



The Vaucluse Weekly

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Term 4 Week 6



2H Made boats they hope will float for the *Push n Pull* Science Unit we are doing this Term .

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Annual General Meeting of the P&C on Tuesday night. It was a wonderful roll up of parents and there are some great plans for 2016. Thank you to all members of the 2015 P&C Executive for the enormous amount of support given to the school. Each year the P&C makes significant contributions to the resources of our school. In 2015 the P&C supported our school by purchasing an Electronic Whiteboard for the new demountable classroom. A large number of reading resources including Take Home Readers were funded by the P&C. Playground seating and financial support of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and Learning and Support Program was also provided. The Class Parent organisation, the uniform shop, working bees and parent support in the classrooms were also part of the P&C support of the school. We very much appreciate the diversity of support from the P&C. The parent body at the school go out of their way to help in a wide variety of ways. It is this collective of parents, students and staff that make Vaucluse

Public School a great place to be.

We welcome the newly elected 2016 P&C Executive.

President: Sasha Irvine

Vice President: Jo Little

Secretary: Sarah Still

Treasurer: Sam Peters

Fundraising Committee: TBC

Co-Curricular: Katrin Graebner and Xanthe Lenior

Building and Environment: George Palmer

SAKG: Ange Davids

Technology: Jeremy Heap

Class Parent Coordinator: Amanda Ramsay

Uniform Shop Committee: Sasha Irvine

Non Portfolio Members: Ian Manovel, Mads Anderson, Sarah Myers

There was much energy and excitement in the room on Tuesday evening. A very productive discussion took place that generated some exciting and interesting ideas for the following year. From my perspective it was very heart warming to see so many parents willingly and enthusiastically putting their hands up to help. What was very clear was a strong commitment to sharing and making Vaucluse PS a better place for all students. We love the inclusiveness that has become second nature to all that we do. We are looking forward to a productive 2016 and supporting our students in a myriad of ways.

On Thursday our students participated in a wonderful incursion with Author Susan Gervay. Susan spoke about inclusion and anti-bullying strategies. The feedback from our students was extremely positive.

At the moment we have an unusually large number of students either arriving to school late or departing early from school. We are seeking parent support to try and reduce the disruptions that this causes to classrooms. If late arrivals or early departures are a regular occurrence because of commitments outside of the school an application for partial absence must be filled out and handed to the office. The principal must approve this application and then it must be approved by the School Director, Dr Sylvia Corish. If Leave is not granted for these regular absences then the student is marked absent on the roll. Patterns of absences are then followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer. Please think carefully of the disruption caused to your child's class before you make the decision to arrive late or leave early. Each class teacher would appreciate this consideration and our students would have more productive learning time.

I have included in the body of the newsletter the school's policy on the allocation of awards for Presentation Day. This rigorous process has already commenced and the staff have participated in a number of meetings to gather information for the allocation of prizes.

Finally a big thank you to our resident green thumb and parent George Palmer who has planted the pathway at the Cambridge street entrance with a variety of beautiful natives. The path has been transformed and looks wonderful. A warm and welcoming entrance into our school. Thank you George.

Maureen Hallahan



One of our favourite parts of the day is when we get visitors in the office
Imbar and Tiella from KA



This week in the kitchen



Alexia, Olivia F, Olivia O and Tilly from 4V

With smiles like these mums and dads can look forward to this delicious creation being prepared at home tonight.

6T would like to thank the VPS community for so generously supporting their fundraising campaign for Jigsaw the Moon Bear. We raised the grand total of \$400 which will be enough to turn over four more pieces of Jigsaw's 2015 jigsaw puzzle.

Hill End gold fields
by Bathurst
Colony of New South Wales
Australia
2nd June 1872

Dear Mum

This is my second week at the Hill End gold fields. I miss you and Germany. I hope your health is good. Is everything OK without me. I'm not going that well with my health and the food is terrible, also there is a lack of water. I got to the edge of Europe by horse with this man called Eisenhower. I then went by boat, I got terribly seasick. When we arrived I found a cheap horse for sale in Australia. You will never guess the name was of the man who rode the horse to Hill End? Metta Jackson. What a silly name! There is many languages and it's crowded with people, also there is lots of Opium in the air and I try to stay away from it. I was at the pub one and I was hit on the head with a beer bottle but I'm alright.

