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THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY

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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term four Week six

Dear Families,

As you are aware Typhoon Haiyan has had a devastating effect on the people of the Philippines. Next Thursday the SRC, staff and students would like to assist the children of the Philippines affected by this terrible tragedy. Students are invited to come to school dressed in any of the colours of the Filipino National Flag which are royal blue, scarlet red, white and golden yellow. Students are asked to bring gold and silver coins to create a map of the Philippines on the playground at recess with Ms Aspden and Mr Styles during recess.

All proceeds will be sent to UNICEF who has sent out an appeal for \$34 million to help 4 million children impacted by the typhoon, saying funding is urgently needed for food, medicine, clean water and sanitation.

As many of you may know Ms Hallahan is on a cycling holiday. I know that she spent a lot of time prior to her departure ensuring that she had all the appropriate equipment such as a helmet. Lately, we have noticed that occasionally students are cycling or scootering to school without wearing helmets. This is of concern as a bicycle is considered a vehicle. As such, bicycle riders are required to obey the road rules, including stopping at red lights or stop signs, giving way as indicated by signage and giving hand signals when changing direction. ***It is compulsory to wear a correctly fitted approved helmet when riding a bike in NSW.***

This applies to all bicycle riders, regardless of age, including children on bicycles with training wheels and any child being carried as a passenger on a bike or in a trailer.

Other rules that specifically apply to our school community are:

- Children must ride on the footpath if less than 12 years old
- Adults may ride on the footpath if you are supervising an under 12 year old child

- If you are a parent you must ride on the footpath if you are carrying a person under 10 years old as a passenger on your bicycle or in or on a bicycle trailer you are towing.

I would like to remind students that helmets should be worn when using scooters. All students are expected to dismount their vehicles on entry to the school grounds and walk them in to avoid colliding with other students.

On Wednesday Kindergarten had a wonderful Mad Hatter's Tea Party which marked our last Orientation for 2013. Our cohort of 2013 had a blast with our gorgeous new students. A big thanks to parents who helped lay out the feast. It was gone in the twinkling of an eye.

Last night I had the opportunity to attend the 2013 DanceAbility Concert. What a fabulous night. Sadly, our Toby in PN was unable to perform this year but he still managed to groove and sing along to all the great tunes. Bella and Matthew V looked fabulous on stage as they danced their legs off! It was wonderful to see familiar faces on stage and to cheer them on.

As the founder Lucy Ricardo says on their website- *'there is not one star that is brighter than the other, they all shine with their own brilliance proving that in life anything and everything is possible.'*

This weekend on Sunday is our Working Bee so I hope to welcome families here to continue to keep our school beautiful. Even if you only have half an hour to spare it all contributes to keeping the grounds looking great.

Sadly, due to this unpredictable weather the Camp Out has been cancelled. I know this is disappointing but it's no fun to camp in wind and rain! I wish you a safe and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,
Karla Aspden

Coming Events

19 November	Years 4,5 and 6 go to the Ballet
28 November	White Ribbon Day
3 Dec	Early Stage One Nutcracker Suite Ballet
12 December	Thank You Morning Tea
13 December	Presentation Day
16 December	Reports home, sports awards assembly and Vaucluse Sur L'herbe
17 DEC	Year 6 Farewell



A fun day of science with Mr Butt

Sydney Game fishing club presents

its annual kids day fishing event

When Sunday 24th November

Time 9am- 1230pm

Price \$10.00 includes goodie bag with fishing rod & Sausage sizzle

All kids must be accompanied by a parent

Limit 50 kids must book in

Contact Karen wright 0427 55 77 05

Email president@sgfc.com.au

If you have your own preferred rod that is fine to bring along

Karen Wright President S.G.F.C

Mother of Makira and Mia

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unjob1kAZ_E&list=UL167DzhwuUnA&shuffle=2130



Miss Butt from 5/6B must be very proud.





Amazing science demonstrations at Vaucluse Public School this week.




