



Vaucluse Public School
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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term four Week nine

Coming Events

11 December	Carols at Watsons Bay
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 December	Year 6 Farewell
18 December	Last day of school

Toby of Class PN, Havia, Melissa, Olyvea and Coco are having a chat at lunchtime.



Dear Parents

I have just returned from the kitchen where Ilana, Mora Miriam and the students who attend Hebrew classes have been making Latkes to celebrate Chanukah. The potatoes and zucchini came from our garden and we ate them as they came out of the pan. They tasted unbelievably good. We wondered why they tasted like the best Latkes in the world. If it was because we had grown the vegetables ourselves or whether it was because a group of people had made them together or whether it was because they were made with much love? The children insisted I take some fresh Latkes and share them with Corinne and Ellaine. They also commented on how good they were. We think the reason why they tasted so good was a combination of all those factors. Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is such a rich source of learning in the weekly program but what continually amazes us is the wonderful array of learning opportunities it creates for us.

On Tuesday morning Kindergarten trekked off to the Opera House for their big ballet adventure. They very much enjoyed the performance and were an outstanding audience. We had much positive feedback on our student's behaviour. After the ballet Miss Aspden led them down Macquarie street and showed them the big palace (Government House) to fit in with the fairy tale unit.

At the same time on Tuesday morning Years 3,4,5 and 6 left school for Olympic Park at Homebush for what is the most popular excursion of the year. You will see from the photos in the body of the newsletter what a great time they had. Our students have developed excellent gym skills and it is a wonderful opportunity to use these skills in a real life gym complex such as the one at Olympic Park. A very big thank you to Geraldine for organising this experience for us.

We are busily preparing for Presentation Day on Friday 13 December. This week we have heard Leadership speeches from all our Year 5 students who have nominated to be a School Leader for 2014. Each speech was outstanding – extremely well prepared and delivered with such heartfelt sincerity. The staff all commented on the maturity and integrity of our students. On Monday we will vote for our School Leaders in accordance with the school's leadership policy. Teachers will explain the voting process to their classes. Next week, in each classroom, teachers will prepare our students for Presentation Day. Teachers will role play appropriate behaviour and responses for students who are not awarded prizes on the day. Teachers will also discuss how decisions about prizes are made at our school. Presentation Day can often be fraught with emotion. We believe if our students are well prepared it can be a positive experience.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Maureen Hallahan



Kindergarten and their teachers could not have asked for a more beautiful day.

Miscellaneous Photographs

If you would like to order extra photos please have a look at the album outside the office, collect an envelope and order before Friday. Photos cost are \$14 each, 2 for \$26, 3 for \$36, 4 for \$44 or 5 for \$50.00.

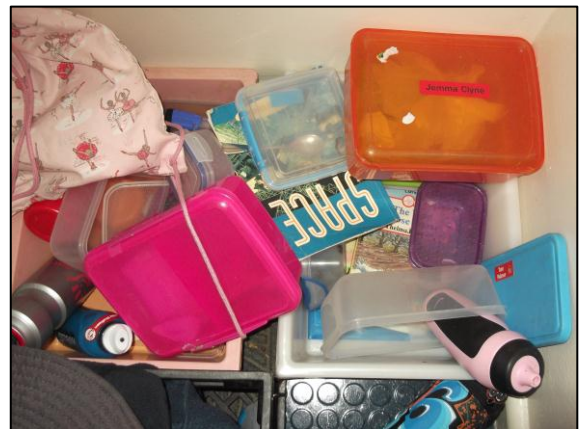
The NSW Board of Jewish Education (BJE) is pleased to once again offer the Emet Extension program at Vacluse Public School in 2014.

This occurs every Wednesday morning from 8:15 to 9:15am in the school grounds. For more information and an enrolment form log onto our website: www.bje.org.au



A cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a red shirt and skirt, pushing a large cardboard box with a red arrow pointing up. The woman has a determined expression and is leaning forward. The box is light brown with a red arrow on its side. The background is white with a faint 'Clipart' watermark.

LOST PROPERTY



As you can see the lost property is growing by the minute. Please make some time before the end of the year to have a rummage. You will be surprised what you might find. At the end of the Term all items of clothing not claimed will be donated to the clothing pool. Lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. will be throw away.



Jordan, Yoav and Cassius are trying very hard to keep their hands off the delicious *Latkes*. The Hebrew students made and shared the *Latkes* they made in class this week. They are so moreish (have checked spelling!!), it's almost impossible to stop at 1. Well actually, they got 2 each.

Chanukah

The first night of Chanukah starts Wednesday night 27th December. After fighting off the enemy in Israel, the Maccabees reclaimed their Temple. While cleaning up they found one jar of untouched pure olive oil, enough to last for one day. But a miracle happened and the oil lasted for 8 days, which is why we celebrate for 8 days. We light candles each night of the 8 days, adding another candle each night.

