

**Learning and
Growing Together**

The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 14 October 2016 Term 4 Week 1

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Our first week back in the kitchen.

What a way to start!

With fresh vegetables from our garden
Beautiful Broad Bean, Silverbeet and Fennel Risotto.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. I have been listening to stories of wonderful holidays from our students this week. They have returned happy and rested and ready for the rigours of Term 4. Well done parents. Many students have been keen to share stories of their day spent in PJs doing nothing. (I wish I had taken my own advice !!) This week the staff has formally planned many events and filled our Term 4 calendar very quickly. Please keep a close eye on the newsletter, class bulletins, newsletters, the Vacluse School App and notes in bags. There is a high level of activity this term and parents need to be aware and watch out for information.

Next week we go live in the transition to the Department of Education's new operating system, LMBR. This means we are going to be doing things at our end quite differently. I would ask that you understand the office is under significant pressure to implement our new systems. Please consider when you ring the office that Corinne and Giselle are also learning the new operating system. Sadly we still have parents ringing after 3pm with last minute changes to pick up arrangements. Corinne and Giselle do their very best to follow up and speak to children and pass on your messages. Often there are so many phone calls they are too busy taking messages that it prevents them from communicating the changed plans. This is stressful for everyone involved including the children who do not get the messages. We ask that you carefully consider the office staff and make firm plans before your child leaves home in the morning. We understand that occasionally emergencies occur but we have many repeat offenders at the moment.

Vacluse Public School like all similar schools offers a range of additional, interesting and exciting experiences that broaden and deepen our student's educational experiences. Teachers consider carefully the additional activities that we ask parents to pay for before we commit to them. We believe that these experiences enhance and provide rich learning experiences. These additional experiences are chosen to complement and extend learning experiences in addition to what is offered in the classroom. We do ask that all excursions and activities are paid for prior to the actual date. This allows the office time to coordinate payment to venues and transport costs. With the implementation of the new state wide school administration system, payment on time for excursions and activities is crucial.

To assist parents in being able to plan and budget for the cost of excursions and activities there are a number of options available. These include pay as you go and weekly payment schemes. Our students are encouraged to participate in all the excursions and incursions that we offer. If for any reason you are having difficulty making payment it is important that you contact the office to organise a payment plan. We understand that difficulties can arise and we are very happy to assist families who find it difficult to meet these costs at various times. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment at the office and we will work out an appropriate plan. If you choose not to pay for excursions or incursions an alternative program will be organised for your child. In order to assist parents the Vacluse School App is used to send out regular reminder Alerts. If you have not got this free App please do so as soon as possible. We use this App frequently to send parents a wide variety of information.

This week we sent out notes asking parents to indicate if they will be returning in 2017. This information is very important to our planning for 2017. This planning has already begun and we would appreciate a speedy return of these notes. If you are returning to school late in January 2017 it is important that you inform us in writing.

In the body of the newsletter we have published the words of a song that was written and performed by one of our Year 3 students at our final assembly in Term 3. Thea moved us all to tears with her performance and she very kindly agreed to my request that we print her original composition in our newsletter. Today Bob Dylan won the Nobel Peace Prize for his poetry in his lyrics. We would like to think that Thea is channelling a little bit of Bob. Thank you Thea for sharing this song.

Maureen Hallahan



New Exciting, Easy Fundraising Opportunity...

Xanthe Lenior : xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au

12th October Week 1 Term 4

I am very excited to introduce a new fundraising opportunity for VPS.

We have been invited (along with 2 other charities) to test out a new Program, created by Foodco who manage Jamaica Blue and Muffin Break stores.

It is a simple idea. Buy your coffee pods, grounds and beans on-line **through Foodco's** new philanthropic business, called Bean Giving, and nominate VPS as the chosen charity, then not 1%, not 2% but a full 10% of your purchase price of the coffee is donated to VPS! Easy!!

Every time you make a cup of rich, aromatic coffee at home, you are helping raise funds, that **go directly to our children's benefit.**

Please see the further explanation following. Get on-line, make a test purchase, tell your **Mum, brother, sister and friends to do the same and let's see how much we** can raise!!

www.Beangiving.com.au

Many thanks to you, for being involved. Any thoughts or suggestions for improvements to their site will be welcome. (see my email address above for you to use)

Thanks for **reading this far, see official details following...**



Your morning coffee can make a real difference to Vacluse Public School.

