



THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY

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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term Four: Week seven



Years 5 and 6 went to Cabramatta with Miss Butt and Mr Todd

Coming Events - Term Four

Wednesday 26 November	Carols By The Sea
Friday 28 November	The Clothing Pool will be closed.
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



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 Vaucluse 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

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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 _____

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

It has been a week full of talent at Vaocluse PS. The staff team coordinating Vaocluse sur L'herbe have been immersed in all things theatrical. The staff were overwhelmed with the abundance of talent within the school. It was an extremely difficult job to cull the talent. The adjudicators have organised a second talent show to give those students who were not selected an opportunity to perform. While the staff would have loved to include everyone we would have had to stage a Woodstock like event over a weekend to ensure everyone was able to perform. The coordinating team have included a letter in this week's newsletter.

In the last two weeks you will have received quite a few school notes. These include the Vaocluse PS Class Formation Policy, the 2015 Leadership Policy and the 2014 Awards Policy. These are also available in this week's newsletter if you did not receive them. They are also on our website. Please do not hesitate to see me if you wish to discuss any of these documents.

We have had a great response to the Community Consultation planned for Monday 1 December in the school library. If you missed this note we have included it again in this week's newsletter. We are busy planning the directions for our school for the next three years. We will consult with students, staff and community to establish clear directions for all areas of our school life. If you are unable to come to the 1 December meeting there will be other opportunities in the new school year for you to contribute your ideas.

In last week's newsletter I incorrectly wrote that school finished for student's on 17 November. My father who reads this newsletter with an editor's eye picked up the mistake. Fortunately school does not finish for students until Wednesday 17 December.

This week we had a visit from members of the Department's Asset Management Unit and Planning Unit to look at the areas of need for Vaocluse Public School. Like many schools in the area we are growing steadily. The planners were able to see at close hand the physical facilities the school has and begin to consider our needs. These future needs will also be a part of our school plan.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal

Cabramatta Food Review

By Calista Sweitser

The 'Food Safari' started on a bright, sunny Wednesday in Cabramatta.

Our first stop was the fruit markets. We visited many amazing, fruit and vegetable packed shops with exotic produce. We had \$10 spending money for some produce, lunch and a drink. We arrived at Cabra Vale Park and there we were sorted into groups and bought fresh produce. We saw green mangoes and red dragon fruit. I bought a beautiful, fresh, spiky pineapple which had an amazing aroma. We saw fruits and vegetables I had never heard of. All of the produce was fresh and succulent as we jumped from stall to stall. We ended up with a lot of produce, from long melons to hairy melons, bitter melons and even star cucumbers!

Our next stop was the bakeries. Most of us ordered 'Bahn Mi,' a traditional Vietnamese Pork roll. The bread roll had a great crunchy texture on the outside and the inside was light and fluffy. The ingredients went very well with the roll. I had three types of pork on mine, along with cucumber, carrot, salad and soy sauce. The fresh, crunchy cucumber and carrot balanced the soy sauce. The herbs gave a twist to the roll but it balanced perfectly. Other ingredients traditionally used on the Banh Mi are white radish, pate, butter mayonnaise and chilli.

We walked to Freedom Plaza where some of us bought sugar cane juice. Fresh citrus was blended in with the sugar cane and balanced the sweetness to make refreshing drink on a hot day. Two of the people on the food safari ordered the 'Bubble Tea' and did not react very well to it. Another person accidentally bought 'Chicken Feet' and does not recommend it to anybody who is not used to the flavour. In the meantime, the teachers had spotted a 'Non la' – a traditional Vietnamese hat. They walked around protected by the wide rim of the hat. We walked back to the bus, our bags full of fresh produce. What a wonderful day!



1/2G have been decorating their Halloween pumpkins using different mediums.



1W Art



The Labyrinth

Appley (from class 2M), Octavia (from class KA) and Freya (from class 2M) spent their morning on Sunday selling home-made lemonade in their street. They raised \$23 and would like to donate it back to the upcoming Labyrinth Project. The P&C are championing a Labyrinth to be painted in our school grounds. Vaucluse Public will be the first Sydney school to have one. There is presently a large paved labyrinth just opened in Centennial Park and one at West Mead Hospital.

