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## THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY

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*Term four Week eight*

#### Coming Events

28 November	White Ribbon Day
3 Dec	Early Stage One Nutcracker Suite Ballet
12 December	Thank You Morning Tea
13 December	Presentation Day
18 December	Last Day of School
16 December	Reports home, sports awards assembly and Vaucluse Sur L'herbe
17 DEC	Year 6 Farewell



**Year 6 at Camp in Kangaroo Valley**

Dear Parents

Although I have been back from Leave just a few days the break seems light years away. Our school has entered the downhill approach to the end of the year and there is enormous energy and activity happening everywhere.

On Monday our Year 6 students accompanied by Talia Butt and Tom Styles headed off to Kangaroo Valley by train for the Year 6 Camp. A great deal of planning went into the trip which featured camping, kayaking and horse whispering. Everyone looked extremely tired today and so we have only got the bare details of the trip. We do know they had an amazing time. It was a unique opportunity because our Year 6 has consisted of a small number of students and the camp experience was planned around this small group. They were accompanied by two experienced kayaking instructors also. The train trip to and from Kangaroo Valley was also highlight. The great thing about taking students out of their comfort zone is the wonderful opportunities that arise that develop new skills, confidence and give great insights into the potential of our young people. Tom and Talia have come home full of praise and respect for our students. They have lots of wonderful stories about our outstanding Year 6 students.

On Thursday morning Tom Styles – who is our White Ribbon Ambassador, myself and our school choir attended the Respectful Relationships Breakfast at Woollahra Council Chambers. The program was led by the School Leaders from Rose Bay Secondary College. Students from the Community of Schools in the Eastern Suburbs (CoSiES) gathered at Woollahra Council Chambers and participated in a number of activities that acknowledged White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon is Australia's campaign to stop violence against women. One woman is killed every week by a former or current partner in Australia. The campaign aims to encourage everyone to take responsibility for domestic violence.

Back at school in the afternoon. The whole school attended a White Ribbon Assembly. There are some great photos in our newsletter. Each student wrote their wishes on a white butterfly and tied it to the school fence. We were all thrilled to see parents reading them as they came in to school throughout the afternoon. We talked about developing respectful relationships on the playground, with our sisters, cousins, mums, nannies, grandmothers and peers. We asked the children to do two things to start our White Ribbon Campaign and we are seeking your help. These two actions we have asked our children to do are carry their own bags to and from school (no mums to carry school bags) and to speak kindly and politely to our mums, grans, nannies and peers on school grounds. Small things to do, but we believe they are crucial to developing respectful relationships and understanding what that looks like.

We are very busy rehearsing for 2013 Musique sur L'herbe. Auditions were held this week and the talent is unbelievable (so many Beyonce's !!!!).

Have a good weekend.

*Maureen Hallahan*





**Year 6 Waiting for the train.**



**Rise and shine everyone.**



**Yes Mr Styles – this is the toilet!**



**Benji is having a meditative moment, while Olyvea is hard at work.**





Our year 6 students didn't even have time to get out of their pyjamas before they were hard at work preparing feed for the horses. There was some time left over to have rumble with Mr Styles. While the girls have a Selfy moment with Miss Butt.....







