



The Vaucluse Weekly

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The Year 6 Fun Day Fundraiser yesterday was so much fun and a great success.

One of the more popular activities was *sponge a teacher* as shown above.

On a warm sunny day our wet teachers appreciated the opportunity to get wet.

Hehehehehe!!

A Big Thank you to everyone who came to support the Year 6 fundraising efforts!

From our Year 6 Students.



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Dear Parents

CLASS FORMATION POLICY FOR 2017

The staff of Vaucluse Public School recognise the need for careful consideration to be given to the formation of class groupings. Teachers make decisions regarding the placement of children in classes based on their experience, prior knowledge of individual children and their skills and understandings as professional educators. Our intention is to provide students with a learning environment that suits their individual academic and social needs, learning styles and temperaments in the knowledge that this is the platform for optimum growth. We acknowledge that some children can find the start of the new academic year challenging. It is our firm belief that by supporting children to adjust to new situations within the supportive and familiar environment of a school we are developing resilience and self- management skills for life.

Groupings

- ✓ The number of children in a class will be as follows:

Kindergarten	Average of 20 children
Year 1	Average of 22 children
Year 2	Average of 24 children
Year 3-6	Average of 30 children
- ✓ There will be occasions when it is necessary to form a composite/multi-age class. It is widely acknowledged through a body of international and national research, that there is no evidence to support the belief that composite/multi-age classes have a detrimental effect on children's progress.
- ✓ If at all possible, composite/multi-age classes will be formed to fit within stage groupings. It is recognised that this is not always practical.
- ✓ Composite/multi-age classes will have as even a mix of grades and gender as is practical. When a composite/multi-age class is formed in Kindergarten, Year 1 or 2, the number of children will be on average the same as the average expected in the higher year level.
- ✓ The inclusion of a child in a composite/multi-age class will be based on the child's individual learning needs and the benefits that would be gained from such a placement.
- ✓ Children will be provided with the opportunity to nominate five friends they would like to be with in the following year at the end of the previous year. It is intended that all children will have at least one person they nominate with them.
- ✓ Classes will be formed in mixed ability groups. An even number of boys and girls is desirable. There may be times when staff believes it to be beneficial for gender based groups to be formed for certain teaching and learning activities.



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Time Frame

- ✓ Classes will be formed in the final weeks of term 4, 2016. This gives teachers time to consider the composition of the class and to consult collegially on the appropriate placement of students. At this time the placement of new enrolments if known is also considered. It is acknowledged that there may be times when classes need to be reconfigured in Term 1 to cater to fluctuations in enrolment. Because classes are not final we do not inform parents.
- ✓ Teachers will then have the opportunity to consult with each other to ensure the best possible mix of children.
- ✓ At the commencement of the 2017 school year all students will return to their 2016 class groupings. 2017 classes will be formed in week 2, Term1 2017. This is to ensure school student numbers are definite. Until the school can accurately determine the number of students enrolled for 2017 classes will not be formed.
- ✓ 2017 Classes will be announced and organised in week 2, Term1, 2017 after kindergarten has commenced school and the school population has stabilised.

Parental input

- ✓ It is recognised that parents/caregivers often have reasons for wanting their children in a certain group or with a certain teacher. It is only in **very exceptional** circumstances that children will be moved from one class to another. Consultation will take place between the child's previous teachers as well as the School's Learning Support Team.

Maureen Hallahan

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
20 October 2017

The Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Another busy and exciting week at Vacluse PS. There was quite a build up of excitement from the start of the week for the Year 6 Fair. This is a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell where our Year 6 students plan a mini business that culminates in the form of a store at the fair. All the students in our school participate and this week they were very excited and looking forward to it. There are many great learning opportunities in this activity. We know our students love the independent feeling of spending their own money. Our Year 6 students were superbly organised and wonderfully supported by many parents. They showed great patience, kindness and maturity in dealing with the young spenders. Our little ones had a wonderfully positive experience. Year 6 impressed us all with their organisational skills, their entrepreneurial ideas, their generosity and their enthusiasm. We were also thrilled to see the way they set up and cleaned up so carefully. It was great to see our Year 6 students run the Year 6 fair so responsibly and provide such great role models for the rest of the school. Year 6 we are very proud of you.