Whenever you make a purchase from BeanGiving.com.au 10% of your final purchase price will be donated to Vacluse Public School.

BeanGiving offers:

- Free delivery with no minimum purchase amount
- Great every-day pricing and discounts for volume purchases
- 100% Arabica Bean & Grounds from Jamaica Blue & Muffin Break
- Nespresso® compatible capsules* from 55c per capsule
- Single and recurring orders

To help spread the word and raise more funding for Vacluse Public School, BeanGiving offers a 10% discount for every friend you refer, when they complete their first purchase! Simply access the referral program on BeanGiving.com.au

At BeanGiving we believe that small acts, when multiplied many times, can start something quite revolutionary. This is what's at the heart of BeanGiving!

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Enrolment for 2017

Thank you to all of the families who have returned their Registration forms for next year.

As advised well before the beginning of Term 3, we are not rolling over enrolments from one year to the next. **It is each families' responsibility to re-enrol** their children. We need to be very fair in this process and cannot show favouritism for late submissions.

This has been a practice we have observed for many years and allows all families an equal opportunity to have access to our service.

A gentle reminder to please be honest with your requests for future requirements. We will be allocating positions based on Government Guidelines for Priority of Access as well as the date we receive your completed forms.

There are many families who have a genuine need for care and many who are able to be more flexible, such as working from home or have Au pairs and nannies. As much as we would like to say yes to all families, there are situations such as full time working parents who require every day for both AM/PM and have no assistance at all.

There appears to be a wee bit of confusion over this due to the way the Guidelines and sections are worded. Several families have left this area blank or ticked the incorrect box due to not being sure, therefore possibly jeopardising their enrolments. If you require more clarification of your individual Priority of Access please ask for assistance. We are happy to help. We will advise families of their positions before the end of Term 4.

VACATION CARE FUN

We had so much fun during the break with lots of fantastic activities, it was hard to return to a normal routine this week!

The Magician was outstanding, the Theatre experience at the Botanic Gardens was really wonderful and Luna Park was a big highlight and so much fun. We have quite a few daredevils in our midst!

Our team also enjoyed the rides. Due to height restrictions we needed to accompany the kids to enable them to participate. **That's our story any way.....**

After several rounds on the Spider, Wild Mouse, Tumble Bug and Tango Train, back to **back, lunch was not really a pleasing moment for some !!, but... you do want you must** when it comes to having fun.

A massive thankyou to our brilliant children who once again behaved so beautifully during all activities. All venues and deliverers of events rave over how terrific you are. Be very, very, proud, we are!!

Warm Regards VOOSC TEAM

Wild Child

Window down in the pouring rain, Barefoot in the bush— no pain.

Sticks scratching skin! Jumping on that bin!

No shock when I'm hurt, no scream, no howl, no blurt

Cant catch me if you try. I will not will not, not cry

Tall grass, high skies, cool past, small lies

Running wild, camping out, look at me, a brand new scout

Rain on my face! Wind on my back! Rolling in the dirt! Don't care if I stack!

Splattering in mud, camping on a cliff, Swan diving—rock leaping—muscles stiff.

Meek and clean—gets me riled

Jump off now, with a wild child.

Hold my hand, I'll show you how,

Cubby houses, leys find one now!

Swimming in the freezing cold,

Yeah, sure you can be bold.

Surfing in the sun, I'll never be done.

Fishing off the wharf, footy on the turf.

No shock when I'm hurt, No scream, no howl, no blurt.

Cant catch me if you try, I will not , will not, not cry

High trees, big smiles, cool creeks, strong miles,

Water fights, making swords, trust me—I'll never get bored.

Sung and played beautifully by Thea from 3B

Dear parents-

as a preliminary result from the last school survey we have understood that there is interest for a Gymnastics class. And even though Term 4 and all other activities have already started we have managed to put on a trial gymnastics class for this term! Karina has been working with VPS for a number of years as the gymnastic teacher delivered during the school sports and many of our students already know her.

