



Vaucluse Public School

The Vaucluse Weekly

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Friday

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Term 1 Week 4



This week in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

K-2 is trailing outdoor assemblies in the bottom playground
if it is wet weather they will use The Hall.

Karla Aspden

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Thank you for wholeheartedly supporting our **Meet the Teacher Evening** on Tuesday night. Teachers were delighted to have such a great response. We were also very fortunate to have a very enthusiastic response to volunteers for the role of class parent for each year or the Parenthood as Amanda Ramsay our Class Parent Coordinator calls the organisation. If you were unable to attend on Tuesday evening you will need to contact your teacher to get a copy of the class bulletin and to also put your name on the class email tree. The email tree is organised by the class parent and not the school. The P&C needs your permission for this information to be shared. It does not automatically come from the school. Because of Privacy laws we are not permitted to share any of your information. It is important that your information goes on the class email list, particularly so if the household has shared parenting. The class parents use your email to share an abundance of school information.

This year, because our school has grown again and we cannot all fit into the school hall, we will be having only one whole school assembly per week. This **K-6 Assembly** will take place on **Monday** mornings before school commences at **9.20 am**. We would like to invite parents to sit on the playground seating while the assembly proceeds. **K-2 and 3-6** will share **alternative Thursdays** for their get togethers. These will take place in the hall straight after lunch. At these Assemblies classes will take it in turns to perform. Your class teacher will keep you posted on when your class will be presenting at their department Assembly.

Our **School App** is ready however until more members of our community download the App the school cannot use it as a form of communication. The takeup has been very slow and we urge you to download this free App to your phones and tablets as soon as possible. We cannot load information until more people subscribe. If you are not sure how to download the App, instructions are in the body of the newsletter.

Our long suffering neighbours are very patient but I think that some of our parent driving and parking behaviour would try the patience of a saint. We have had neighbours sharing incredulous stories where parents deliberately park across their driveways, when asked to move they run into school and do not return. We can only ask you to consider our neighbours. As our school grows we all need to be mindful and behave respectfully. I know the local residents would dearly appreciate it.

One other piece of important housekeeping is that we ask parents not to chock open the safety gate at the Cambridge street entrance of a morning. We have a number of students in our school who have a tendency to abscond and we need to ensure our gates are kept closed at all times. This is the reason why these safety gates have been installed. We are aware of how difficult this is for some students who come to school on their own. We have a roster of Year 6 students who do gate duty of a morning to ensure everyone who cannot reach the safety lock can get in. We would really appreciate your support with this.

This week has seen all school programs up and running. We have had very positive feedback from parents new to our school. The comment that everyone has made is what a happy school. Thank you for supporting us in the transition to the new school year. Our students are Indeed very happy in their new classes with their new teachers. This is such a wonderful foundation for learning.

Maureen Hallahan



Our students have been very busy in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

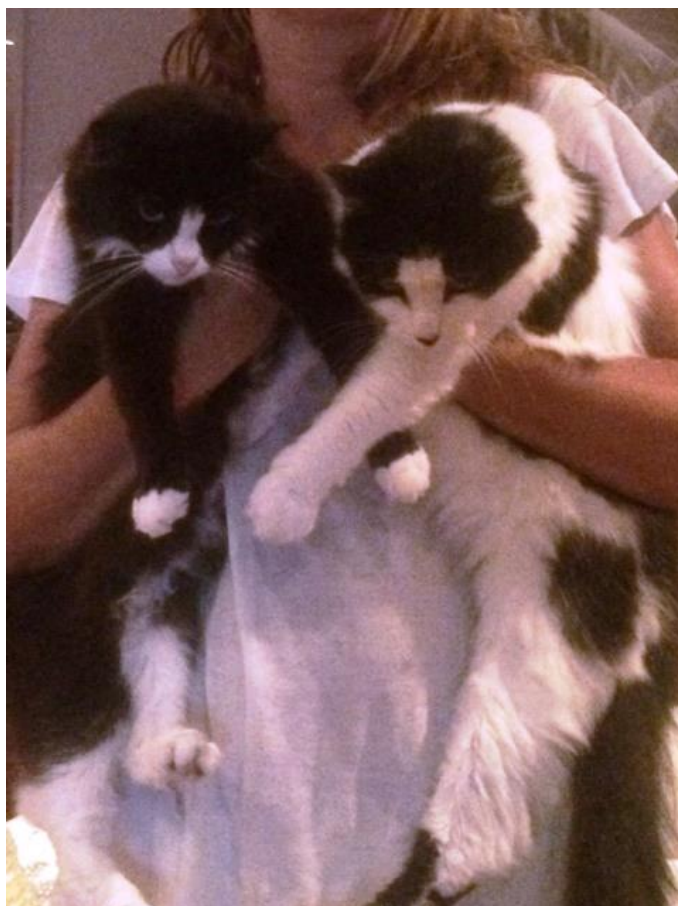
*Luna and Chica need a new home
and they want to stay together*

