



Vaucluse Public School  
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## Vaucluse Weekly 06 December, 2012



### **Santa's little helper has arrived**

Dear Parents

The school has been alive with excitement these past few weeks. Last week the auditions for individual items that are being performed tonight took place. Our students have been rehearsing all this week and are looking forward to their performances this evening. We are extremely lucky with the weather and picnic blankets on the grass under the big fig tree will be perfect. Tom Styles and his team have done a superb job in creating a very charming stage area. Tonight is the culmination of a great team effort that has included everyone at Vaucluse PS.

This morning Lesley Abelitis and myself took a large group of Anglican scripture students up to St Peter's Church. The Reverend Parrish and his team had gone to a great deal of effort to prepare a wonderful Christmas service which our students participated in. We were also joined by a number of parents. The location of the church is absolutely stunning and it is always a visual treat to walk through the Watson's Bay area.

On Saturday 8 December HMAS Watson will be holding their annual *Carols By the Bay*. This year they will be celebrating 20 years of Carols. This is a wonderful

### **Coming Events**

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

community event and we are all invited. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

At the moment all members of staff are meeting to discuss class placement of students for 2013. There will be a separate note going home next week outlining these procedures. A great deal of thought and consideration has already taken place to ensure that students are appropriately placed. At this point in time we hope to have three Kindergartens in 2013. If you have become aware that your children will not be returning to Vaucluse PS in 2013 and you have not returned the information slip, please let us know as soon as possible.

Next week will also be a busy one with the Thank you Morning Tea on Tuesday morning and Presentation Day at Rose Bay Secondary College. If you have not RSVP'd for the Morning Tea please ring Corinne on 9337 2672 so we can order you a croissant. These are great occasions for us because we are able to celebrate our school's achievements and thank those who have helped us to get there.

We look forward to seeing you all tonight to support our very creative, very excited students.

*Maureen Hallahan*  
Principal

## The Butterfly Garden

We now have a fabulous new flower bed! It's along the bottom of the K-2. Starting under the Mulberry tree, it runs all the way along the Star Jasmine hedge to the very bottom corner of the lawn. Every plant flowers and most of them are Australian natives. So we are expecting lots of visits from Butterflies and other fascinating insects. Many thanks to Daniel Baffsky, (Bo & Arky's dad) for obtaining these and showing us how and where to plant them. Many thanks also to Katrin, Laura and Joel (next years Kindy parents) who spent a weekend morning planting.



***Katrin,(Lily & Paul's mum) Lily and Daniel Baffsky (Bo & Arky's dad) enjoy planting the butterfly garden***

John Stallman (CoCo's Dad)

**Anglicare Toys n Tucker Through Toys n Tucker, Anglicare provides Christmas food and gifts for those who otherwise would go without. Please place all donations in the boxes provided at the main office.**

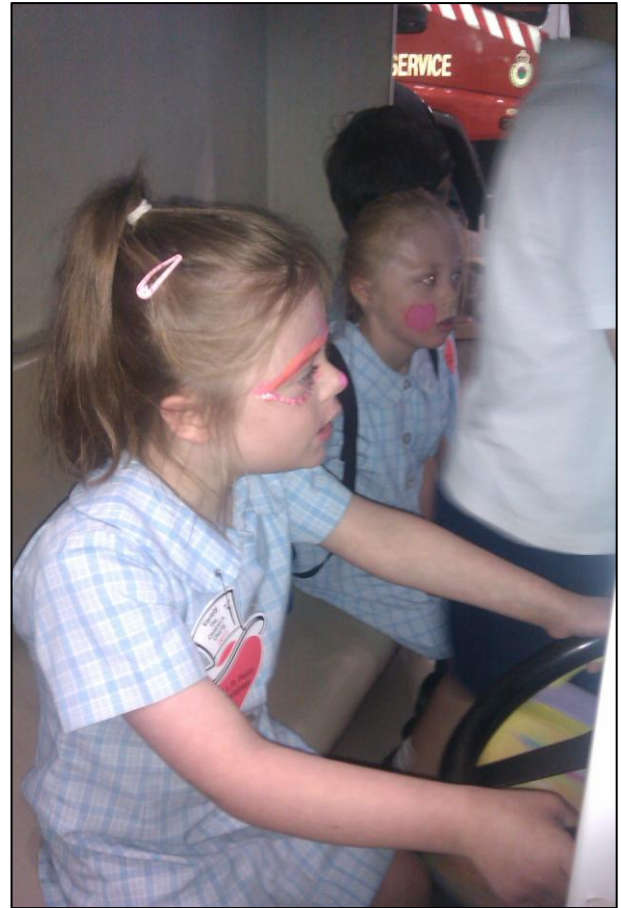
**Suggested donations: Long-life custard, jam, condiments, small packets of lollies, pasta, Canned non-perishable food, iTunes vouchers, stationary, photo frames, baseball caps, Board shorts.**



On Tuesday students in Kindergarten to Year 2 within the support unit attended the 17th Annual Variety Club Children's Christmas Party in the Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour. A great time was had by all and we came away with beautiful gifts and many smiles!



*Daniel with Manu in the background at the Variety Club*



*Isabella and Niamh at Variety Club*

*Isabella in the drivers seat. Daniel, Niamh and Arian strapped and ready for a drive at Variety Club*



## ay 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.

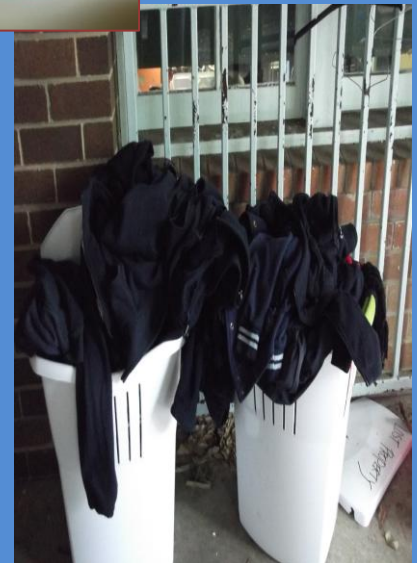
John Stallman

## 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,14 pound rain jacket : ) Cotton On sneakers are in the office as well.**





# Time is running out!

Only one week left for the raffle  
184 books sold, 66 to go!

Great news 1: We have a new prize in the raffle, Angela Davids has donated a scrummy selection from her new bodycare range, U'Angel, valued at \$120.

Great news 2: We've hit the kitchen garden target, so every book sold now goes straight to fulfilling Maureen's wishlist. If cooking and gardening is not your thing, buy big for computers in the library, AND a chance to win all those fab prizes!

Give me a hoy if you want any more books,

I'm at the K-2 assembly every morning or call 0407 639 245 or email [deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au](mailto:deb.grunfeld@yahoo.com.au)

## VOOSC NEWS

### Vacation Care

Vacation care will be operating from the 21/01/13 until school resumes on the 30/01/13. Our staff will take annual leave from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2012, when the school term ends. NO STAFF MEMBER will be contactable until the 21/01/13. All bookings for vacation must be made now!

Families requiring days for the last week of January need to come into the centre and book no later than the 10/12/12, which is next Monday. All fees must be paid for in full when the bookings are made, this includes any outstanding fees from the term.

### TERM FEES

All term fees are due in full please.

### VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the fabulous five who will add the final sparkle to our wall of fame for 2012!

Our stars are Lily P (1-2 G)  
Otto H (KB)  
Tom P (KB)  
Adam G G (1-2G)  
Claudia M (2M)

Kind Regards

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***We have two new enrolments to the school. Tawny Frogmouth owls.***