Jewish communities and synagogues celebrate each night with fairs around the suburbs, so look out for what's on.

To remind us of the oil we eat donuts and potato pancakes, yummy!!!!

Chanukah is a time of fun celebrations and bringing light into the world.

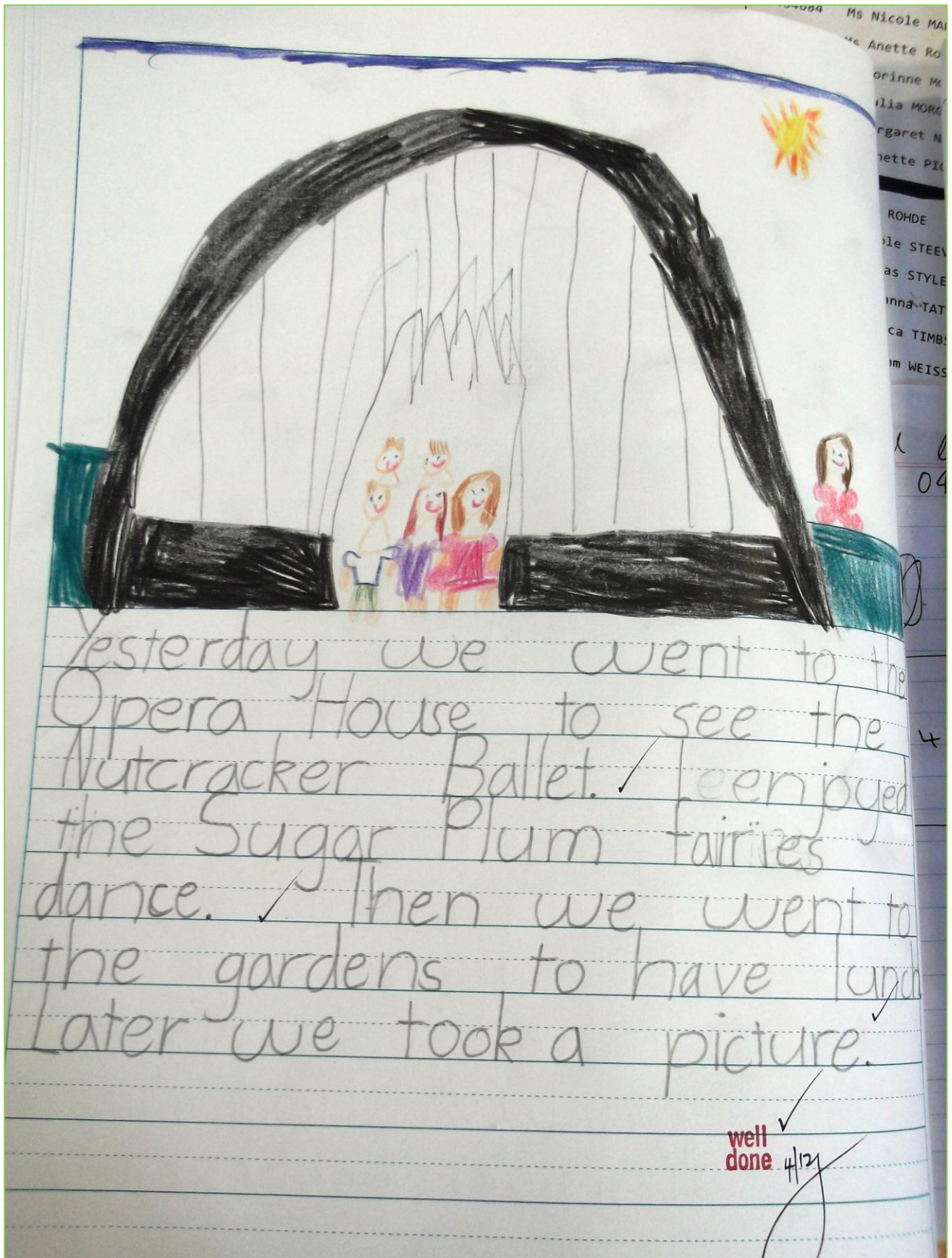
Happy Chanukah!

Jordan and Cassius are playing dreidel game.