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this email .
Sadly it is not an option to move my two beautiful cats to Bali .
They are both female ,desexed , up to date with their
vaccinations , house trained .. They are inside / outside cats ..
Love lazing around in the sunshine .
They are both turning 3 years in Feb & May .
They are used to family life , very easy going ..I rescued them
separately when they were kittens & they have grown up together
so I don't want them separated .

I'm searching for a family to
love them as much as we
do .. Must have outside
access ..

Any thoughts would be
appreciated ,

Best,
Emily



P&C Meeting

Tuesday 1st March, 2016

Location: School Library

Start time: 6:30pm

This is the first P&C meeting for the year and we would love to see you there.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

NEW METHOD OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE VPS COMMUNITY

As mentioned at the end of the last school year Vaocluse Public School has its own App by which we can communicate with the school community.

We had hoped to begin using the App at the beginning of Term 1, but we have to wait until the majority of the community has downloaded the App.

Please find attached instructions on how to download the App for:

Smartphones

Androids

Window 8.1 and 10 phones

It would be very much appreciated if our parents/carers could download the App as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Admin office on 9337 2672 if you have any queries

Thank You

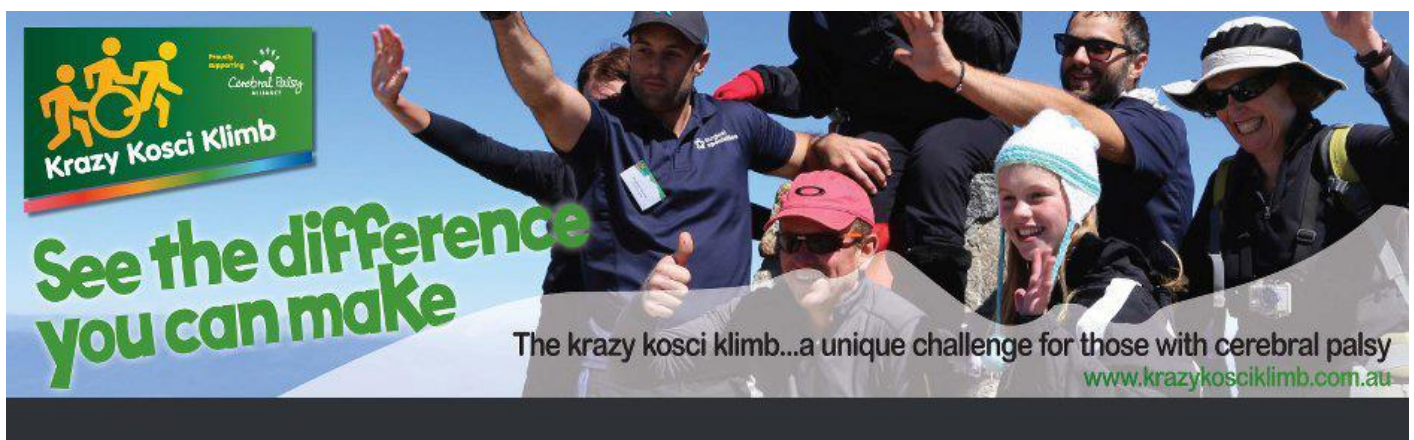
Dear Members of the Vaucluse Public School Community

On Friday 19 February 2016 I will be travelling to Jindabyne to support my daughter Johanna Garvin in the **Cerebral Palsy Alliance 2016 Krazy Kosci Klimb**. Johanna was born with Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair for mobility. Along with 19 other young adults who live with CP and their teams, we will be walking from Charlotte's Pass to Mt Kosciusko and back (18kms in total !!). We are doing this to raise money for an **Accessible Gym and Sport Program at the Cerebral Palsy Alliance** particularly focusing on children in rural areas. I have included Johanna's page below. If you would like to donate to this program here is the link to Johanna's Everyday hero page. <https://krazykosci.everydayhero.com.au/johanna-garvin> If you wish to know more about the **Krazy Kosci Klimb**, the CPA has a great website, full of information about the KKK.