A Labyrinth is an ancient symbol that represents wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. You walk a labyrinth to learn its lessons. It symbolises a transformative journey to your own centre and back out into the world. They occur in all cultures and have long been used as a tool for meditation, centring and healing. Labyrinths bring people together on the common path of life. A labyrinth is a right brain task involving intuition, creativity, imagery and the search for possibility. The Labyrinth only has one path. The way in is the way out. It slows you down and helps you become centred. It is non-denominational and can be used for various ceremonial occasions. A labyrinth is a wonderful way to promote wellness and peace in our school. We are very

excited at the prospect of having the first Sydney school labyrinth at Vaucluse Public and if anyone is interested in supporting the raising of funds for this unique and meaningful project, we would encourage other students to do a lemonade stand or a cake stall around their neighbourhood. Plus the kids love it! Thank you Appley, Octavia and Freya.





Do you have a bag full of library books at home??

It's time for Miss Caesar to do a stocktake of the library and she needs them all back please!

That's right! From **week 7 (next week)** the library will be closed for end of year stocktake.

Stocktake time gives the library the opportunity to tidy up, check what's missing, weed old books, organise resources for next year and identify areas in the collection which need improvement.

PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOKS BACK ASAP!

Love from,

The Library



Presentation Day is just around the corner. We are asking families to check their cupboards, display cabinets and shelves for any trophies that have not been returned to our school.

Thank you in advance.

VOOSC NEWS

Registrations for 2015 are open.

Please understand that if you neglect to register for next year your positions will not automatically roll over.

Your positions will become invalid at the end of this term.

To be fair to all families, paperwork will only be given and received in person.

VACATION CARE 2015

All Voosc staff take their annual leave during the December/January break. It is more financially viable for our service that all staff have leave at the same time. There are also the health benefits of all Educators returning to start the New Year healthy, refreshed and ready to care for your little treasures! A few families have enquired about whether we will be open for Vacation care during the last week of January 2015, as we have done in previous years .

Over the last two years we have been forced to close for 3 out of 6 days due to very low numbers that do not support opening. We had a maximum of 15 children on the days that we did open.

During our last vacation care (September/October break) we again did not receive the support necessary and were closed for 3 days out of the 10 programmed .

This was very disappointing for everyone as a lot of thought and time is put into creating programs, along with the necessary safety requirements and paperwork that go hand in hand with planned activities.

To answer those who have enquired and for those who are interested, we would love to open, however we require a minimum of twenty children each day before we proceed with a program.

We are currently taking expressions of interest for those requiring our service during the last week of January. If we reach the target, we will proceed with programming.

We will most definitely be open for staff development day on the 27th January 2015.

All children must be registered to attend.

VOOSC STARS

Holly

You have been awarded your star for always playing fairly and including others in your games.

You have beautiful manners, clean up after activities and love to share a good joke!

Well done Holly.

Claire

You have been awarded your star for being a great helper around VOOSC. Thank you for weeding the garden Claire and working side by side with your friend to tackle this task.

We appreciate your kindness and care for others . Welcome to the wall of fame.

Max

This star is for using your best manners at afternoon tea time. Thank you for remembering to do that, it makes everyone very, very happy.

Thanks for always being ready and waiting for us to collect you each Voosc day. Your happy smile adds sunshine to our day!

Chenae

Thank you for having respect for our equipment and remembering to pack away when you're finished. Thank you also for always looking out for younger children and including them in your games! Well deserved!

Congratulations Chenae!.

Kind regards

VOOSC TEAM

Vaucluse Out of School Care Centre Inc.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE CHOIR – "CAROLS BY THE BAY" Wednesday 26th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the children are getting very excited about "Carols By the Bay" next Wednesday 26th November on the boardwalk in front of The Watsons Bay Hotel. In the last couple of weeks as the excitement grows we have had a number of new children join the choir which is so exciting! They will all have such a wonderful time performing in front of our local community. So please have a chat to your children to see if they are in the choir as the below information is important for those involved.

