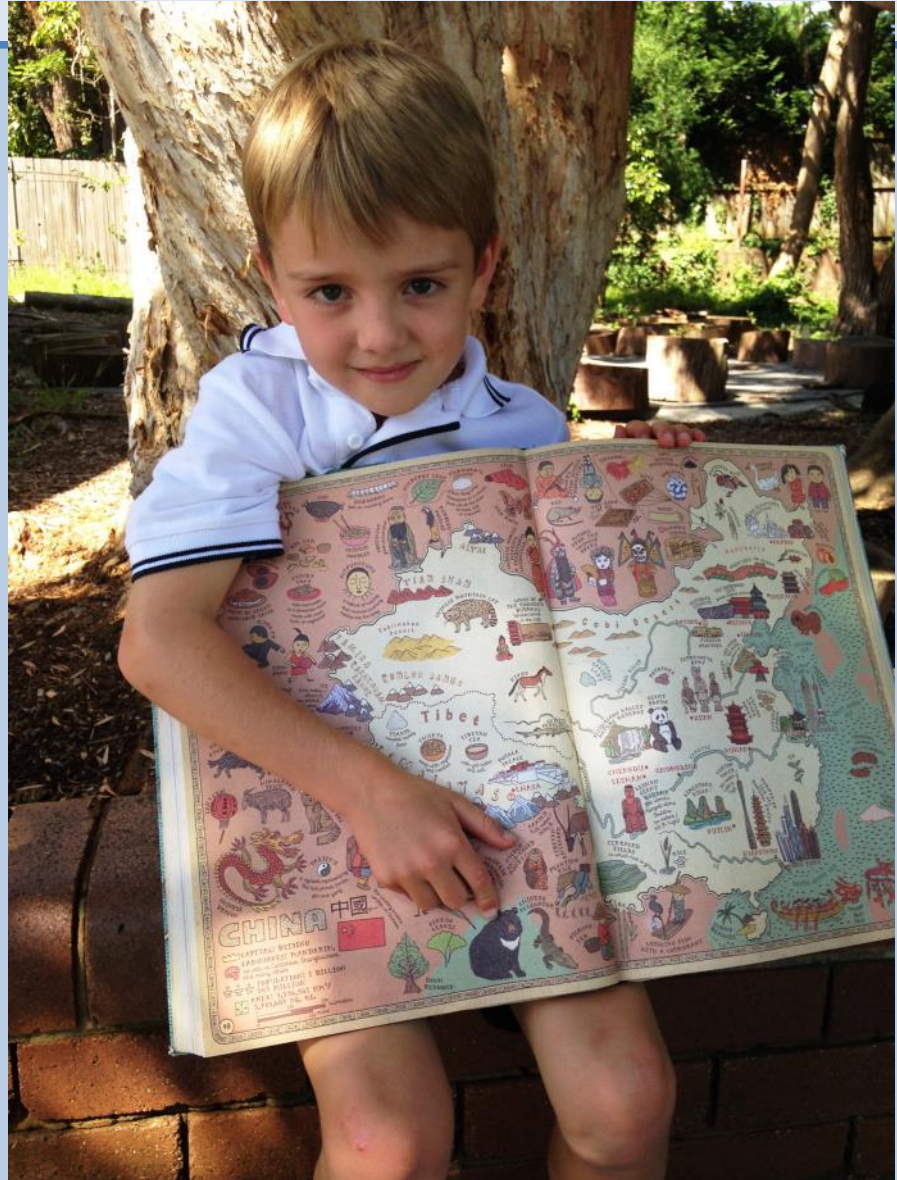


The Vaucluse Weekly

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Friday 20 November 2015

Term 4 Week 6



Moon Bear Story

Freddie from 1/2M has been very enthusiastic in his studies. He was thrilled to find a picture of a Moon Bear in the beautiful book on maps given to him by his godfather last year.

Thank you for sharing Freddie!

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

This week has been challenging. Students are very tired and the hot weather has exacerbated this. On Wednesday and today we have reduced time on the playground especially at lunchtime. We have kept students indoors, ensured everyone has lots of drink stops and those teachers who have air conditioning have buddied up and shared their little piece of paradise. The middle playground in particular is very hot and has no shade. If the hot weather continues we will follow these procedures.

Our Stage 2 students, Years 5 and 6 visited the State Library on Wednesday. They had a special lesson as part of a unit of work on Gold. After their visit we had a phone call close to lunch time from one of the Librarians at the State Library to tell us how impressed they were with our students. The Librarian talked about their respectful behaviour, their level of engagement and also how well our students had been prepared by their teachers. She was so thrilled with our students that she went on to say that they were one of the most outstanding groups that the library staff could recall. Needless to say we are all bathing in the reflected glory. Usually we have phone calls of an opposite nature. Members of the public rarely offer positive feedback. You can imagine how delighted we were and I was thrilled to share this feedback to the whole school at Assembly yesterday.

