



Vaucluse Public School
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Vaucluse Weekly 21 December, 2012



*Welcome to country read by Adam V from KB at
Vaucluse Sur L'herbe*

Coming Events

WED 19 DEC	<i>The last day of term</i>
WED 30 JAN	<i>First day of school for years 1 to 6</i>
MON 4 FEB	<i>First day of school for Kindergarten 2013 !</i>

Dear Parents

As our year closes I would like to thank everyone for their friendship and their support in my first year at Vaucluse Public School. I think we have built on the fabulous work that Brian Nethery and his team had done prior to my arrival. This year we have had a number of new additions to the staff. The combination of old and new knowledge has been powerful as we have moved forward. In 2013 we commence the school year with an established team and we look forward to the potential that comes with familiarity.

In the body of the newsletter is information in regard to class formation in 2013. We have been discussing and planning classes for some weeks. In 2013 we have three Kindergartens and several new enrolments for other grades. We will not form classes until Thursday 7 February 2013. We do this to ensure we have the required numbers needed before classes are formed. Students in Years 1 -6 will commence classes on Wednesday 30 January 2013. In week 1 2013 Kindergarten will be assessed individually. They will commence school on Monday 4 February.

In 2013 we will be introducing Mandarin as part of the Language Other Than English Program. This will also be part of the implementation process for the National Curriculum which commences in 2013. Asian literacy is a mandatory part of the National curriculum. The difficulty in obtaining an Italian teacher has also necessitated this. We will be looking to offer an after school Italian Program.

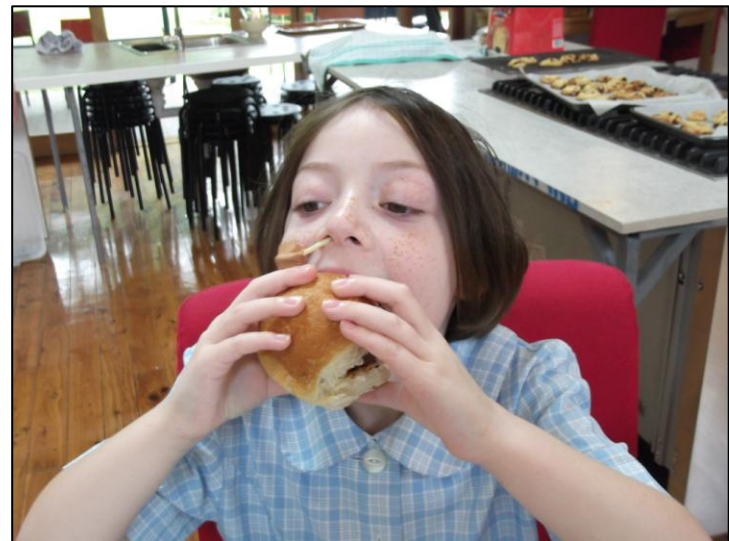
On behalf of the staff and myself we hope you have a happy and safe holiday. We also hope you have the best of times over the holiday period with those you love the most.

Happy Hannukah, Happy Christmas.
Maureen Hallahan



***Eden having her first food in 9 weeks!
! Scrambled eggs and buttered toast.***

She managed half the plate. Mrs Cowen and Corinne will miss her visits to the office at recess and lunch time however we are so happy that you are eating “real” food again. Everyone at Vauclose Public School is very proud of you Eden.



Eden and Shayna prepared delicious hamburgers In the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.



Hello, I'm Sarah. Even though I won't be here next year, even though I won't be a prefect, I have chosen to make a speech in honor of this wonderful school and the gorgeous people inside of it.

Throughout the two years that I have been here, I have learned many things, and it's not just academic work. I have also learned about conflict resolution, and how to play netball. The teachers here have given me an excellent education.

There has been a large variety of personalities throughout the candidates for the 2013 prefects:

- **Benji** has been helpful and friendly to me, and everyone else.
- **Txai** is a humorous kid who loves having a good time.
- **Nick** has been a funny person and can create interesting topics.
- **Matty** is a creative, fair-minded, communicative, person who is prepared to listen to other people
- **Daniella** is an energetic and enthusiastic person who loves animals.
- **Alex** is a bright, kind, intelligent, French guy who, like Steven is in love with soccer.
- **Steven** a smart, helpful, hard-working athlete who is, considering his achievements, very modest.
- **Olyvea** is strong-character girl who is not afraid to express her opinions on topics.
- **Coco** is an optimistic gymnast who is polite to everyone.
- **Havia** is a kind, interesting, fantastic, friend as well as a person.
- **Melissa** is generous, broad- minded, creative, and honest person.

These candidates have been helpful and friendly towards me. Whoever you chose, will be the right school captain, because they are all passionate to make this school a better place.

Thank you.Sarah K 5/6S

We Need You!
We need a builder to quote on creating performance steps at the front of the kitchen/staffroom.
If you are someone good or know someone good,

please contact John on
0439 498 966 or
John@stallmans.com.au.

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VACATION CARE

Sadly we have had to cancel several of our vacation care days. Due to extremely small numbers, we cannot cover operational costs.