I do alluvial mining with a cradle and a pan. It's freezing at night and all I have is a small sheet and my clothes. I am not sure if I have caught myemoid. I have not been that successful with gold but I am sure I will find more gold in the future. I hope I will be rich and share the money with you. Soon I will be returning home
love Harvardt

Hill End Goldfields
by Bathurst
Colony of NSW
Australia
25th December 1872

Dear mama,

I am writing to tell you
and Africa that i'll be
back soon. The 2 years of
work is paying off. I have
found 1 ounce of gold, I
really hope you are in good
health I am recovering quickly
from dysentery but don't worry.

Ma, the work is hard but it is rewarding.
The tents are small but better than nothing.
The mutton is very bad, the damper is ok.
I met a nice girl who traded me a possum rug
for some damper. Her name is Isabella and she
will come back to Africa with me. I learnt the
panning and cradling methods wich is safer than
shaft mining. Merry Christmas Ma, I miss you
to the moon and back but me and Isabella will
be home soon with a present from the Goldfields
I will come back to Africa by boat.

filled with love
Jack xxx

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Hill End

goldfields

20 June

1872

Dear Mamma,

I miss you alot. I hope you are okay but my life is so hard. Pappa's getting sick and were starving and cold. We sold our boat for food and water and were making a bark house, but it keeps falling down.

Pappa was beaten up yesterday by a man. The man was holding a beer bottle and in the other hand was a little piece of gold, but the man ran away.

The next day Jassie and I went down to the river to find gold. The water was so cold but the fish didn't seem to mind. We didn't find any gold but we were feeling sick so we decided to mine another day.

I like it here, the mosquitoes are never biting and we found a small bit of gold. We have almost finished the house, it's looking good.

Pappa went out mining today and found a huge nugget of gold. I was really worried because Pappa didn't come back for a long time but eventually we found him. They called Jinet in taking care of us until we build a bark house.

Jenet gave us a hard finding gold. She gave us some gold which was very nice of her. I just feel sad because I miss you. It's going to take us a long journey to get back home, but we will make it.

We're coming home next week so I can see you again. Pappa and Jassie miss you so much. We're going mining tomorrow, hope we find gold. Wish us luck. I love you Mamma, from Larry.

VOOSC NEWS

ABSENCES

A gentle reminder to all, please ensure that if your child is going to be absent from a booked session at VOOSC, to advise the service well before pickup or drop off times.

It's great if you are able to collect your child straight from class or to enjoy a morning at a slower pace than usual, the kids love it and we support it!

As parents and care providers for your families, we can relate to how precious and rare these times can be for working families.

However it is extremely important that we receive early notice of your intentions for many reasons.

- The most important being the safety and wellbeing of your child.
- Maintaining correct ratios for our service to operate and fulfil our legal obligations according to Regulations.
- Awareness of availability of places for casual and emergency positions at all times. We are unable to do this if we are uncertain of who will be absent or present at each session.

Please call in the morning if your child will be absent in the afternoon and the evening before if possible when your child is booked for a morning session. In the case of sickness overnight, first thing in the morning please,

We appreciate your assistance and understanding in this area and thank you for your willingness to support us in being able to provide a service for all who need it.

VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen for stars this week.

Charlie H

Your star is for great sportsmanship Charlie. Thank you for being a positive and supportive role model who is willing to try new things and see each activity through to the end. Welcome to the Wall of Fame Charlie

Lia

Your star is for caring and kindness. Always the little mummy to those who need friendship and support. Your star will shine brightly on our Wall of Fame Lia

Poppy

Poppy your star is for trying new things and not giving up even if it proves to be a challenge. Well done and welcome to the Wall of Fame.

Warm regards

Voosc Team

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE VPS P&C BBQ STALL
at The Cambridge Christmas Market
SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER**



Call out for Volunteers to help us sizzle sausages, flip some eggs and fry bacon to create our Famous VPS Hot Dogs and Egg & Bacon Rolls.

If you, your Partner, friend, Parent, Grandparent... anyone is eager to help work on the VPS P& C BBQ Stall **Sunday 29 November**, please email Amanda Ramsay missmandimakeup@gmail.com or call 0414 303 736

Please let me know your available times and we'll organise a Roster. We will need volunteers between 9am and 3pm.

All profits from the sale of the Hot Dogs and Egg & Bacon Rolls will go to the School.

With thanks

Amanda Ramsay
On behalf of the VPS P&C

VPS P&C CHRISTMAS CAKE STALL

VPS Parents are you ready to get your Christmas Bake On?

Calling out for Volunteers to help us stock the VPS Stall at the **Cambridge Christmas Markets, Sunday 29 November**. All proceeds collected will go to the School. If you are able to contribute some Christmas/Festive season themed treats, please contact Amanda Ramsay at missmandimakeup@gmail.com or 0414 303 736 ASAP so we can gauge interest and decide whether our Stall is viable. Baking lovers, we know you're out there, please help us.