- Children to arrive at 4pm SHARP at the reception of the Watsons Bay Hotel for rehearsals (Rehearsals are from 4-5pm)
- We will have parent helpers they need to report into waiting there to cross their name off the roll call.
- **ALL choir members MUST WEAR ALL WHITE – clean, neat and tidy please**
- All choir members will be given a Christmas headpiece to wear on the night

If your **child is participating in choir AND dance performances** they need to arrive in their white choir clothes and will be required to bring their dance clothes with them to change into after the choir performance. There will be parents to assist them and room for changing provided

The evening kicks off on the boardwalk at 5pm will commence in this order :

4pm – All children performing to arrive for Rehearsals – Choir, Dance and VPS Rock Band

5pm - Combined VPS Choir

- Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- All I Want for Christmas is You
- Happy Christmas War Is Over
- Back Home

Exit junior choir (Senior choir to stand in front on beach)

Then Senior Choir will support rock band singing Happy.

Approx 5.30pm VPS Rock Band

- Happy (by Pharell Williams) - Senior VPS Choir to sing along with the Rock Band – choir to stand on the beach in front of the rock band
- Lonely Boy (by The Black Keys)

Approx 5.50pm VPS Dance Groups

- Kindy - 1 – Shake It Off by Taylor Swift
- Year 1-2 – Jingle Bells by The Funky Christmas Band
- Year 3-6 – Waka Waka by Shakira

This will be followed by other performers including HMAS Watson Rock Band and a special appearance from Santa himself! Please NOTE this event is supported by the Woollahra Council and a large portion of money raised on the night will be donated back to VPS so please get behind this – we are all looking forward to seeing you all down there to celebrate this great occasion! Even if your child is not performing come on down and enjoy what will be a great evening – we will also be printing sing-a-long carols booklets so you can all join in !

Our School Will Benefit – see below Donations to the school

- \$5 from every Kids Meal sold (kids meals are \$10 so this is 50%)
- \$3 from every lemonade sold (homemade lemonade is \$3 so this is 100%)
- Gelatissimo will also be contributing by selling ice cream and donating a portion back to the school

Please let me know if you need any further information

Thanks Ali Satchell

Vaucluse sur L'herbe Auditions

Dear parents

Over the past three weeks Vaucluse Public School has been very busy holding auditions for our annual end of year concert. Our panel of judges from the teaching staff have now finished viewing all of the wonderful and creative acts presented by students from Years K-6.

The judges were highly impressed with the overwhelming response of the student body and would like to thank all those who tried out for their courage, hard work and obvious dedication to their various crafts.

Sadly, not all students who auditioned will be able to present their items at Vaucluse sur L'herbe. Students who were not successful in their auditions are invited to perform for the school at a special whole school assembly entitled **Vaucluse Talent Time**, held on Wednesday 17 December (time to be confirmed).

Well done to all who got up, had a go and showcased their fantastic talents during the auditions. We look forward to seeing all of you during your whole Stage performances at Vaucluse sur L'herbe.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who auditioned, we are so lucky to have such a talented student body!

The V Factor Panel



3^S are starting a Skateboard Club. This is organised through the parents outside school hours.

Leandro from 3^S shows us his new skateboard.

Hard copies of the following went home this week. If you have not received them please refer to the Vaucluse Public School website.

<http://www.vaucluse-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-home>

Class formation Policy 2015

Awards Policy 2014

Election of School Captains and Prefects 2015



CALL FOR TENDERS VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Tenders are called for the licence of the Vacluse Public School Canteen for school year commencing 28th January 2015 and for a term of approximately one (1) year with a option to renew for three (3) years. Annual school enrolments for 2015 will be approximately 330 students.

General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

Giselle Gabbani
School Administrative Manager
Tel: 9337 2672
E: Giselle.gabbani@det.nsw.edu.au

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential - School Canteen Tender" and sent to:

The Principal
Vacluse PS
Cambridge Avenue
Vacluse 2030

Or, the package can be dropped off at the office between the hours of 8.30 - 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

Tenders will be closing at 3pm on **FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER 2014**

A tender visit and briefing session is planned to be held in the near future

All applicants must make themselves familiar with clause 2 of the tender offer.