



Vaucluse Weekly 28 November, 2012

Dear Parents

Last week the Executive teachers and myself were invited to Bondi Beach Public School for a session with the Gyuto Monks from Tibet. Each year Bondi Beach Public School invites the Monks to their community for a week of activities organised around Multicultural units of work and Student Welfare and Wellbeing activities. From the pictures in the body of the newsletter you can see some of activities we were involved in. The Monks' presence in the community has a very positive effect on all and next year we would also like to participate in the program.

The School Leaders' Initiative culminated on the weekend. Laila Reuven, our School Captain and her mum – Deb Grunfeld were able to come on Sunday morning and distribute the Care Bags at the Breakfast Program. Thank you again for so generously supporting this program. The bags were received with much delight and thanks. In the body of the newsletter is a message from Reverend Francis Chalwell who is the Anglican Minister at St Michael's Church. In 2013 we will be looking to further support the Bread of Life Program. This initiative was the source of much rich learning. Our children asked thoughtful and compassionate questions around the subject of homelessness. On Friday after the school leaders had packed the bags, we were sitting discussing who would come on Sunday morning. Our Prefects all expressed sadness that the collection was over because they felt so good be able to help. These opportunities are gold !!!!

This week we have some very exhausted K-2 students. They are all participating in the K-2 Swimming Program at Kincoppal school. This is a great opportunity to get some intensive swimming done before the school holidays. We are very fortunate being able to access the program at Kincoppal. Travelling such a short distance in the Kincoppal bus makes it much less painful. Thank you to K-2 parents for preparing students so well and labelling everything.

Next Thursday is *Vaucluse sur L'herbe*. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there. Please see the invitation in the main part of the newsletter. There will be K-2 and 3-6 items along with a number of individual items. There have been auditions for these items and we have been overwhelmed with talent and enthusiasm (I think everyone in kindergarten auditioned!!). For those students who are not successful in being selected for *Vaucluse sur L'herbe* we will be holding our very own *V Factor* at the end of term.

Coming Events

MON 26 NOV	<i>K-2 Swimming</i>
THU 6 DEC	<i>Vaucluse sur L'herbe</i>
SAT 8 DEC	<i>HMAS Watson Christmas Carols</i>
TUE 11 DEC	<i>Thank You Morning Tea</i>
THU 13 DEC	<i>Presentation Day At Rose Bay Secondary College at 1.30 pm</i>
MON 17 DEC	<i>Reports home</i>
TUE 18 DEC	<i>Year 6 Farewell</i> 
WED 19 DEC	<i>The last day of term</i>

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Raffle has the most fabulous prizes and is great value at \$10 a ticket. If you are unable to sell your book please return them to school as soon as possible. We have printed a certain number and need to sell as many books as possible to meet our target. The proceeds from the Raffle will support the Kitchen and Garden program in 2013. Thank you for all your support.

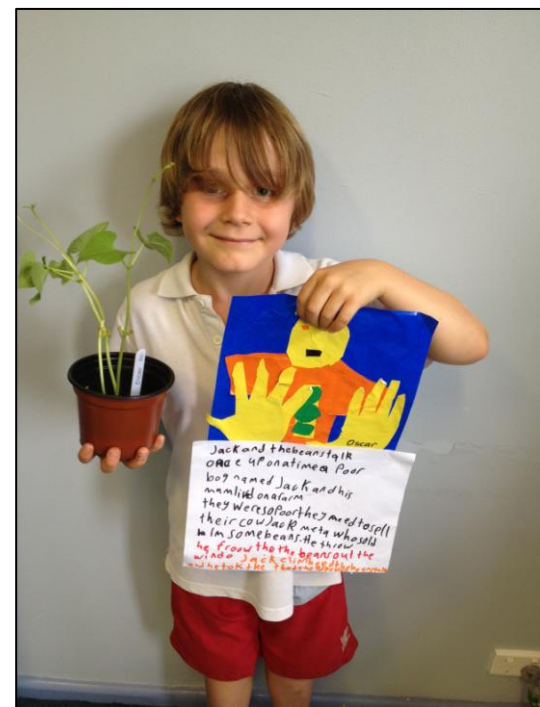
Maureen Hallahan
Principal



Mrs Abelitis and Ms Nicki with the Gyuto Monks from Tibet.



Freddy, Leandro and Oscar from 1W show us their latest class work.



Great class work from 1W.





KA busily constructing with their special helpers.