Johanna is being sponsored by Ord Minnett and her team consists of family members and volunteers from Ord Minnett. There will be ten people in total supporting her to make her second walk to Kosciusko. Not only does she get to raise money but the process of preparation, being part of a team and completing the challenge of walking up Kosciusko in a wheelchair is worth more than we could imagine. We very much appreciate all that the CPA does to support young people living with CP.

Maureen Hallahan

(Johanna's very proud Mum)



I first heard about the Krazy Kosci Klimb in early 2015. I thought I would love to have the opportunity to participate in this exciting event. So I thought what have I got to lose. I applied and was accepted into the event. The Krazy Kosci Klimb is for people living with Cerebral Palsy aged between 12- 24 to walk the summit track from Charlotte Pass to the top of Mount Kosciuszko. The event will be taking place Friday February 19 to Sunday February 21, 2016. I am one of twenty lead participants with the support of a team of friends and family. Through doing the Krazy Kosci Klimb I along with the other participants hope to raise funding for an Accessible Gym and Sports program at Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The Cerebral Palsy Alliance has been such a wonderful support to me growing up and now as a young adult. It has helped me to grow in confidence, provided me with many life-changing opportunities and most importantly it has introduced me to many special people who have become life long friends. I want to do the Krazy Kosci Klimb to show my support for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. I have also realised what huge benefits being able to exercise gives a person, not just the physical benefits but also the mental and social rewards you get from exercising. I have climbed to the top of Macchu Picchu, Peru. I did this with support from my family. It was an incredible experience being on top of the world. It was also a powerful experience watching the looks on people's faces as I moved around the world heritage site in a wheelchair. I love the opportunity to change people's stereotypical views and low expectations of people living with a disability . The Krazy Kosci Klimb is one of these wonderful opportunities to break down those stereotypes. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



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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!



Expressions of Interest. P&C Extra-Curricular Activities

Dear Vacluse Public School Community,

As you may be aware, the P & C are running Extra-Curricular Activities at the school.

We are providing the children with the opportunity to learn new skills in Dance, Netball and Karate, at present.

These activities are proving to be very popular for many students and parents alike, so we considering expanding this offering to include additional options.

Before we can commit to running additional activities at the school, we thought it would be helpful to gauge an opinion from you as to whether these additional activities will be popular with and useful to the children.

We are looking for your feedback please!

If you think your child would be interested in participating in all or any of these activities, please **email us** and tell us. We are looking for reliable numbers of children for each activity, to know whether each activity will be wanted and participated in.

If we do not get an encouraging response from parents, we will not pursue the activity. All pricing is approximate at this early stage to give you a guide. Some classes might require a minimum number to ensure that the school will make a small profit on the activity so please give us your honest response.

Option 1) **Soccer**, for boys and girls, approximately \$180 for a 9 week term, or \$200 for a 10 week term. (\$20 class).

Option 2) **Basketball**, for boys and girls. We have not established a price but should be approximately \$20 per class to keep in line with other sports.

Option 3) **Mandarin language classes**. for boys and girls. We will have small class numbers, price will be approximately \$30-\$36 per class.

Option 4) **Ceramics Classes** for boys and girls. We will have small class numbers, price will be approximately \$30-\$36 per class.

Option 5) **Computer Coding** for boys and girls. We will have small class numbers up to 8 kids only, price will be approximately \$30 - \$36 per class.

Option 6) **French**, for Boys and girls. We will have small class numbers, price will be approximately \$30-\$36 per class.

Option 7) **Photography**, for boys and girls. We will have small class numbers, price will be approximately \$30-\$36 per class.

Classes will either be before school 8.15am-9.15am or after school, 3.30-4.30pm, (days yet to be decided) in the school Grounds.

We anticipate a Term 2 start for any of these options, with the exception of Soccer that may start at the end of Term 1.

Please send us your interest with your child's Year/Class so we can see which age categories these options appeal to.

Feedback Close Date: Thursday 25th Feb. (Next Week)

Many thanks,
Xanthe Lenior and Katrin Graebner.

xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au or Katrin@graebner.org

COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2016

COME ONE COME ALL!

Friday 18th March, 2016

Location: School grounds

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

The Country Carnival is the first fundraiser of the year and the event everyone loves - kids and adults alike! It is the welcoming fair for the school community and a wonderful introduction to VPS for our new families. It is a fun and entertaining event for parents, students, teachers and the wider community. Please bring along your neighbours, family and friends.