The Year 6 Fair was also a financial success. Not only did they raise enough money to fund the farewell but they have sufficient funds to purchase a set of robots for the school. The set of robots will be a great addition to our STEMs programs in our school. The robots work extremely well with ipads and we are looking forward to this addition to the digital literacy library program.

This week we have had to put up signs in the school indicating that dogs are not allowed in the school playground. We have noticed a number of the dogs in the school before and after school. We have also had to pick up a large amount of dog poo not only in the playground but in the school buildings. I hope I do not need to state the obvious in regard to dog poo however the issue of dogs in the school grounds is more serious. We have several children in our school who are petrified of dogs and this is a major issue for them. Please help us support these children by keeping dogs out the playground. I know our students would really appreciate this as would their parents and the staff.

We also need to remind parents not to park in the staff car park in Cambridge avenue no matter what the purpose. We have seven special taxis to transport students that arrive at all times before and after school. We also have a number of parents with children with additional needs who require parking close to the school. These parents have permission to park in the car park. At the moment there are a number of unauthorised parents using this car park before school, throughout the day, and of most concern, at 3.20pm. This use of the car park makes it impossible for those who really need it to get access. Please consider these families and do not use the staff car park for any reason. We would very much appreciate your cooperation with this use of the car park.

On a happier note next week invitations will come home for the Helper's morning tea on Thursday 1 December and the Celebrations Concert on Wednesday 7 December. This year there will not be an evening function at the end of term. We will be holding a concert that includes all students and all classes during school time. It will commence at 9.30 am so that as many parents as possible can attend. Please look out for these invitations in the newsletter, on the App and with your child.

Maureen Hallahan



Cinderella



Kindergarten are so proud of their Cinderella Walls









The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden needs your help.

SAKG enriches the school life for our children and contributes toward the aesthetic beauty of the school grounds.

Its success is very much reliant on volunteer assistance and even though the school population has grown, placing greater demand on the program, volunteering has dropped to its lowest levels.

Ange and Rudi have been doing a remarkable job inspiring our kids and involving parents, but the load needs to be shared. Which is why the SAKG committee will be started up again – first meeting this month.

The SAKG desperately needs the help of school and community volunteers to reach its full potential. We are calling out for:

- Active committee members (parents and interested community members)
- Active gardeners (parents and interested community members who like to plant and weed)
- A new SAKG kitchen teacher for 2017 (huge thanks to Ange for her contribution over the past 2.5 years)

Any involvement pledge is appreciated, large or small, I want to hear from you!

Sam Werner (Pippi's mum, 5C)

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LAST WORKING BEE FOR THE YEAR!

Sunday 20th November 9am-1pm

**COME AND JOIN THE VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND
HELP KEEP OUR GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL!**

Bring the kids, bring yourselves, bring a friend and help keep our beautiful grounds more beautiful. George Palmer, P&C Environmental Executive will be heading this up and he needs your help, even an hour would be amazing!



Santa at The Royal

Join The Royal Hospital for Women Foundation and the Domestic Services Team for some Christmas spirit and **have your photo taken with Santa**

Thursday 1st December 1-5pm

Bring your children back to where it all began at The Royal.
Free 1 hour parking provided (validated on attendance).
Come for some Christmas cheer, Christmas stalls
and enter our Christmas raffle

Gold coin donation welcomed.