As it is a trial the activity is only for Kindy – Year 2 students, boys and girls – but be quick to sign up as we have only 10 places available! See additional information and the Trybooking link below:

Katrin & Xanthe

TRIAL 10 places only

VPS GYMNASTICS TERM 4 2016

<https://www.trybooking.com/237112>

WHAT: Gymnastics delivered by Karina O'Neill from Kincoppal Gymnastics Team

VENUE: VPS HALL

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS 8.15 AM – 9.15 AM – 9 week term

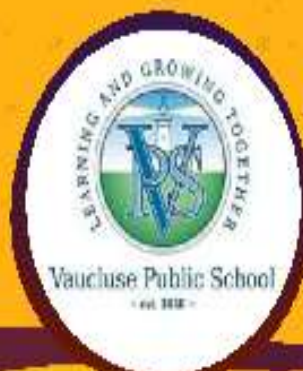
FIRST SESSION OF TERM: October 19th, 2016

LAST SESSION OF TERM: December 14th, 2016

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- PLEASE READ UPDATED TERMS & CONDITIONS
- NO MAKE UP SESSIONS
- STUDENTS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM OR SHORTS & TOP, LEOTARD OR TIGHTS, NO SHOES

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Halloween Dress Up Disco



FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER



4.30PM - 7.30PM

FOOD AND DRINK STALLS, LUCKY DIP, GAMES.

ENTRY - \$2



Broad Bean, Silver Beet and Fennel-top Risotto

Equipment

Measuring Cup

Pot

Knife

Chopping Board

Ladle

Several small bowls

Wooden Spoon

Colander

Ingredients

3-4 baby leeks

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 Tbsp Parsley leaf, picked

Handful of fennel tops, broken into pieces with fingers

1-2 cups shredded spinach/silver beet or chard (2-3 handfuls of Broad Beans - double shelled if large)

1 ½ cups Arborio rice

4-6 cups stock

2 tablespoons olive oil

50g butter

Small wedge of parmesan cheese (about 3 tablespoons)

Salt

Cracked pepper

1 tspn lemon zest

From the Garden

parsley, fennel tops, spinach and chard, broad beans.

What to do

1. Prepare all ingredients

-Set out chopping boards and knives

-Shell the broad beans and blanch in a pot of hot water, drain and refresh in cold icy water. Double peel them and reserve for later.

- Wash and slice leeks and place in bowl.

- Pick parsley and fennel tops, roughly chop parsley leaves and break up fennel tops with fingers. Place in a bowl for later.

- Wash and slice spinach/chard leaves into strands, removing stalks if they're large.

- Grate parmesan cheese until you have 3 tablespoons. Put in a bowl.

- Weigh butter and cut in half (2 x 25g knobs)

- Measure out rice. Rinse rice with cold water. Drain.

2. Pour stock into pot and heat over a medium heat. Turn the heat to low simmer.

3. Place frypan over medium heat and add olive oil and one serve of butter (25g). When butter is melted add the sliced leek. Stir with a wooden spoon until well softened and glossy. (about 3 minutes) Add crushed garlic.

4. Add rice to the frypan and stir to ensure that every grain is well coated with the buttery juices. The rice should look translucent before you add any liquid.* When you add the liquid it will bubble up so step back.

5. Turn the heat down to a low simmer. Add stock ONE LADLE AT A TIME. . The rice will absorb the hot stock and swell so don't add more stock until the last ladle full has been absorbed. Keep doing this for about 15 minutes (4-6 cups of stock). You will need to taste the rice it should be a little nutty in the centre of each grain.

6. Stir in the second knob of butter, broad beans, spinach, parsley and fennel tops and two of the three tablespoons of parmesan cheese. Add a dash more stock, salt and pepper (if needed) and give the risotto a final stir. Remove from heat and cover. Allow to stand for 3-4 minutes before serving.

Optional - Sprinkle with Gremolata (Chopped flat leaf parsley, finely grated lemon rind and fresh crushed garlic).



SPRING MENU TERM 4

LUNCH MENU

Wholemeal Sandwiches/Toasties

(GF bread available \$1 extra)

Chicken salad (DF, H)	.....\$5
Tuna salad (DF, H)	.....\$5
Cheese and Salad	.....\$5
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	.....\$5
Egg Salad Sandwich	.....\$5
Cheese OR Vegemite	.....\$3

Pasta

(GF DF pasta available)

Spaghetti Bolognese	.....\$6
Penne Napoli	.....\$6

Lunch Boxes \$6

Chinese Cabbage Salad – Sliced Chinese Cabbage with shredded chicken, crunchy noodle and sunflower sprinkle and sesame Asian dressing.

Tuna Nicoise – Iceberg lettuce, tuna, green beans, olives, tomato, cucumber and boiled egg with a lemon and olive oil dressing.

Snack box – Hard boiled egg, dill pickle, a slice of cheese, sliced seasonal fresh and steamed vegies (carrot, capsicum, celery, cucumber, broccoli), rice crackers and hummus.