Our Choir sing at Rose Bay Secondary College



The staffroom is always an interesting place to be. Especially during Halloween Celebrations



Mrs Head celebrated her Birthday with her class KH



Let there be Light
a journey from darkness into light

A group show of Jewish Artists, reflections on darkness into light

27th November-8th December
Bondi Pavilion Gallery
Queen Elizabeth Drive Bondi Beach
Opening 27th November 6-8pm

Info: estelle@shirmadness.com 0413 557 133
original artwork by Nikki Green Design Keith Kearney

SHIR MADNESS



Let there be Light

27 November – 8 December 2013
 10am–5pm Daily
 Bondi Pavilion Gallery
 Free Admission

Opening Night
 Wednesday 27 November,
 6–8pm

Artists:
 Dagmar Ackerman, David Brook, Elana Cohen, Gil Cohn, Deborah Frank, Anne Fritz, Barbara Golski, Merrilyn Goodman, Nikki Green, Paul Green, Ewa Henner, Dierke Hart, Amy Hersch, Barry Hyamson, Andrew Jakubowicz, Michelle Jersey, Jean Kearney, Keith Kearney, Lia Klugman, Jane Korman, David Mane, Katy Mare, Louis Marr, Lee Meskin, Ofra Messiah, Julia Meyerowitz- Katz, Talla Meyerowitz- Katz, Vicky Motiver, Emily Sakard, Oscar Shub, Sanford Shudrow, Leora Sibony, Sid Sledge, David Solomon, Michael Strum, Deryn Tal, Anastasia Ulncher, Laura Welman

Bondi Pavilion Gallery
 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach NSW 2026
 For more information call 8362 3400 or
 email bondipav@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Final Working Bee for 2013 Come and Help!!!!

Dear Parents

We have organised the final Working Bee for 2013 for Sunday 17 November from 9am to 12.30 pm. George Palmer our new P&C Environment and Grounds Coordinator will be organising the morning. George is hiring a chipper and we need parents to clean the playground of fallen wood. We will chip what we collect and put it under the trees near the kitchen. Rudi also has some jobs in the garden for interested volunteers. We hope you can spare a couple of hours on Sunday morning. It will be a big effort to get the school grounds cleaned up ready for 2014.

Look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Dear Parents

CLASS FORMATION POLICY FOR 2014

The staff of Vacluse 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, 2013. 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 2014 school year all students will return to their 2013 class

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
7 November 2013



groupings. 2014 classes will be formed in week 2, Term1 2014. This is to ensure school student numbers are definite. Until the school can accurately determine the number of students enrolled for 2014 classes will not be formed.

- ✓ 2014 Classes will be announced and organised in week 2, Term1, 2014.

VOOSC NEWS

2014 Enrolment and Permanent Bookings

Friday 15/11/13 is the final day for families with permanent positions at Voosc to submit new enrolment forms and **confirmation of your current booking schedules for 2014.**

All submissions later than **15/11/13** will be added to the waiting list.

Please be aware, that any changes to current bookings such as an extra day or change of day could possibly result in being placed on waiting lists until there is a vacancy.

There are many families requiring our service and we ask that all families are honest and fair minded with their requests.

If your children are continuously collected before or at the beginning of an After care session , dropped at Before care at the end of a session, or are constantly absent, it is clear that you **do not require care** for your children. (Teachers supervise the school playground from 8.50am, **not before**)

Voosc Supervisors are aware of the arrival and departure times of all children for each session and reserve the right to cancel a booking if the policies of our service are not respected.

We appreciate your understanding.

Families will be advised of their 2014 placements within the next few weeks.

VOOSC STARS

There are many children each week who are kind to others , who like to do little things around the centre to help out and are great role models and group leaders during activities.

The children chosen for this week are all very deserving of their stars . Congratulations to each of you!

Pearl. I

A fantastic effort during sport Pearly, always a great team player and caring toward others.

Well done for having a go at all activities!

Jasmine. S

Thank you Jas, for the most beautiful manners each day! You try your very hardest at sport on Wednesday and always help to tidy up after playing games with friends.

Claire. V

Claire, thank you for noticing when others need a friend , a helping hand or someone to play a game with. You are a very special friend to many!

Kind Regards

VOOSC TEAM

Vaucluse Out Of School Centre

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Relaxing in the sunshine during the Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Our Fairy Tale Characters at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