Today we farewell Helen Mooy who has spent the last year working with Year 3. Helen is going off on maternity leave and we thank her for her wonderful contribution to our school. We know that you will join us in wishing her well in her next big adventure.

Next week marks the start of the countdown to the end of the year. There are lots of activities planned and we recommend you check the newsletter weekly for updates of future activities. Please also check your child's bag for notes etc. The class parent organisation is also a useful source of information. We are currently researching the development of a Vacluse Public School App for 2016. This App will hold the newsletter, permission notes and messages. We feel it will be another great communication strategy for our school. We hope to have it up and running at the commencement of the 2016 school year.

We are currently organising 2016 classes. If you have not enrolled your child for 2016 Kindergarten please do so quickly. In 2016 we will grow to fourteen classes. Recently you may have noticed the fencing in the playground. This will be the site of the fourth demountable. We have not been advised as yet when delivery will take place.

There is a huge buzz around next weekend's Christmas Carnival. The P&C are putting in a huge effort with a BBQ, cake stall, Christmas Cards and a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden stall. We need lots of volunteers to man these stalls. If you can spare a precious hour on Sunday 29 November please let Amanda Ramsay our Year Parent Coordinator now.

Have a wonderful cool weekend.

Maureen Hallahan





5B and 6T at the NSW Library this week





Vegetable Garden News

What a great day we had in the vegetable garden last Monday. After the rainy weather of the weekend the heavens opened up and gave us a fantastic day.

Children looked at the role that corn plays in world agriculture and how important a food source it is. As well as this corn is used as a biofuel. See link below.

<http://corn-ethanol.weebly.com/pros-and-cons-of-corn-ethanol.html>

Corn is thought to have originated in Mexico. The ancient Inca, Mayan and Aztec civilisations are credited as being the first to domesticate corn as a crop. Archaeological excavations in Mexico unearthed wild corn cobs which were dated about 5000 BC, and cultivated corn cobs about 2000 BC.

Sweet corn differs from other corns (field maize, popcorn and ornamental) because the kernels have high sugar content in the milk or early dough stage.

Sweet corn is grown in most Australian States, with New South Wales producing just over half of the national production. The dominant position of New South Wales and its processing industry is expected to continue.



Map of the major sweet corn growing areas in Australia
Source: Australian Vegetable Growing Handbook 1999

Children sowed corn, tomato, parsley, lettuce seeds for our summer crop.

It is good to see the children getting into the swing of things as each group are staying focused on tasks they are set such as sifting compost, weeding, seed sowing, harvesting and mulching. This in turn makes our garden function as the living system that it is.

Cheers

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Moon Bear Fundraising Update

6T's hard work in the kitchen, baking hundreds of cupcakes, has been more successful than we could have ever thought. The exciting news is that due to the generous donations by a teacher, the total raised is \$500. We can now turn over five not just four of the Jigsaw's puzzle pieces for 2015.

6T's fundraising campaign has also inspired students across the school to research Moon Bears.



WE DID IT!!!!!!

You might have seen me coming around to your classroom collecting money for the Starlight Foundation. The Starlight Foundation is a foundation that helps kids by granting their wishes when they are really sick. Thanks to your concern and generosity we raised \$266! Thank you everybody for your support.

- Holly Ryan 1/2M



**MORE 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 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

We 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? Baking lovers, we know you're out there, please help us.



Calling out for more Volunteers to help us stock and work on 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, and/or can volunteer to work on the Stall for an hour (we need people to please help sell the treats between 9am and 3pm)....

Please contact Amanda Ramsay at missmandimakeup@gmail.com or 0414 303 736 by Monday 23 November.

With thanks.



LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

VAUCLUSE LITTLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Staff and Families,

We are a small privately owned centre just around the corner from Vaucluse 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 3-5years 10 children with 1 educator.

We implement Montessori learning, 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 for 2015 or put your name on the wait list for the future.

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

Kind Regards

Annette Gillespie

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Vaucluse Little School

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Fun kids fishing day

Find out the secrets on how to bait those hooks...
..... and find out some secret fishing spots from some of Sydney
Game most famous boats skipper's.....



Booking's essential. Numbers are limited to 50. Payments can be made directly to Karen Wright - 0427 557 705, prior to the event or on the day. BBQ sausage sizzle & a drink will be provided.

Date: *Sunday , 29th November 2015*
Time: 9am - 12:30pm
Cost: \$25.00 per child.



CAMBRIDGE
CHRISTMAS
MARKETS
VAUCLUSE

SUNDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER, 2015

10AM
until
4PM

Come and enjoy

a day of Christmas shopping
in the tranquil grounds of

Vaucluse Public School,
Cambridge Avenue

♦ gifts ♦ food ♦
♦ kids activities ♦

\$2/ADULT
KIDS FREE

70+ stalls



OVER 70 STALLS ...