Daily Specials \$6

Monday - Beef Hamburger. Pure beef burger patties served on a wholemeal bun with lettuce, tomato, onion relish and tomato sauce.

Tuesday - Honey Soy Chicken drumsticks served with rice and corn cob (DF, H, GF).

Wednesday - Sushi. Teriyaki Chicken or Tuna or Vegetable (Carrot and Cucumber) hand roll served with Soya Sauce. (2 hand rolls per serve)

Thursday - Baked Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and your choice from two toppings – Mexican Beans - Sour Cream - Bolognese - Ham. (GF)

SNACK MENU

Drinks

Banana Smoothie (GF)	.....\$3
Mixed Berry Smoothie (GF)	.....\$3
Water	.....\$2
Fruit Juice Apple/Orange	.....\$2
Moove Milk	
Chocolate/Strawberry	.....\$2.50
Hot Chocolate	.....\$2.50
Coffee (adults only)	.....\$3.50
Tea (adults only)	.....\$2

Baked Goods

Banana bread	.....\$3
Fresh Muffins	.....\$2
Homemade sausage rolls	.....\$2
Pizza Scrolls	.....\$1
Garlic Bread x 2 Slices	.....50c
Chocolate Chip Cookies	.....50c

Frozen Treats

Frozen Quelch stick	.....\$1
Frozen Fruit cup Apple/Orange/Apple	
Blackcurrant	.....\$1

Snacks

Pop Corn: Salted, Salt and Vinegar, BBQ or Sweet and Salty (GF, DF, H)	.....\$2
Crispy Fruit Sachets: Apple, Pear, Strawberry or Mango (GF, DF, H, K)	.....\$2
Piranha Vege Crackers: Salt and Vinegar, Honey Soy or Sour Cream (GF)	.....\$2
Fruit salad cup (GF, DF, H)	.....\$2
Yogurt cup with berries and Granola	.....\$1
Hummus Cup with Vegetable Sticks	.....\$1
Custard Cup with Fruit Sticks	.....\$1

Catering Menu

Birthday Cupcakes iced with an age candle (24 hours' notice required)	\$2.50/cupcake
Platter of Assorted Sandwiches (for 6 people)	\$25
Fruit Plate (For 6 people)	\$15

Please place all orders written on a paper bag or a re-usable lunch bag with the correct money in your class tray by 9.30am.

Please call Ilana for any catering orders on 0408854488 or email akresfam@gmail.com

DF – Dairy Free, GF – Gluten Free, V – Vegetarian, K – Kosher, H – Halal

Term 4: P & C Extra Curricular Activities. BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

9th September 2016

Thanks so much for your support of the activities this year and we are in to the final closing stretch for the year...term 4. Here is the 1st notification for activities. We will have 2 more before the end of the term. Look out in the SkoolBag App and school newsletter.

If your child has thought about trying an activity but is not sure, simply email us and we can put your child down for one free trial class, to get them started. *All activities start Week 1 of term 4.*

SO ROLL UP, ROLL UP, GET ON BOARD! SPICE UP YOUR TERM 4! GET IN QUICK TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT BOOKING LINKS ARE BELOW....

Activities:

1. **Computer Coding**, by Code Camp . Wed start at 8am sharp
<https://www.trybooking.com/189948>
2. **Basketball**, by Find My Coach. Thurs start at 8am
<https://www.trybooking.com/191544>
3. **Soccer**, by Goal Soccer Academy. Fri start at 8am
<https://www.trybooking.com/191527>
4. **Karate**, by Trifu Dojo, Mon start at 8.15am
<https://www.trybooking.com/94568>
5. **Dance**, by REDed Dance. 3 separate sessions, (see below in the table). All 8.15am start. Boys K-2 Hip Hop Tuesday, Mixed 3-6 Hip Hop Thursday, Girls K-2 Jazz, Friday <https://www.trybooking.com/94560>
6. **Netball**, by I Love Netball. 3 separate sessions, (see below in the table). K-1 Monday 3.30pm, Yr 2-3 Wednesday 8am, Yr4-6 Friday 8am.
<https://www.trybooking.com/98606>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8AM			Coding 1-6	Basketball K-4	Soccer K-4
Before school 8AM			Netball 2-3		Netball 4-6
Before school 8.15AM	Karate K-6	Dance Boys Hip Hop K-2		Dance 3-6 Hip Hop	Dance K-2 Jazz
After School 3.30PM	Netball K-1				

From Xanthe and Katrin.

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Role/Portfolio	Held By	
President The role of the President is to assist the Executive and the Principal in setting goals and objectives for the upcoming term. The President will oversee the implementation of these goals and objectives. The President will be the spokesperson for the P&C Executive. The President will chair all P&C Meetings.	Sacha Irvine	
Vice President The Vice President assists the President in all of their functions and Chair meetings in their absence.	Jo Little	
Secretary Organises P&C Meetings and keeps a record of minutes.	Sarah Still	
Treasurer Responsible for all aspects of the financial management of the P&C. The Treasurer prepares budgets, assists with business plans and oversees cash management. The Treasurer is responsible for financial reporting of the P&C. Ideal for a number cruncher with accounting or financial management experience.	Sam Peters	
Class Parent Coordinator This role organises and supports Class Parents. The CPC assists Class Parents by managing and channelling communications that are sent on behalf of the P&C or School to parents via email and Facebook. They are also a sounding board for Class Parents to support them in their role.	Amanda Ramsay	
Building & Environment Looking after our lovely grounds by organising Working Bees and contractors to maintain them and plan for the future. Occupation health and safety and sustainability are some of the responsibilities of this role. Plans for new building projects and maintenance of existing buildings to enhance our beautiful grounds. Recent examples have	George Palmer	

Vaucluse Public School
P&C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday November 8, 630pm, School Library

The next P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday November 8 at 630pm in the Library. All parents, staff and community members of VPS are welcome.

At this meeting the current P&C Executive which comprises - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Class Parent Co-ordinator, Fundraising, Building Management, Environment, Clothing Pool, SAKG, Extra Curricular Activities - will all stand down allowing a new executive to be elected. Some of the people who held these positions in 2016 will stand again for them again in 2017, however there are several opportunities for new members to join the Executive Committee.

The Executive of the P&C liaise directly with the Principal and Staff to ensure the P&C and the school are working together to provide the best possible learning environment for the children. Under the guidance of the President and Vice President, meetings are usually held once a term during which they determine the agenda for the P&C Meetings and agree on budget recommendations and motions to be put towards the general meetings.

Each P&C Meeting is attended by Maureen Hallahan and a Staff Representative.

In 2017 the following VPS P&C Executive Positions will be available:

President - The role of the President is to assist the Executive and The Principal in setting goals and objectives for the upcoming term. The President will oversee the implementation of these goals and objectives. The president will be the spokesperson for the P&C Executive. The president will chair all P&C Meetings. Ideal for someone who can run a meeting, loves a debate and can pull it altogether to get things done.

Vice President - The Vice President assists the President in all of their functions and Chair meetings in their absence.

Treasurer - Responsible for all aspects of the financial management of the P&C. The Treasurer prepares budgets, assists with business plans and oversees cash management. The Treasurer is responsible for financial reporting of the P&C. Ideal for a number cruncher with accounting or financial management experience.

Secretary - Organising P&C Meetings and keep a record of minutes. Suits someone with a good typing speed.

Class Parent Co-ordinator (CPC) - This role organises and supports Class Parents. The CPC assists Class Parents by managing and channelling communications that are sent on behalf of the P&C or School to parents via email and facebook. They are also a sounding board for Class Parents to support them in their role. Ideal for a social media whizz who has been a Class Parent.

Environment Manager - Looking after our lovely grounds by organising Working Bees and contractors to maintain them and plan for the future. Occupation health and safety and sustainability are some of the responsibilities of this role. Ideal for someone who is practical and loves to get their hands dirty.



WHALE FESTIVAL

VAUCLUSE HOUSE • SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER • 10AM-4PM

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place, and pay respect to Elders both past and present.



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Discover the Indigenous heritage of Vacluse House and join us as we celebrate the Gawura Season, as a new generation of migrating whales return to Guru, the deep waters of the southern seas.

JOIN the smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country

EXPERIENCE the significance of the whale to Aboriginal culture with the Djaadjawan dancers

EXPLORE middens to learn about local food sources that provided sustenance for Eora, visiting Aboriginal Nations and the colonial table alike

HEAR whale tales and local Indigenous stories

CREATE a collaborative shellwork with Aunty Phyllis

TASTE a cultural cook up with Fred's Bush Tucker and try traditional seafood chowder with colonial gastronome Jacqui Newling

TOUR the historic Vacluse House

GOLD COIN ENTRY

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