White Ribbon Day at Vaocluse Public School

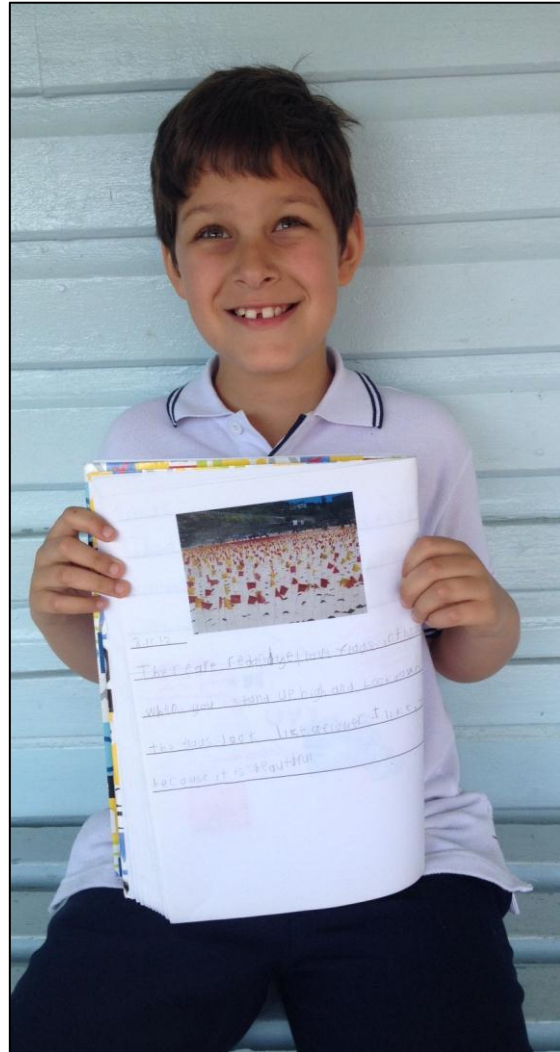
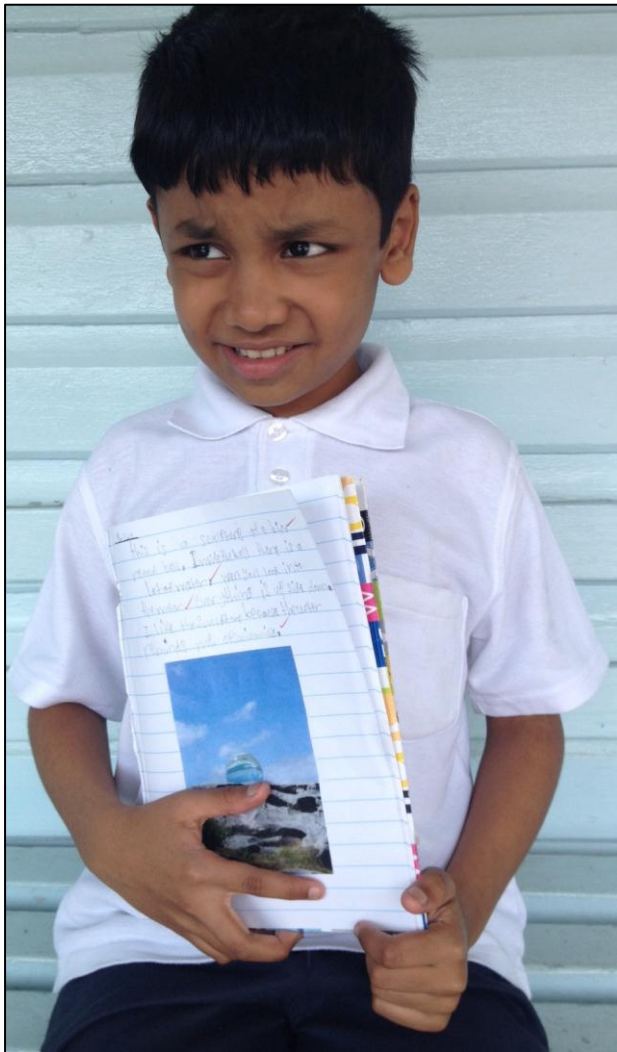




## Class PM- recount of Sculpture By The Sea

"There are red and yellow flags in the sand. When you stand up high and look down, the flags look like a flower. I like it because it is beautiful." - Evan

"This is a sculpture of a big, round ball. Inside the ball there is a lot of water. When you look into the water, everything is upside down. I like the sculpture because the water reminds me of swimming." – Arian



### **One disgusting day**

**By Leandro Zur Oven-Krockhaus in 1/2G**

When I was walking my dog to the park I saw poo coming from the sky. The only way to stop it I have to go to the moon and kill the aliens.

I made a rocket ship out of glass and the rocket boosters are made out of farts. Ready for blast off yes 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 BLASTOFF!!

When I was going faster I felt like I was going to vomit finally I got to the moon there were 20 aliens I shot the 20 aliens now the poo is coming from the sky.

### **Future Alien**

**By Adam Leach in 1/2G**

“Eww that mulberry was disgusting “ I said when I ate a rotten mulberry .I had short brown hair and brown eyes ,I was wearing the old school t-shirt which was blue and had a symbol with a V a P and an S stacked on top of each other . I had the school shorts which were black and had black shoes.