Our wonderful school leaders getting ready to deliver the Care Bags to St Michael's Church.



Laila Reuven and her mum Deb Grunfeld with a very happy Reverend Francis Chalwell



Isabella from PJ has been very busy harvesting onions(red onions are a little bit smelly when you pull them out of the soil!) in the SAKG with her fellow students

Vegetable Garden News

Last week garden saw students having a late spring clean in our garden. Students weeded and pulled out old vegetable crops for composting and food for our chickens. Students also topped up our front garden beds layering with newspaper, compost, blood and bone, and soil. This lasagne method of layering will add nutrients, water holding capacity and soil structure to our already sandy soils.

We planted corn, red silver beet, and varieties of cucumbers.

A big shout out - to Miss Arkatow for carrying a chicken out to our chook tractor too.

Also thank you to Tom (Henry's dad) who dug all our beds over by hand, spread newspaper and tipped worm wee on our beds.

The spinach and potato pie with red cabbage, fennel and red onion coleslaw was delicious prepared by Chef Ilana and our children.

If you want to volunteer in garden let me know and I can put you on roster, every bit of time helps whether we mulch, weed or plant. No experience required.

Rudi Adlmayer
Kitchen Gardener
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Thank you and the student body of Vaucluse Public for the generous and thoughtful gift packs. The Companions at Bread of Life valued them greatly. It is a valuable addition to our desire to present food for the day and food for eternity to the marginalised people of Sydney. It makes everyone here at Bread of Life feel valued and loved.

Reverend Francis Chalwell



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

**Lost Property at
Vaucluse Public School is
growing at a rapid pace.....please make some time
to come and have a rummage! Watches and jewellery in
the office and these Cotton
On sneakers are in the office
as well.**



VOOSC NEWS

Thank you to families with permanent bookings who have already advised the centre of their requirements for next year. **Families who are currently booked or requiring bookings have until 30/11/12 to confirm.** Several families have requested changes to their days. If you are requiring extra sessions or a change of day, we may have to add you child/rens name to a waiting list and notify families when we have availability. We advise that you do this as soon as possible. We are currently fully booked for both before and aftercare for 2013.

FEES

Thank you to all of our families for really keeping on top of fees during the term. With such a lot of children to feed and care for it keeps the centre running! Families with payment plans please be advised that all fees are due in full by the end of next week (W9 07/12/12)

VOOSC STARS

Two super young ladies have made it to our Wall of Fame this week. Thank you for always having a smile, a helping hand and taking responsibility for your belongings.

Congratulations to Lara 3A and Arabella KH

VACATION CARE

**VACATION CARE WILL OPERATE FROM THE
21/01/13 UNTIL SCHOOL RESUMES .
PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FROM THE CENTRE
BOOKINGS CLOSE 10/12/12**

Kind Regards
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Heaps More Raffle Books if you want them!

**With only two weeks to go we have
162 sold, only 88 to sell
to reach Maureen's goal!!!**

**So can you spruik another book to a grandparent?
Or perhaps sell some individual tickets to the
neighbours?**

**I'm happy to supply you with more books ON
spec.**

**I'll even provide the prize lists for you
to hand out to strangers.**

So call Deb on 0407 639 245,
email deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au
or attack that dodgy looking lady (that's me)
hanging around the K-2 assembly most mornings.



h Invitation to Vacluse sur l'herbe

- 6 December 2012

Invitation to Vacluse on the grass

**Please join our school for a picnic on the grass.
Bring a rug, a basket and your families to enjoy
the talents of our wonderful students.**

**Vacluse on the Grass will commence at 6 p.m.
on the lawn in front of the kitchen and conclude
at approximately 7.30 p.m.**

**There you will hear and see the students
perform in stage groups and individually.
All are welcome and we look forward to sharing
a special evening with you and your families.
Thank you and see you soon.**

Invitation à Vacluse sur l'herbe

**S'il vous plaît joindre à notre école pour un
pique-nique sur l'herbe. Apportez un tapis, un
panier et vos familles, d'apprécier les talents
de nos élèves merveilleux.**

**Vacluse sur le 'Grass' débutera à 18 heures sur la
pelouse en face de la cuisine et se terminera à
environ 19h30**

**Il vous entendez et voyez les élèves effectuent
en groupe et individuellement étape.
Tous sont les bienvenus et nous sommes
impatients de partager une soirée spéciale avec
vous et vos familles.
Merci et à bientôt.**