



Vaucluse Public School
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Vaucluse Weekly 21 November, 2012

Dear Parents

The school leaders have been busily putting together the Care Bags for the homeless of Surry Hills. This has been an excellent initiative that has involved the whole school. It has provided an opportunity to have some very valuable conversations with our students. The school leaders have been very compassionate and insightful in carrying out this project. On Sunday morning we will deliver the bags to the *Bread of Life Project*. We will do this with much gratitude. Thank you for your support of this project – not only for the items you have sent in but also for joining us in helping our students practise and learn about compassion. **Stop Press:** In order to be able to present 30 Care Bags, we are missing a few items. Please see in the body of the newsletter the items needed. If these could be sent to school before Friday the school leaders would be most relieved!!

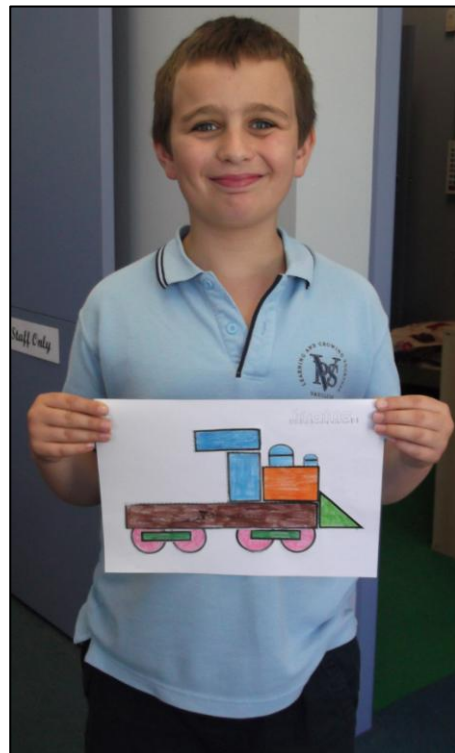
Today auditions were announced for the *V Factor*. We have asked students to audition for individual items for *Vaucluse sur L'herbe*. The concert will consist of K-2 and 3-6 items and also individual items. Miss Aspden and her group of judges are looking for students who have the *V Factor* to perform. Auditions will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week. We are very much looking forward to families joining us on the evening of 6 December to celebrate the end of the year.

The staff has been very busy changing the style of Semester 2 Student Reports. When you receive them at the end of term they will now include indicators for all Key Learning Areas. These indicators will explain the different areas of learning each class has been working on and how individual students have achieved. The student Reports will inform parents on achievement and effort in all learning areas. Curriculums are organised in stages. Some students will be at the beginning of a stage while others will be at the end of a stage. If you have any questions or queries in regard to the reports, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal

Matthew from Class PN shows us his artistic and mathematical skills using colour and shapes.

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



Friday Watering

Evapotranspiration is the rate of water removal from the soil by plants and soil capillary action. Precipitation is the rate of rainfall. Sydney lawn needs 15 millimetres (mm) of precipitation a week to keep up with the rate of Evapotranspiration. That's every week. Any less, and just like us, they suffer badly.

Friday is our only watering day. Friday is the only day the General Assistant works. Friday is best because it lets the lawns dry out ready for play on Monday.

Last Friday we had the sprinklers going in the rain. After drizzling all day, only 3 millimetres of rain had fallen. The sprinklers were used for a bit over an hour to put on the other 12 millimetres. Its simple maths. More than 15 mm over the weekend (even a torrent) would be a badly needed bonus. So help us help the lawns by leaving the sprinklers on, even if your instincts say otherwise. Many thanks.

John Stallman

Mowing School Lawns - VOLUNTEERS – One Hour on Weekends

Your school needs YOU. If you would like to help with this, even just once a year, please text me on 0439 498 966.

Many Thanks, John Stallman



The 4/5A Assembly Item

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



Heaps more raffle tickets available!

Thanks so much to everyone who has returned their raffle books. The good news is there are loads more left. So if you think you can fob one off to a grandparent, godparent or anyone who loves a flutter, Just ask!!!! 125 books sold, 125 to go!

(Yes, we've reached the halfway mark, so that's over \$6000 in the P&C coffers so far.

Pat yourselves on the back.)

And remember, we want all books back, SOLD or

UNSOLD. For more books or any probs,

just call raffle lady Deb 0407 639 245 or

deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au Prizes of the week:

- Global Shop direct voucher. Value \$500 (hours of entertainment doing the browsing)
- King of Knives knife block set. Value \$150 (handy)
- Perfection chocolates box. Value \$60 (yummy)
- By Kim voucher. Value \$50 (ooh la la)
- Berkelouw book store voucher. Value \$50 (me time)
- Art4U2 merchandise pack. Value \$100 (kids time)

Vaucluse on the grass/Vaucluse sur L'herbe

On 6 December, 2012 we will celebrate the talent at Vaucluse by hosting *Vaucluse on the Grass* between 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. on the school grounds.

Families will picnic while they enjoy performances by the students in Stage groups and individually.

Students are invited to audition to perform an item in the school hall this week on Thursday 22 November and Friday 23 November. On Thursday the auditions are for students in Years 3-6 and on Friday for students in Years K-2.

We look forward sharing to a fabulous community evening.

VOOSC NEWS

BOOKINGS FOR 2013

Thank you to families who have already organised their children's bookings for next year. If you have not confirmed your children's positions for 2013 via an email or letter, you need to do this please, no later than Friday 30th November, 2012.

We are currently full for next year, with a waiting list. We would appreciate your prompt attention! Failure to provide this essential information will result in your children being placed on the waiting list and those currently on the waiting list filling positions.

TERM FEES

Thank you to all of the families who have kept on top of fees this term. If you are having difficulties please make an appointment to discuss payment schedules with the centre Coordinator. Please remember all term fees are to be finalised before the end of the term.

VOOSC STARS

Our stars for Week 7 are Chenae, Jemma, and Maya. Well done girls! You have really sparkled in the clean up department!

Around the garden, playground and inside family corner, you have helped to keep everything looking beautiful, thank you so much!

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, we are really happy to have your stars on the VOOSC "Wall of Fame".

Kind Regards

Lee White

Co-ordinator

Vaucluse Out Of School Centre

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**Help !!! Help !!! Help !!!
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In order to complete our thirty Care Bags for the homeless people of Surry Hills we still need the following items.

- 7 tubes of Toothpaste
- 21 tins of Shaving Cream
- 13 bottles of Shampoo
- 12 bottles of Conditioner
- 16 Deodorants
- 11 packs of Antibacterial Wipes
- 18 Lip Balms
- 12 tubes of Body Lotion

*If you are able to help -
please send items
to school ASAP
Thank you- Year 6 Leaders*

