulations and welcome to our wall of fame!

Kind Regards

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