



Vaucluse Public School  
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## Vaucluse Weekly 19 November, 2012



**Princess Olivia from KB and Snow White (Miss Butt) enjoying the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.**

Dear Parents

Last night I had the great pleasure to see some of our students from PN and PJ perform at the 2012 Danceability Concert at the Science Theatre at UNSW. In the body of the newsletter are some photos of this wonderful occasion. Congratulations to Matthew, Jack and Toby from PN and Bella from PJ for their extraordinary performances. The fan club from Vaucluse PS were so proud we all cried.

Tomorrow we begin the process to establish a school band at Vaucluse Public School. If you did not receive the information package please contact the office for one. The band is open to students from Year 2. For students in Kindergarten and Year 1 there is a separate program offered and there is an information package for this also. This is a great opportunity for all students and we are looking forward to developing this program in 2013.

Congratulations to Daniella in Mrs Weiss' Year 1. Mrs Weiss and her class entered a Christmas card

### Coming Events

<b>MON 26 NOV</b>	<i>K-2 Swimming</i>
<b>THU 6 DEC</b>	<i>Vaucluse sur L'herbe</i>
<b>TUE 11 DEC</b>	<i>Thank You Morning Tea</i>
<b>THU 13 DEC</b>	<i>Presentation Day</i>
<b>MON 17 DEC</b>	<i>Reports home</i>
<b>TUE 18 DEC</b>	<i>Year 6 Farewell</i> 
<b>WED 19 DEC</b>	<i>The last day of term</i>

competition for State MP Gabrielle Upton. Gabrielle rang on Monday with the good news that she had selected Daniella's drawing to be on the back of her Christmas card. Gabrielle was highly complimentary of the artistic expertise in Year 1. Gabrielle will also be presenting a citizenship award at our 2012 Presentation Day.

The Kindergarten Play & Stay Program culminated with a Mad Hatters' Tea Party yesterday. All of kindergarten including their teachers and the 2013 Kindergartens came dressed as their favourite fairy tale character. This year's kindergarten and their parents provided and hosted morning tea. Thank you for effort you put into providing such a welcoming morning tea. It was a really happy day and we are so looking forward to the new little people starting. At this stage we have three kindergartens for 2013. All the 2013 students who have participated in the program which has been held over Term 4 have come to school extremely well prepared. We can't wait for them to come.

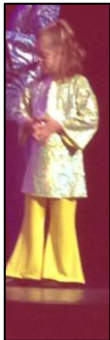
Thank you to all those parents who have supported the School Leaders' Initiative. We are collecting items to put into Care Bags for the Bread of Life Program at St Michael's, Surry Hills. These bags will be given to homeless people when they arrive for breakfast. They are basic essentials but make such a difference when the homeless know they have come from the efforts of a school. We are talking to our students about the culture

of community service and how small acts of kindness make a huge difference. Thank you for your small acts of kindness. If you have not received the note that itemises what each class has been asked to bring in, they are available at the office.

The staff are currently very busy compiling the Semester 2 School Reports. There will be a new format for the report. The report still retains the structure of Semester 1 Report but there is the addition of outcomes and indicators. These outcomes and indicators are specific to the units of work that have been studied in the second half of the year. Reports will be sent home in the last week of school.

Staff are also looking at class organisation for 2013. Many discussions will take place to ensure that children are placed appropriately. We understand that parents like to request different teachers. It is impossible for us to accommodate requests. In fairness we would have to open this opportunity to all parents. This opportunity is impossible to provide and implement. Teachers are advocates for all students. When making decisions about class placement we consider individual students but also make equitable decisions based on the needs of the group. There is a great deal of information that is gathered to make these decisions. We will be using all our professional expertise to make these decisions within the context of Vacluse PS.

Maureen Hallahan  
Principal



**Movers and shakers at Danceabilities**



**School Ovals**

As the warm weather progresses, the ovals are looking better and better. The sight of thick green grass has such a positive effect on everyone coming into the school. A lot has been done to maintain the ovals over the last few months. They've been sprayed twice for clover and bindies, top dressed and fertilised. They're being mown and irrigated regularly. And importantly, they are getting some rest – nothing is harder on lawn than hundreds of tiny feet jumping around! The fences are there so the teachers can rotate use from one half of the oval to the other half of the oval. So how much use they get needs to be watched. Better to have green grass to play on, most of the time, than dirt and weeds all the time.

John Stallman Coco's father 5/6S

Adam and Chaii Ki our Nippers Champions!  
Our young men from 1/2G did extremely well in the under 8's Nippers club championship against other



clubs. Adam got a ribbon in sprints (75-100m) and Chaii Ki came in the top 6. Chaii Ki also got into the top 5 in the flag races. We are very proud.