So when I ate the rotten mulberry I spat it out and out came a slimy green thing that looked like a baby covered in slime and it smelt like a 100 year old hamburger .Then it made an ear-splitting noise and my friend came over and said ”sounds like a fox “ he had blondish brownish hair and blue eyes he was wearing the same clothes as me and asked “what is that Adam ?” “it might be a new species! I’ll go tell the teacher “ “no don’t” I yelled “this could be are secret Marcus” “fine” he replied

After school Marcus showed me his bug catcher 3000 and put the alien in it then it suddenly turned into a hairy gorilla and broke out, then it scratched its head and fleas went flying everywhere! “Itchy itchy!” we screamed and the gorilla turned into a grey pigeon and flew away. “How will we find it?” I asked “with my DNA tracker” Marcus replied.

At the park there were yellow swings, blue slides and green climbing frames. “So how do you use your DNA tracker?” “you press this button” he replied the DNA tracker was green with red buttons all over it. When he shot a pigeon with it made a green flash fast a lightning.

After he added up the results and none of them were the aliens. For dinner they had pasta and for desert they had cheese cake “aww yum” I said but Marcus said “eww” and he pulled out a worm “what the what!” I said but Marcus straight away shot it with the DNA tracker and this time trapped it in a metal box.

The next morning Marcus said “we need a laser gun to kill the alien it says on the DNA sample” “how are we going to afford a laser gun!?”I asked while screaming “well break in” he replied “what!!!!!!” I screamed “ok fine”.

At the factory we put on invisibility suits and snuck into the room where they make everything but laser guns. In the room there were giant old dusty cogs and gears hanging from the ceiling. We put on speed suits to get past conveyer belts and magnet suits to cling to the ceiling to get past gaps but after a while we finally got to the laser gun “finally” we said panting and brought the laser gun back home.it was black with blue glowing high-teck blue lava and we both shot the alien together “pew its all over” we said panting.

**The most disgusting thing I've ever seen**  
**By Emily McGrath in 1/2G**

It was Autumn and all the leaves were orange and red. I was walking through the park when I saw a cat and just at that moment I stopped looked and stared up. The cat's tail was still in the tree but the black and white cat had fallen!

It was such a disgusting sight! I felt that I really needed to help this poor cat. So I rang the vet.

The next day as the sun was rising, I felt too scared to go outside because that black and white tail was a sight too disgusting!!! I was terrified. But when I got outside the awful tail was gone. It was scary I didn't know what was going on.

As the sun set, the vet rang and asked me to come and get the cat we decided to give the cat a name. We picked stampy because he no longer had a tail.

**The most disgusting thing I've ever seen**  
**By Nathan Galper in 1/2G**

Dear dairy, One afternoon I was walking to the park and I wanted to go on the swing. After I went on the swing I walked home when I was walking I saw a gigantic slug! The slug was 200 feet tall. Oh no how was I going to get past the slug?

So I had to run into a car to drive home and everyone knows slugs are slow so I could get past. When I got home I told my parents all about the slug. Nathan said "it is time to get serious". So Nathan had to go out and steal people's guns because they were very poor.

Then he got a belt that guns can go in and Nathan set off to kill the slug. Eventually I got back to where I saw the slug but it wasn't there... So I searched on my phone giant slug's house.

I found out that the slug lives in the Blue Mountains. So I asked my mum to take me there. When I arrived at the Blue Mountains and saw the house. So I went in and took my gun and killed it and then we never had to worry about the slug again.



Recommended Books  
Written By Shayna  
K-2

**Tanglewood** is a lovely story about a tree, who wants a family and some friends. A cute book for anyone who likes to appreciate what they have.

**The Coat** doubted itself. The man doubted himself. But when they get together, what will happen? A book that will make you smile.

**Flat Stanley**

Stanley went to bed one night and... .... WOKE UP FLAT!!! But being flat isn't that bad. Read about how things are positive being flat.

**Green Eggs & Ham**

Sam-I-Am wants another man to try green eggs and ham. But what funny excuses can the man come up with? Will he finally try it? Read the book to find out!