We're looking for Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Gingerbread Houses, Gingerbread people... and anything that can be packaged up and sold to happy shoppers at the Markets. We've showcased below some ideas to get you in the mood.





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Vaucluse Public School 2015 Awards Policy

Staff have reviewed and discussed End of Year Awards and Presentation Day Awards. The following is documentation of the criteria and processes used to determine the award winners.

Award	Criteria	Nominated By:
<p>Class Awards:</p> <p>1. Academic Excellence</p> <p>2. Citizenship</p> <p>3. Most Improved</p> <p>4. Creative and Performing Arts</p> <p><i>There will be an additional prize for a composite class. Teacher will choose where appropriate.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on assessment across all KLAs and engagement in learning. 2. Demonstrated consistent commitment to School Values. 3. Commitment and effort in Class Program. 4. Demonstrated consistent commitment and engagement in Creative and Performing Arts. 	Class Teachers
<p>Woollahra Council Award for Citizenship</p>	<p>Service to the school and the community. Shows leadership qualities. Continuity of the commitment to the school and School Values.</p>	All members of Staff
<p>Athlete of the Year Award</p>	<p>Representation at district and zone carnivals.</p>	Sports Committee, Sport Convenor, Principal



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	<p>Commitment to school sport. Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship</p>	
<p>Soccer Award: Junior and Senior Mixed</p>	<p>Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / soccer.</p>	<p>Sport Convenor: Tom Styles, Ella Vial</p>
<p>Netball Award: Junior and Senior Girls</p>	<p>Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / soccer.</p>	<p>Sport Convenor: Talia Butt, Helen Mooy</p>
<p>Soccer Club Award:</p>	<p>Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship. Commitment to consistent attendance.</p>	<p>Ms Morgan, Robert Jackson</p>
<p>Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal:</p>	<p>Sporting potential, participation in District and Regional level sport. For students in Years 2 -6.</p>	<p>Sport Convenor and Years 2-6 Staff</p>
<p>Gym Award:</p>	<p>Semester scores and assessment.</p>	<p>Gym Teacher</p>
<p>Middleton Award:K-6</p>	<p>Demonstrated commitment to School Values and Sustainability practices.</p>	<p>Environment Committee.</p>
<p>Captain Whitton Prize for Year 6 English</p>	<p>2015 assessment</p>	<p>Class teacher, supervisor and Principal.</p>



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Christison Prize for Mathematics: Year 6	2015 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal.
Leer Prize for Dux Year 6	2015 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal.
SRC Cup: K-6	Peer elected citizenship based on citizenship and School Values.	2014 SRC Teacher: Karla Aspden and Kara McMenemy and SRC Representatives
Vaucluse Cup: K-6	Active involvement in all aspects of school life.	Staff
Rotary Humanitarian Award for Year 6	Demonstrated commitment to School Values.	Staff
Drama	Participation in extra-curricular and school based Drama activities	David Todd
Hebrew: Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3.	Enthusiasm and participation in Hebrew. Excellence in Hebrew.	Hebrew teacher: Mora Miriam Marks
Mandarin: Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3.	Multicultural awareness, continuous engagement in learning and cooperative learning.	Mandarin teacher: Mr Henry Liu
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program:	Commitment and engagement to SAKG.	Silver Spoon: Angela Davids (Kitchen Specialist).



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Silver Spoon Award (Kitchen) Golden Trowel Award (Garden)	Demonstrated deep understanding of SAKG philosophy.	Golden Trowel: Rudi Adlmayer (Garden Specialist)
Sports Awards: Junior and Senior Boys & Girls Swimming Junior and Senior Boys & Girls Athletics	House points accrued at the School Swimming Carnival. House points accrued at the School Athletics Carnival.	Sports Convenor and Sports Committee
Cross Country Shield	Performance at District and Regional Cross Country event.	Sports Convenor and Sports Committee
Gabrielle Upton Community Service Award	Service to the school and the community. Shows leadership qualities. Continuity of the commitment to the school and School Values.	All members of Staff
Music Award	Commitment and achievement in music beyond the classroom.	Music teacher: Ellaine Li

Please Note: A special Awards Assembly will take place at the end of Term 4 2015. At this Assembly individual awards for Gym will be presented. Cross country Awards, House Awards and other incidental Awards that are not able to be presented at Presentation Day will also be presented. This Assembly is organised to ensure that all students receive their awards. Time does not permit for all awards to be presented at the Annual Presentation Day Awards Ceremony at Rose Bay Secondary College.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal