

THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY

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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term Four: Week five



Monty from class PK certainly looked the part at the Halloween Disco last week.

He gave Giselle and Corinne, in the office, a bit of a fright



Coming Events - Term Four

Wednesday 5 November	Stay and Play—Kindergarten 2015
Friday 7 November	Musica Viva
Wednesday 12 November	Stay and Play—Kindergarten 2015
Wednesday 26 November	Carols By The Sea
Monday 1 December—Friday 4 December	Mural painting with Aunty Kathy
Thursday 11 December	Vaucluse sur l'herbe
Friday 12 December	Presentation Day
Tuesday 16 December	Year 6 farewell

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Vaucluse Public students were prominent all over the city this week. On Tuesday night our Drama Ensemble performed by invitation at the Sydney Town Hall in the Come Together – A Celebration of Excellence awards night. I was a very proud member of the audience as were many parents. Our students were magnificent and they were very capably supported by Assistant Principal David Todd. Thank you to all those parents who made it possible for our students to be in town on Melbourne Cup day – not an easy task. We very much appreciated your efforts. For many of the adults we were able to sign the condolence book at the Town Hall for Gough Whitlam's memorial service that took place the next day. A wonderful and unexpected opportunity.

Our students from the Support Unit performed magnificently in the Danceability Concert at the Scientia Theatre at UNSW on Wednesday evening. We have included some great photos of some of our students in action. This concert takes place each year and is the culmination of a year's intensive work. Students attend weekly dance classes at Waverly bowling club. The program is supported by a huge number of volunteers and the resulting concert is a triumph. Many staff attended on Wednesday night and we were thrilled to see students from past and present performing.

This week we have had two incursions. The Life Education Centre Program and Music Viva. Both activities have been successful. Both activities had a strong classroom base of activities aligned with them. This week was a culmination of units of work in the Personal Development and Music programs. Most importantly our students were strongly engaged in both these curriculum areas. Thank you for supporting these activities financially.

We have included in this week's newsletter an invitation to a community consultation on Monday 1 December 2014 at 6.30 pm in the school library. We have begun the process of developing a School Plan for the next three years. We have been evaluating programs and looking at what has worked well, what needs improving and what needs changing as part of the process of developing our next school plan. We will be consulting with all members of the Vaucluse Public School community – staff, students, parents and community. Come along to the meeting to contribute to the direction you wish to see our school take. One of the big questions we will be asking is "What sort of student do you want your child to be when they leave Vaucluse Public school?" Please fill in the RSVP and lock the date into your calendar.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal

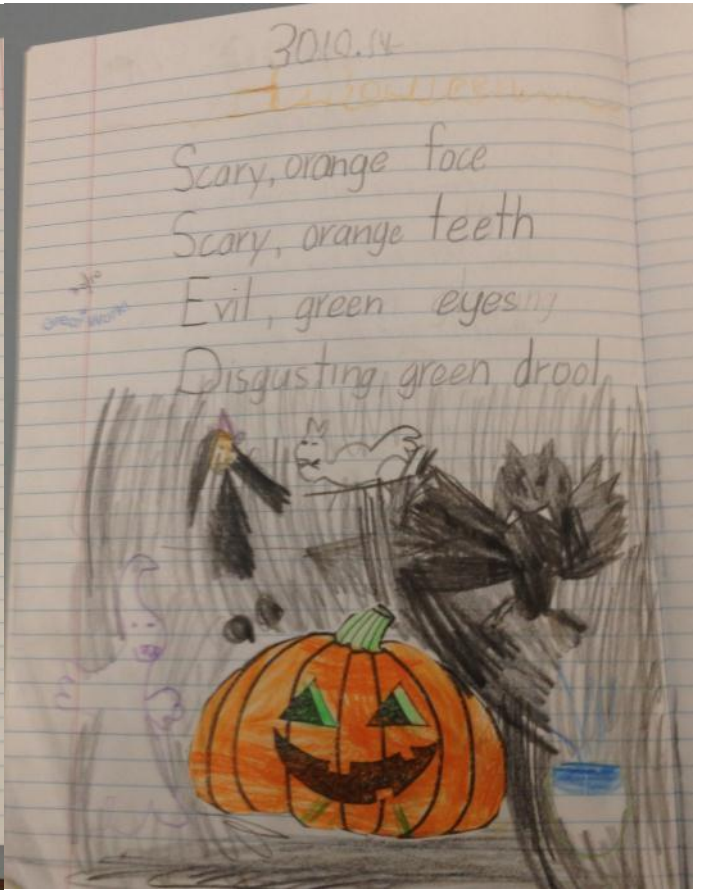
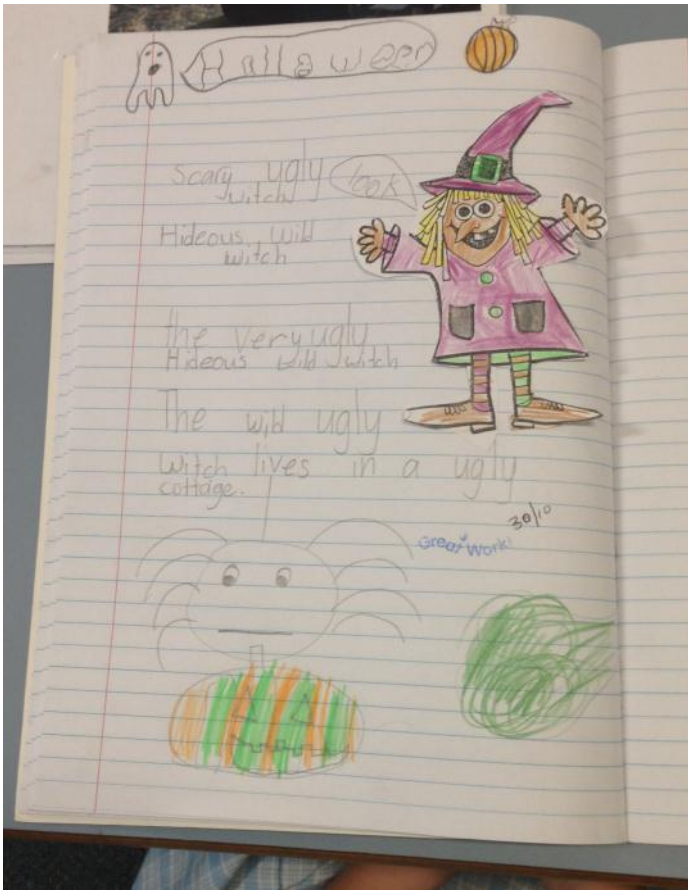


*Miss McMenemy and Class K5
Happy Halloween faces and
Scary Halloween faces*

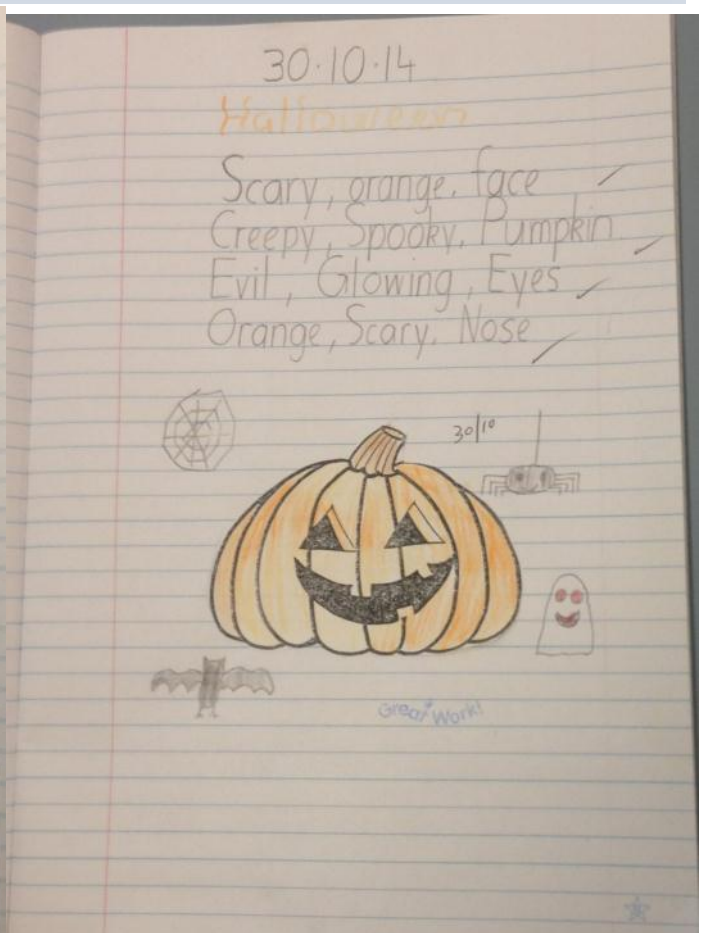
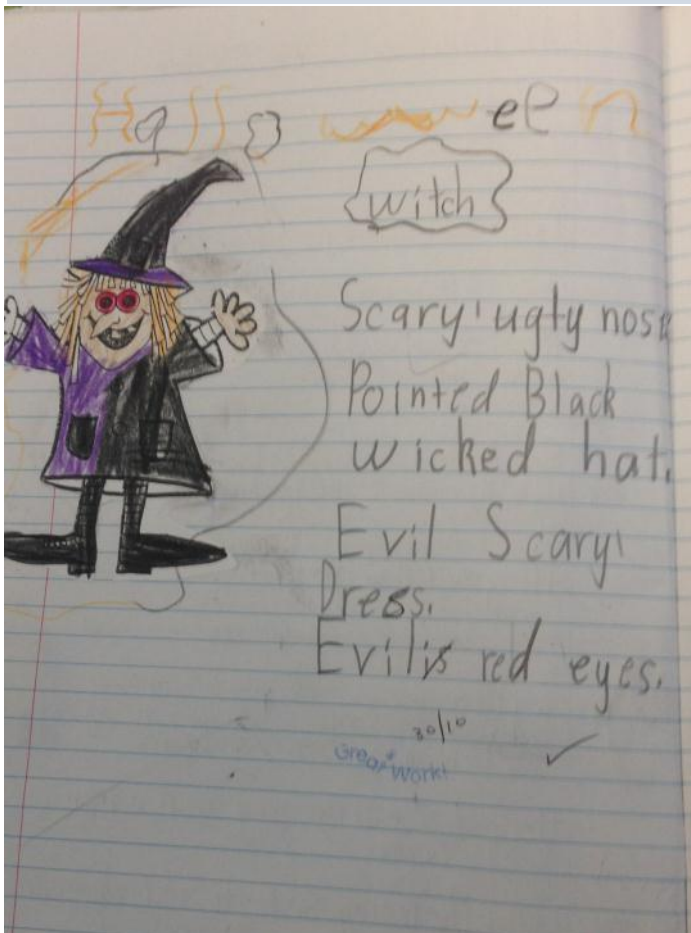




Bella and Brigitte make us proud at *Dancabilities*.



Halloween by Class 1W



Community Consultation

Monday 1 December: 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the VPS Library

Dear Parents

We are beginning the consultation process for the 2015 -2017 School Plan. This plan documents the directions Vauclose Public School will be taking for the next three years. Come and give your input into the directions our school will be taking for the next three years at 6.30 pm on Monday 1 December 2014 in the VPS School Library. For catering purposes please fill in the RSVP and return to your class teacher or the Administration Office.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
8 November 2014

Please return to class teacher or VPS Admin Office by 27 November 2014.

Community Consultation

Monday 1 December: 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the VPS Library

Yes I will be attending the Community Consultation for the 2015 -2017 VPS School plan.

Signed _____ My child is in Class _____



Vaucluse sur L'herbe Auditions

Vaucluse Public School is holding auditions for our annual end of year concert. Our panel of judges will be seeing our stars of tomorrow on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday at lunchtime in the assembly hall. Students need to bring their lunch and any music or props needed e.g. juggling balls.