Each class will have a dedicated stall, and we challenge the classes to raise the most amount of money. There will also be entertainment, jumping castles, a petting farm, bucking bull and more.

We require volunteers to assist with the organisation and co-ordination of the Country Carnival.

The following jobs are required: -

- Events Manager Assistant/s to work with Madelienne to book rides and entertainment. As well as decorating the event. Sending out notices to the school community. To help with planning and run sheet as well as running the event on the day.
- Stallholders: - a stall is run by each class in the school. This is coordinated by the class parent/s of each class with the help of the Class Parent Coordinator, Amanda Ramsay, Madelienne and Event Manager assistant. Last year we had stalls selling:- lollies, drinks, flowers, take-away meals, Dutch pancakes, cakes, pre-loved toys, pop-corn, slushies, etc. If you have any suggestions or any contacts that might work well as a stall, please contact your class parent, Amanda Ramsay on missmandimakeup@gmail.com or Madelienne.
- Volunteers from each class to run their stall. Co-ordinated by each class parent/s and Amanda Ramsay.

- Marketing/PR Co-ordinator/s. This person/s will work with Madelienne with coming up with the design of the artwork for the posters/banners/flyers and the printing of them. They will also co-ordinate a group to distribute flyers around their neighbourhood and ask local businesses/shops to put them up in their windows. Also, approach online sights to promote the event, e.g. Ella's List, What's on at Woollahra Council etc. Approach Woollahra Council about displaying a banner/s at their public sights. Approach Wentworth Courier to write about it, etc.
- Designer to design the posters/flyers/banners and other promo material.
- Printer to print promotional material at best price possible.
- Volunteers to distribute flyers around their neighbourhood and/or posters in local businesses/shops.
- Volunteers to help run the event on the day. Including manning the rides booth, the bucking bull ride, the P&C BBQ, help with setting up and bumping out, etc.
- Financial Person to help collect money and count it with the P&C Treasurer, Sam Peters.

This Carnival is the event that we ask the whole school to get involved in. Of course we love you to come along, bring friends and spend your money, (all is donated to the school) but also we encourage you to contribute in making this a most rewarding fun evening. This is the fair all the kids talk about and look forward to each year. Last year we raised over \$17,000 in 3 hours!

If you can help in anyway, please contact

Madelienne on madelienne123@optusnet.com.au or on 0411170008.

More detailed information will be issued over the coming weeks.

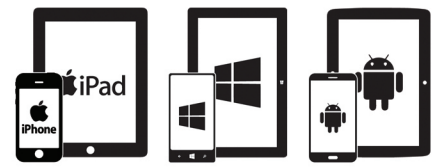
Many Thanks,

Madelienne Anderson

(Event Coordinator of Country Carnival 2016)



A taste of last year's Country Carnival



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

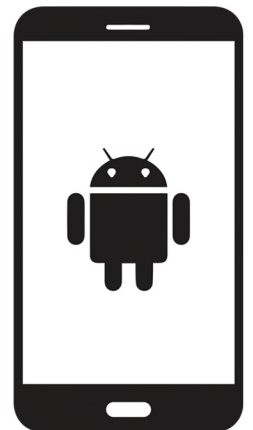
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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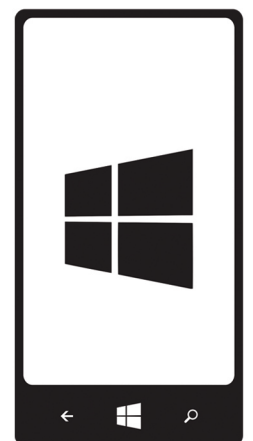


Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.





BONDI BREAKERS
J.R.U.F.C

**COME
PLAY
RUGBY**



Registrations now open for boys and girls from 4 to 9!

Training is 4-5 pm on Thursdays at Woollahra Oval - home of Eastern Rugby - in O'Sullivan Road, Bellevue Hill.
Games are on Saturday mornings at Nagle Reserve, Maroubra. We emphasise participation, fun and team spirit, as well as skill development.

BREAKERS FAMILY FUN DAY, 12-4pm 7th Feb at Woollahra Oval No 1.
BBQ, kids games, club registrations and uniforms.

BondiBreakersJuniorRugby@gmail.com / 0414 923 625

<http://bondibreakers.club/> or register at <http://myrugby.com/>