The Royal HOSPITAL
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The Royal Hospital for Women, Barker Street, Randwick

For further information please contact 9382 6723 or simone@royalwomen.org.au



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Hello Parents

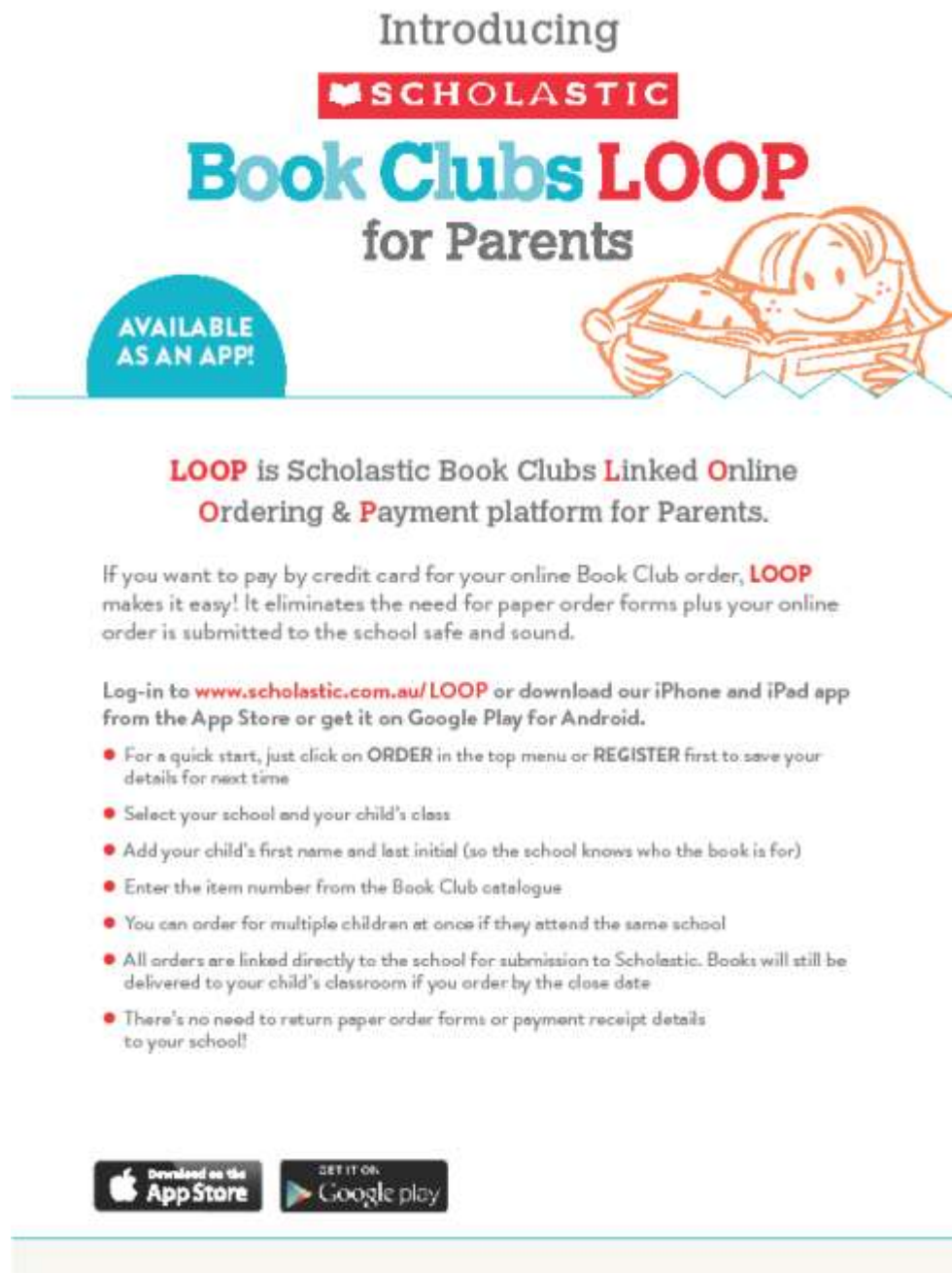
The final Book Club brochure for 2016 has been delivered! Please check your children's school bags (or you can check it out on-line at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp>). There are some lovely Christmas themed books as well as the usual selection of fantastic and well-priced books.

If you wish to purchase, on-line orders need to be completed by **Thursday 1 December, 5:00pm. Please note the ONLY way to order books is through Scholastic's online ordering system.**

Attached is a flyer from Scholastic outlining the instructions to order using LOOP.

Regards

Angela



The flyer features the Scholastic logo at the top, followed by the title 'Introducing SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs LOOP for Parents'. A blue circular badge on the left says 'AVAILABLE AS AN APP!'. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a girl reading a book. Below the title, the text explains that LOOP is a platform for online ordering and payment. It lists instructions for logging in and a bulleted list of steps for placing an order. At the bottom, there are logos for the App Store and Google Play.

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- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

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VOOSC NEWS

VOOSC STARS

Our stars this week have been chosen for kindness, friendship and respect
Congratulation to the following children.

Jago, Dan C, Tahlia, Will R, Layla H, Ella P, Ricky,

Welcome to the Wall of Fame!!



Happy faces at Voosc this week and our first Gladdie for 2016 !

Warm Regards from the Voosc Team and kids .



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Only 5 weeks left of Term 4!

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Tuesday afternoons
3.30 - 4.30 pm
in the Hebrew Room

Afternoon tea provided

\$28 per session for the 5 sessions
or \$30 per session

Expressions of interest for Wednesday
afternoon classes accepted

For more information or registration
contact: Estelle 0413 557 133 or
erozinski@gmail.com





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Vaucluse Public School 2016 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 Achievement</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. 	<p>Class Teachers</p>
<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>	<p>All members of Staff</p>



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<i>Athlete of the Year Award</i>	Representation at district and zone carnivals. Commitment to school sport. Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship	Sports Committee, Sport Convenor, Principal
<i>Soccer Award: Junior and Senior Mixed</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / soccer.	Sport Convenor: Tom Styles, Talia Butt
<i>Netball Award: Junior and Senior Girls</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / netball	Sport Convenor: Talia Butt
<i>AFL Award: Junior and Senior Girls</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / AFL	Sport Convenor: Talia Butt, Philippa Allen
<i>Soccer Club Award:</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship. Commitment to consistent attendance.	Robert Jackson
<i>Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal:</i>	Sporting potential, participation in District and Regional level sport. For students in Years 2 -6.	Sport Convenor and Years 2-6 Staff
<i>Middleton Award:K-6</i>	Demonstrated commitment to School Values and Sustainability practices.	Environment Committee.
<i>Captain Whitton Prize for Year 6 English</i>	2016 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal.



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Christison Prize for Mathematics: Year 6	2016 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal.
Leer Prize for Dux Year 6	2016 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal.
SRC Cup: K-6	Peer elected citizenship based on citizenship and School Values.	2016 SRC Teacher: Philippa Allen 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	Kara McMenemy and Regina Wirkerman
Hebrew: Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3.	Enthusiasm and participation in Hebrew. Excellence in Hebrew.	Hebrew teacher: Mora Miriam Marks
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program: Silver Spoon Award	Commitment and engagement to SAKG.	Silver Spoon: Angela Davids (Kitchen Specialist).



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<i>(Kitchen) Golden Trowel Award (Garden)</i>	Demonstrated deep understanding of SAKG philosophy.	Golden Trowel: Rudi Adlmayer (Garden Specialist)
Sports Awards: Junior and Senior Boys & Girls Swimming	House points accrued at the School Swimming Carnival.	Sports Convenor and Sports Committee
Junior and Senior Boys & Girls Athletics	House points accrued at the School Athletics Carnival.	
<i>Cross Country Shield</i>	Performance at District and Regional Cross Country event.	Sports Convenor and Sports Committee
<i>Gabrielle Upton Community Service Award</i>	Service to the school and the community. Shows leadership qualities. Continuity of the commitment to the school and School Values.	All members of Staff

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
14 November 2016