**The Lost Property at Vacluse Public School is growing at a rapid pace.....please make some time to come and have a rummage!**





# The Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Dear Parents and carers,  
What fun we had yesterday at the Mad Hatter's Tea party. It was a fabulous finale to our Kindergarten 'Stay and Play' programme. Tummies were rather full after the feast, so we apologise if lunches weren't totally consumed.

An enormous thanks to our class parents and volunteers for setting up the picnic and cleaning up. Our fabulous students deserve praise for being so responsible and caring with their buddies and our 2013 enrolments were so well behaved. Another big thanks goes to our wonderful helpers from Stage 3 and to all the students and teachers who assist and support us during the transition programme. Everyone's care, generosity and interest has contributed towards presenting our great school community in such a positive way.

Look out for the photographs!

Kind regards,

Ms Aspden and the Kindergarten team

### **Please, please, please! Return unwanted raffle books urgently**

If you don't want to buy or sell them, please, please, return your books urgently as we are running out of time to sell them elsewhere. If we can get enough books back we will be selling them up at Coles this Sunday from 3pm.

Remember, every child who returns their book, sold or unsold, goes in the draw to win a \$100 voucher at Red Rocket toy store.

But if you do want them you can ...

**Pamper yourself for only \$10**

Yes, only \$10 bucks gets you a chance to spoil yourself with a **Henrietta Winn** massage or a **QED** facial! Fix what ails you with \$150 worth of **David Chapman** chiropractic services or forget about it all with two nights at **Air on Broadbeach**. Or perhaps a **Pure & Green organics** pamper pack or \$50 to spend at **Berkelouw** is just the ticket.

**And there's still another 18 prizes to be won.**

Full prize listing under the Kitchen Garden tab of the school website.

**So get busy buying and selling those tickets.**

**88 books sold, 162 to go.**

And if you want more tickets, I'd love to hear from you at [deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au](mailto:deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au) or on 0407 639 245.

And support our supporters.

Thanks,

Raffle Woman Deb

## **VOOSC NEWS**

We have a few more draft policies completed for families to view at the centre. We encourage all families to take the time to look them over and provide opinions and input before endorsement.

The drafts available are :

- . OSHC Code of Professional Standards
- . Governance and Management
- . Excursions
- . Interactions with Children
- . Fees
- . Nutrition
- . Policy on removal and assumption of care of a child from the service by Community Services
- . Emergency and Evacuation
- . Management of Complaints
- . Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisations
- . Policy Development and Review
- . Hygiene
- . Staffing

### **VOOSC STARS**

Our Voosc Stars for this week are **Freya KA , Tomika 3 A and Alexander 2M**

Kind and friendly people make a happy world.

Congratulations to our three wonderful children who have made it to our wall of fame! We are proud you are Voosc Kids !

2013 Bookings

All families with permanent bookings who have not yet emailed the centre with confirmation for next year, please could you attend to this ASAP.

### **Term Fees**

**Fee instalments are due please.**

### **VOOSC TEAM**

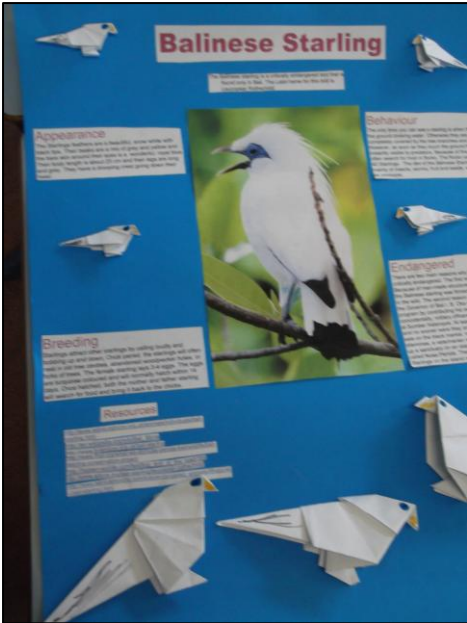
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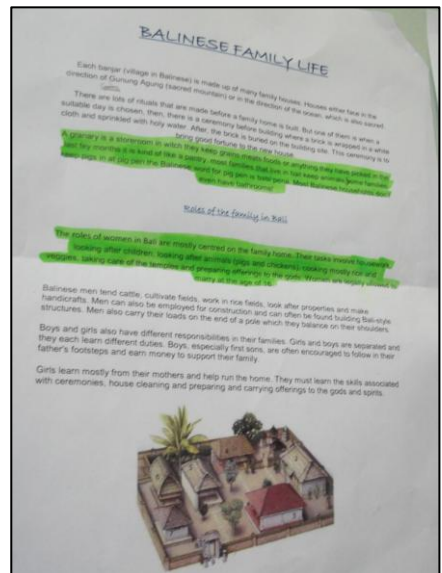
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5/6 S show us some of the things they have researched on the Island of Bali



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