Students are asked not to bring costumes to school.

The judges are seeing students in Years 3-6 in weeks 5 and 6 (5.11.2014 – 14, 11.2014). Then we will audition students in K-2 in weeks 7 and 8 (19.11.2014- 28.11.2014).

Teachers will be discussing how to prepare for auditions, where to go and the time they need to be at the hall. Some students may be asked to work on items and then present them again.

Students need to present prepared items to the judges. Names of students who want to participate will be collected and a running order will be established and given to the students to clarify which day their audition will be held.

We look forward to enjoying the talents of our students.

Thank you.

The V Factor Panel

Mr. Todd and
The
Vaucluse Public
School
Drama group
perform at the
Town Hall



[JOIN THE SCHOOL BAND!](#)



Students in years 1-5 at Vaucluse PS School now have the opportunity to sign up for the 2015 School band!

- *Do you like music?
- *Do you like being part of a team?
- *Would you like to learn an instrument?

We have vacancies on the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Alto Saxophone, French Horn, Oboe, Drums, Bass guitar and Keyboard.

No experience is necessary except for keyboard where one year's experience is required.

Years 1-4 will take part in a "Band Try out Session" on Thursday 13th November from 9.20am-11.20am. They will have the opportunity to see, hear and even blow some of the instruments in a concert band.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining the band please visit our website: www.musicpartnership.com.au

The password for the Vaucluse PS schools page is "vaucluse"

To enrol in band please fill out our online enrolment form and we will email you back!

<http://musicpartnership.com.au/band-program-2015-enrolment-form/>

Lost Property



At the end of term 4
All items in *lost and found* will be re-homed
or thrown away. Please make some time to
have a rummage through before the end of
Term.



Selective high schools

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCZZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

VOOSC NEWS

Please don't forget to **renew your registrations for 2015**. As mentioned each week,

- We will not be holding positions for anyone or rolling over your current bookings for next year.
- All registrations forms are to be collected from VOOSC.
- To be fair to all families, we will not accept bookings for 2015 by verbal requests or via email.
- Your completed forms are to be submitted in person at the **VOOSC Centre only**.
- Once submitted, your forms will be checked over, dated and signed by the Nominated Supervisor.
- There are limited positions for all sessions.
- Once these positions are filled, your child/ren's names will be put on a waiting list according to the date we receive your paperwork.
- It is the responsibility of each family to ensure that your registrations forms are collected, completed and submitted - not ours !

Please be mindful, if you forget registration, we can't guarantee any positions for your children next year.

Term 4 Fees.

Term fee instalments are due now please. Failure to pay term fees will result in positions being suspended until fees are recovered.

Casual attendances are to be paid at the time of use please.

VOOSC STARS

LEAH W

Congratulations Leah!! You have been awarded your star for always having your bag organised at the end of the day and ready to come to VOOSC. We are always greeted with a huge smile and you are always cheerful with lots of kind things to say.

CALEB

Congratulations, you have been awarded your star for having beautiful manners, trying your very best to be a good listener and a helpful team member during games.

Well done Caleb!

CHARLOTTE W

Thank you Charlie for always being kind, caring and very compassionate. You have been an excellent role model and friend to all of the children at Voosc. It feels very sad to us that this will be your last Voosc Star as you have been a member of the Voosc Family since Kindy.

We know you will shine where ever you are Charlotte!

ARABELLA A

Arabella, well done for taking charge of your own brekkie in the morning. We understand you are still sleepy. Good girl for making the effort and for brushing your teeth each morning after you have finished. A real champion ! Welcome to the wall of fame Bella!

CHARLES A

Well done Charlie! You have been awarded a star for being a good buddy to all of your friends. You pack away games after play and try your hardest at sport every week. You also brush your teeth beautifully after breakfast each morning, which will have the tooth fairy doing the happy dance !!

Warm regards

VOOSC TEAM

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