International hot food stalls:-

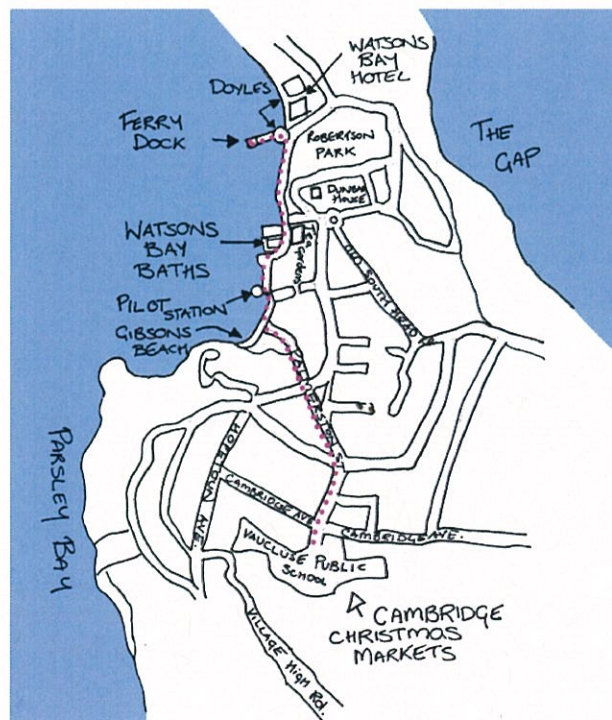
- + contemporary Asian
- + Mexican favourites
- + Spanish paella
- + wood fire pizzas
- + Turkish gozlemes
- + dumplings (with a gluten-free option),
- + Vietnamese Pho to name a few.



Gift stalls include:-

- + fashion jewellery
- + French homewares
- + graphic designer cushions
- + fair trade products
- + variety of beachwear
- + African artisan products,
- + casual menswear
- + up and coming designer womenswear
- + South American clothing & accessories
- + fun kidswear & toys
- + cactus in hand-made pot + many more.

Where to find us





SELECTION OF SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS for 2016

Dear Parents and Students

Student leaders are ambassadors for the school at all times, representing the whole school community – the principal, teachers, staff, students, parents and members of the community.

Student leaders have important roles to play both at school and in the community:

- *They set high standards of behaviour and attitude to school for other students.*
- *They take pride in their school as exemplified in the way they wear their school uniform.*
- *They lead and report to school assemblies and school events.*
- *They welcome official visitors to the school and are often called on to give a vote of thanks to visitors or people who address or perform for the students.*
- *They are often called on to represent the school at public functions and events in the community. e.g. Anzac Day, Woollahra Council events.*
- *They provide a mentor role for the student community.*
- *They demonstrate a strong commitment and positive attitude to their school.*

In Term 4 2015 all classes will participate in units of work on Leadership. Students will identify positive models of good leadership, leadership qualities and what do good leaders look like.

School Captains and Prefects will be selected in Term 4 in the following way:

Year 5 Candidates for Prefect are self - nominated and it is not compulsory to nominate.

- 1. In week 8 of Term 4 commencing Monday 23 November 2015:*** All Year 5 students who have nominated for school leadership will receive a badge at Monday Assembly. This badge will identify them as a **School Leader Nominee**. They will wear these badges over the following weeks and visit classrooms to introduce themselves to the school population.
- 2. In week 10 of Term 4 Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 December 2015:*** All students from Year 5 are invited to present a prepared speech at whole school assemblies. The title of the speech will be 'What Makes A Good Leader.'
- 3. Tuesday 8 December 2015:*** After the final speeches all students from Year 5 to Year 2, 2015 will be given an opportunity to vote for their preferred candidates for 2016 Captains. Staff will also vote. They will vote 1 to 6 on a prepared mixed gender ballot paper to include all nominated Year 5 students. The order of candidates will be drawn from a hat. In 2016 the school will have six prefects- three boys and three girls.

4. The 2015 Vaucluse Public School Captains will be selected by the staff who will consider:

- *the results of the students' elections;*
- *the personal character of each candidate;*
- *the personal contributions that each candidate has made as a member of the school community throughout their time at the school;*
- *their ability to represent the school. (eg. through public speaking)*

5. On Presentation Day: *Current Prefects will announce the new Prefects and outgoing Captains will announce the new Captains.*

*Maureen Hallahan
Principal
18 November 2015*



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Vaucluse sur L'herbe

6.00 - 7.30pm
Thursday 10 December 2015

Dear Parents

It gives us much pleasure to invite you to come and share with us an evening of entertainment on Thursday 10 December 2015.

Auditions have been underway for all of Term 4. The evening promises much talent, excitement and enthusiasm.

Bring a picnic to share on the grass or take advantage of the P&C BBQ or School Canteen.

An early arrival is recommended. The show will commence promptly at 6.00pm.

All students will be performing and must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening with you.

Staff and Students of Vaucluse Public School

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