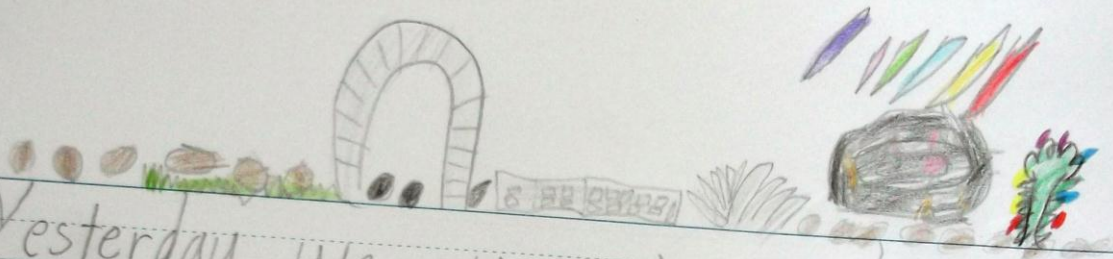




Our students relaxing and chatting under the shade of the rare *Glochidion Ferdinandi* commonly known as the Cheese Tree, because of the shape of its fruit.



Olivia L and Lily W from KH share their wonderful recounts of the Ballet.



Yesterday we went to the
Opera House to see the
Nutcracker Ballet. ✓ I enjoyed
when the Sugar Plum fairy
danced. ✓ I liked it when Clara
and the Prince danced together. ✓
Then we went to the
Government House. ✓ Later we saw
a big Ocean liner. We had
lunch in the park it was very
fun. ✓ We went to the garden. ✓



4/12/21

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

**SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY 11TH 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
Santa Claus is coming to town

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.





VAUCLUSE LITTLE SCHOOL

LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

Dear Parents, Staff and Families,

We are a small privately owned centre just around the corner from Vacluse Public School.

The Centre is opened from 8.30am to 5.00pm per day 51 weeks per year and caters for 24 children from 2-5years.

We have two small groups:
Frogs Room 2-3years 14 children with 2 educators.

Bears Room 3-5 years 10 children with 1 educator.

We implement an interest based program, school readiness music and movement, letter, number and shape recognition.

We are committed to the care and overall development of each and every child at our centre.

We have some days available in both rooms to start 2014 or put your name on the wait list for the future.

Please don't hesitate in contacting me for further information.

Kind Regards

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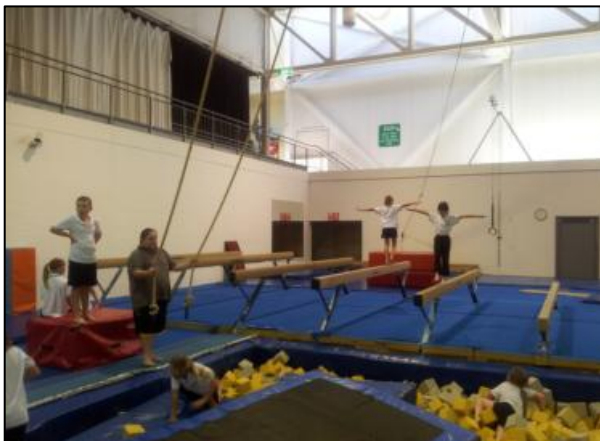


THE STUDENTS (AND MR STYLES)
ENJOY A FUN DAY OF GYMNASTICS



AT

HOME BUSH.



FUN FUN FUN



VOOSC NEWS

Term 4 Fees

All fees are due in full please.

Our new basketball stand has arrived and will be put together soon so that those wishing to play a game of Basketball or Netball will be able to .

We have also asked for a quote to have a new garden built around the front of the Voosc verandah to replace the recycle bins. Although these tubs have assisted us in providing a garden for the kids, they have served their purpose. When the new garden is finished we are happy to pass these tubs on to anyone who can use them.

2014 POSITIONS

We are still waiting for Notification of Approval to increase our spaces for next year. We hope to be able to advise families soon. Please understand that until we receive the "thumbs up" we cannot confirm positions for the waiting list families. Hopefully this will be soon, I'm sure that ASECQA are fed up with our phone calls!

VOOSC STARS

We have four wonderful Voosc kids who will be our last stars for 2013.

Our wall of fame wouldn't be complete without you! Congratulations to :

Adia

For trying your very best to juggle homework, piano and playtime. Always with a happy face , well done Adia!

Aiyana

For being a kind and caring person. You give your very best effort to everything you do. Keep on shining Aiyana!

Thea

This has been your very first term at Voosc and we are so happy that your star will be on our Wall of Fame Thea!

Thank you for the most beautiful manners and happy times this term.

Ciaran

Welcome to the Wall of Fame Ciaran. You have tried your very best to be a respectful listener and fair during games. Well done

All of our Stars have shown kindness, respect and friendship to everyone at Voosc each week and throughout 2013. It has been a truly wonderful year. A BIG Thank you to each of you.

The Voosc Team have enjoyed spending time with all of you and have had loads of fun during all of our programed activities. We have loved hearing about your adventures when you are not with us and look forward to another great year in 2014.

Kind Regards

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