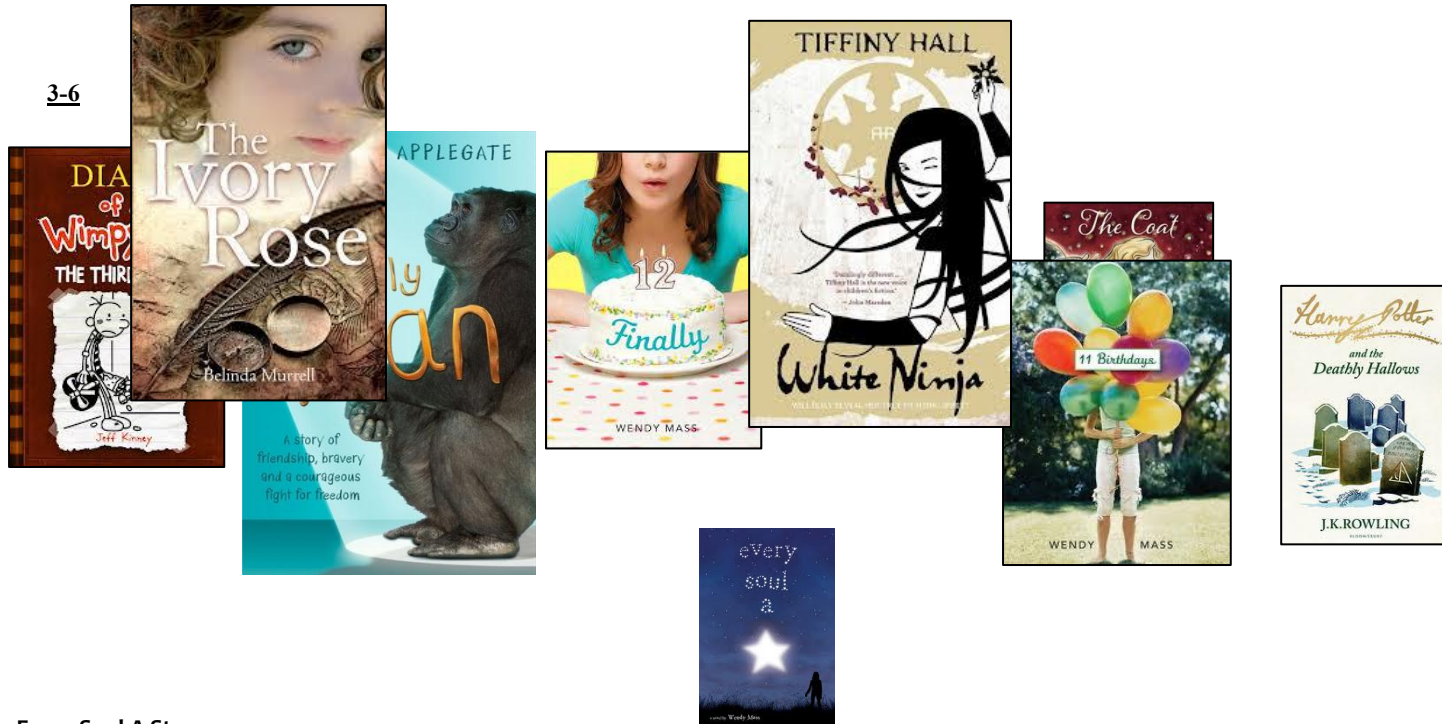
**Rules Of Summer**

Never do this. Never do that. Don't ever think about that. This story is very confusing but interesting to read for the older children. As a year 5, I personally didn't get it, until someone told me. Meant for 3-6.





3-6



### Every Soul A Star

Ally lives in the middle of nowhere, Bree wants to pursue her dreams of being a model and Jack is a little overweight. But when they meet over a solar eclipse, will they be the three best friends? An amazing, warm and funny book about friendship. Definitely one of the best books I have ever read!

### Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel

The latest one, of the wimpy kid series. Greg is trying to find love before the valentine dance. But can he do it in time? A really funny book for the book lovers.

### Finally

Rory Swenson has waited her whole life to turn 12! She will get a cell phone, wear makeup and go to her first boy-girl party! A really funny - book about fitting in and being yourself. One of my favourites!

### 11 Birthdays

Amanda is turning eleven. Her enemy Leo is turning eleven. But he is having a way better party than hers. She just wants her birthday to be over. But when she wakes up, it's her birthday all over again.

### Harry Potter Series

I personally never really clicked with Harry Potter but most of my friends love the series. If you are looking for adventure and fantasy, this is your book series.

### A Mango Shaped Space

Mia is keeping a secret. Sounds, words and names have a colour for her. It's a disease called Synaesthesia, a mingling of the senses. Read how Mia has to face her disorder and carry on with life. A book for the people who have to deal with disorders and disease and carry on with life.

### The One And Only Ivan

I haven't read this book, but my friend says that it is really good. A gorilla tries to get a young baby elephant into a large zoo, or in the wild.

### The Ivory Rose

A girl called Jemma, gets a job at an old witches house. She has to look after Sammy while her mother, Maggie, is working on her exhibition. Jemma and Sammy played hide and seek and when Jemma was trying to find Sammy, she touches an ivory rose and sees a flashback.

### The White Ninja

Roxy Ran is a normal girl, who get picks on by a guy called Hero. But when a new kid, Jackson Axe, shows Roxy the secrets of being ninja, everything goes wrong. People now hunt her.

Thank You For Reading These Book Recommendations! If You Have A Recommendation, Please Come And Tell Me! Buy These Books For Your Children!

# The Festive Season In Vaucluse Watsons Bay Carols and End of Year Celebration

**SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2013**

Dear Parents

The P & C is hosting a final end of year celebration for children and parents on Wednesday 11 December 2013 at the Watsons Bay Hotel Beach Club from 4pm – 6.30pm.  
(Please note alcohol will be served in this outdoor area).

We encourage you all to invite your family, friends and neighbours to this inaugural community celebration.

The evening will include performances by the K-2 Choir and the 3-6 Choir and our dancers from the Red Ed Dance Program. In addition the Watsons Bay Community Choir will perform. There will be a special guest from The X Factor as well as a visit from Santa Claus!

So come along and enjoy the festivities and sing your hearts out! The songs the children will be singing are attached but we are encouraging everyone to join in so start rehearsing!

A separate note with all requirements and details for those attending and participating will be sent out next week. This is just preliminary information so you can save the date.

The Watsons Bay Hotel is continuing its amazing support of the school and has agreed to provide special children's meal boxes for \$10 and Gelatissimo Ice-creams will also be available. ***Half of the money raised from the sale of both of these will be donated back to the school!!***

This will be a great afternoon/evening for children and parents to get together to celebrate a successful and fun year at Vaucluse Public School.

**Please note that children MUST be accompanied and supervised by parents and carers. This is not an event run by the school.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME; WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**



# CAROLS TO LEARN

## **JINGLE BELLS**

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O' the fields we go  
Laughing all the way. (Hahaha)  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright.  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.  
Chorus:  
Oh Jingle bells jingle bells  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh Hey!  
Jingle bells jingle bells  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh what joy it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh

## **SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN**

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He's making a list  
And checking it twice;  
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!  
O! You better watch out!  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
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## **SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night! Holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
Round young virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.





Students will have the opportunity to play the strings and blow a trumpet on Monday 2 December. This is a chance for your child to see if they would like to learn an instrument next year and to play in our school band. On 5 December 2013 our fantastic band will start our day our day by performing for us. All are welcome.

Kind regards - Karla Aspden



Dear Parents

Bianca Ichilcik & Deborah Goldberg parents from Vacluse Public School are very excited to invite you to an information evening to hear all about the JEMs program with Rabbi Yossi.

For more information about JEMS ( Jewish Education Matters) please visit <http://www.jems.org.au>

Please forward on the details below to friends of yours.

When: Wednesday 4 December 8:00 PM refreshments for an 8:15 PM start  
 Where: At the home of Bianca & Derick Ichilcik, 1/32 New South Head Rd, Vacluse  
 Hosted by: Bianca Ichilcik & Deborah Goldberg  
 RSVP to: Bianca on 0420-455-605



## **VOOSC NEWS**

### **Important info for all families Regarding 2014**

The end of Term 4 is approaching fast and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families who have supported Voosc and have made our shared journey through 2013 a very pleasant and positive experience!

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY NEWS**

**The Voosc team take annual leave each year from the last day of the school term 18/11/13 (Yes, we too require a holiday!!! )** and would normally have Vacation Care up and running the week before school returns in January.

However , for **January, 2014 Vacation Care will not be Open.**

There are many reasons for this decision one being, that January 2013 ,so many families were away or didn't need care. We needed to close for three out of five programmed days. It was not financially viable to remain open.

We will be also be preparing for the many changes to Voosc during 2014, which will be additional staff to our Voosc team, making the necessary changes to the Voosc environment to accommodate the growth in enrolments and resting up to commence the year fresh and ready for action!

We are hoping that all changes will be completed and in place ready for the New year .

We would like to thank the community for their understanding and look forward to having everything back to normal for the following vacation care breaks.

### **VOOSC STARS**

Congratulations to the following people who will join our wall of fame

**Charlotte L.**

For responsible behaviour and kindness to all.

**Lucia B**

For always participating during Yoga and giving it your very best effort.

**Emily McG**

For playing all games with enthusiasm, fairness and great sportsmanship.

Kind Regards

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