The remaining days open are :

Tuesday 22nd

Thursday 24th

Tuesday 29th

Term 4 Fees

There are a number of families with outstanding fees. Please have these settled by the end of the week.

Kind Regards

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HOLIDAY PET AND CHILD CARE

I WOULD LOVE TO FEED, WALK, AND PLAY WITH YOUR PETS AND CHILDREN IN THE HOLIDAYS, GOOD VALUE RATES

PLEASE RING GEORGIE BANNISTER:
HOME PH: 02 9337 6365
MOBILE: 0412 797 862

***Our beautiful school
at the end of 2012***



***Class Pr perform at the last
assembly of 2012***



***2012 Gymnastic Awards for
Emily, Toby R and Gaby***



***It's the end of school for 2012
and the students and teachers
are very ready for a well
deserved break. Mrs Abelitis
could not wait a moment longer
and zoomed off into the sunset***

Dear Parents

CLASS FORMATION POLICY FOR 2013

The staff of Vauclose Public School recognise the need for careful consideration to be given to the formation of class groupings. Teachers make decisions regarding the placement of children in classes based on their experience, prior knowledge of individual children and their skills and understandings as professional educators. Our intention is to provide students with a learning environment that suits their individual academic and social needs, learning styles and temperaments in the knowledge that this is the platform for optimum growth. We acknowledge that some children can find the start of the new academic year challenging. It is our firm belief that by supporting children to adjust to new situations within the supportive and familiar environment of a school we are developing resilience and self management skills for life.

Groupings

- ✓ The number of children in a class will be as follows:

Kindergarten	Average of 20 children
Year 1	Average of 22 children
Year 2	Average of 24 children
Year 3-6	Average of 30 children
- ✓ There will be occasions when it is necessary to form a composite/multi-age class. It is widely acknowledged through a body of international and national research, that there is no evidence to support the belief that composite/multi-age classes have a detrimental effect on children's progress.
- ✓ If at all possible, composite/multi-age classes will be formed to fit within stage groupings. It is recognised that this is not always practical.
- ✓ Composite/multi-age classes will have as even a mix of grades and gender as is practical. When a composite/multi-age class is formed in Kindergarten, Year 1 or 2, the number of children will be on average the same as the average expected in the higher year level.
- ✓ The inclusion of a child in a composite/multi-age class will be based on the child's individual learning needs and the benefits that would be gained from such a placement.
- ✓ Children will be provided with the opportunity to nominate five friends they would like to be with in the following year at the end of the previous year. It is intended that all children will have at least one person they nominate with them.
- ✓ Classes will be formed in mixed ability groups. An even number of boys and girls is desirable. There may be times when staff believes it to be beneficial for gender based groups to be formed for certain teaching and learning activities.

Time Frame

- ✓ Classes will be formed in the final two weeks of term 4, 2012. This gives teachers time to consider the composition of the class and to consult collegially on the appropriate placement of students. At this time the placement of new enrolments if known is also considered. It is acknowledged that there may be times when classes need to be reconfigured in Term 1 to cater to fluctuations in enrolment. Because classes are not final we do not inform parents.
- ✓ Teachers will then have the opportunity to consult with each other to ensure the best possible mix of children.
- ✓ At the commencement of the 2013 school year all students will return to their 2012 class groupings. 2013 classes will not be formed until the end of week 2, Term1 2013. This is to ensure school student numbers are definite. Until the school can accurately determine the number of students enrolled for 2013 classes will not be formed.
- ✓ 2013 Classes will be announced and organised at the end of week 2, Term1, 2013.

Parental input

- ✓ It is recognised that parents/caregivers often have reasons for wanting their children in a certain group or with a certain teacher. It is only in **very exceptional** circumstances that children will be moved from one class to another. Consultation will take place between the child's previous teachers as well as the School's Learning Support Team.

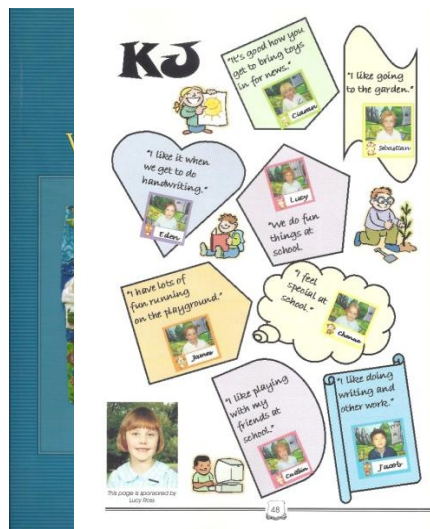
Maureen Hallahan
Principal

17 December 2012



VPS Year Book 2012 - Order Form

The 2012 Vacluse Voyage is a wonderful memento of the events and activities that have taken place at Vacluse Public School this year and features the words and artwork of the children. If you would like a copy of the 2012 Vacluse Voyage, please complete and return this order form to your classroom teacher before **Wednesday 19th December 2012**. Please note that a hard copy of the 2011 edition can be found at the office if you'd like to see before you buy



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