



The Vaucluse Weekly

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Friday

11 March 2016

Term 1 Week 7



**A get well card from a beautiful class 2A
for a beautiful girl, Maia**

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Throughout last weekend I had wonderful feedback about our school. Many people had seen the footage of the Prime Minister's visit on television and rang to say how beautiful our school looked and how impressive our students were. The footage and photographs of Malcolm Turnbull addressing the whole school is particularly telling. Every student is focused and their faces reflect our Prime Minister's message to them. (The Wentworth Courier has a photo in this week's edition that captures those little faces perfectly.) Malcolm Turnbull told our students that all of the decisions he makes are with our students' futures in mind. He told them he was trying to do his very best to ensure their future was bright. He told them that in fact the future was bright, that they had much to look forward to and that if they wanted to they could achieve anything they aspired to. In discussions we have had since the Prime Minister's visit we know that our students took in these messages and were reassured by them. When the Prime Minister was leaving he commented on our beautiful school and our outstanding students. It was a wonderful acknowledgement for our school.

Last Monday our Year 6 Leaders represented our school at a GRIP Leadership conference at Olympic Park Homebush. Here they met Year 6 Leaders from all over NSW. The feedback and ideas that have been brought back to school reinforce why we have many leadership opportunities for our students. We look forward to hearing from them. One of the first activities they are organising is Easter Eggs for the homeless people of Surry Hills. Please look for a note in this newsletter, on the Vaucluse PS App or hard copy in your child's bag.

I have had many parents come to me with suggestions for improving driving behaviour around the school since the letter in the newsletter some weeks ago. One parent has suggested that those parents who do not work and are not dropping students off on their way to work (ie those who are not in a hurry) park in walking distance from the school. The idea behind the suggestion is that this would then free up the small number of spaces in close proximity to the school. This would then create parking opportunities for those parents in a hurry. This is an excellent idea because we would then reduce risky and illegal parking by desperate time poor parents. This is a wonderful idea. All we need now is for drivers to cooperate and act for the good of our children. Please consider parking and walking if you can.

This week you have been bombarded with many notes. We are working to ensure parents have timely notice of school events. Please check the newsletter and Vaucluse PS App for these notes if you do not receive them.

Maureen Hallahan

Name

Nina

yesterday we went to

First

the zoo.

we went on
the bus to the
zoo.

Then

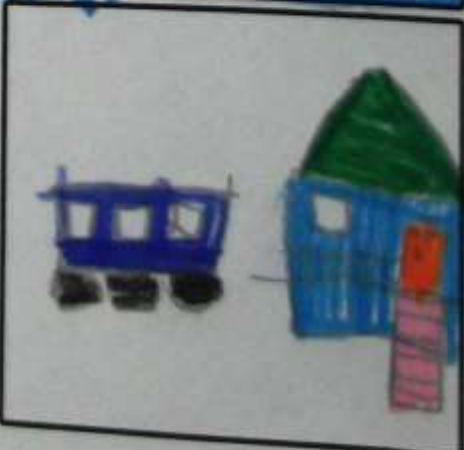
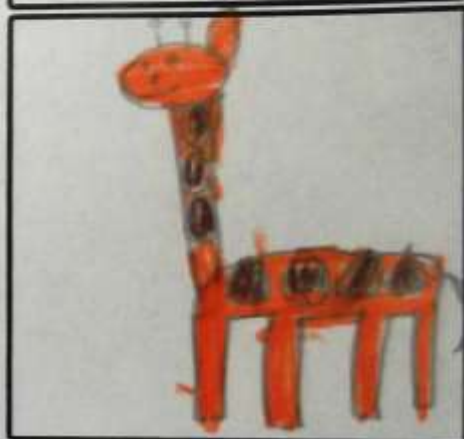
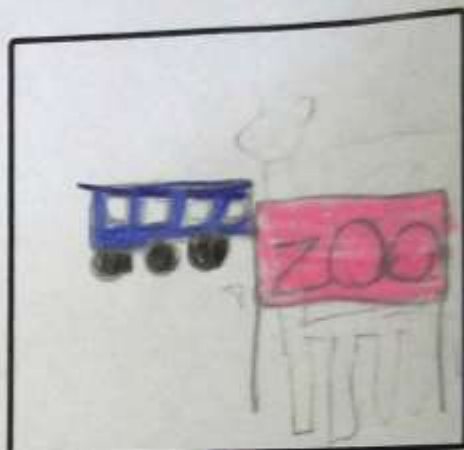
we saw the
big giraffe.

Next

we saw the
penguins. They
were swimming
in the water.

Finally

we went to
the bus and we
went back to
school. I had
fun.



DRAMA CLUB NEWS

This year Drama Club is being run by Miss McMenemy and Miss Wirkerman. This term we meet every Tuesday lunch time up in the hall. We are currently in the process of participating in a range of drama games and play building activities such as space jump, 99 problems and improvisation. There has been great interest in Drama this term. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiastic students coming.

This term these sessions and activities are classified as our auditions. Students are being observed. From these sessions we will choose 18 students from 3-6 to make up our ensemble for our play. The students selected will be a part of the application for the Ultimo Schools Drama Festival. We will be rehearsing for throughout term two. We look forward to a great year of drama and thank all the students who have participated this term.

Miss McMenemy and Miss Wirkerman



Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 2016 has begun!

- The PRC is open to all NSW students K-9
- It runs from March 7 to August 19

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students' reading records are managed online.

Years 2 – 6 are learning how to log in and enter books during library sessions.

Books on the PRC reading list are marked in the school library with a colour coded sticker.

- To manage your child's online reading record, go to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>
- Your child's DET login details are usually:
Username: firstname.surname
Password: Child's class
For example; joe.bloggs
2f
- Some students may have a number after their surname because there are multiple students in the state with the same name. If you find you cannot log on contact me (Laura Caesar) in the library and I can confirm the username.
- Once you are logged in, go to "Student Reading Records" and enter either the PRC Number or title of the book and the form will auto complete the rest of the information. Click "ADD" and the book is added to the reading record.

Taronga Zoo

Stage One has been learning about all the mini-beasts around us. On Thursday we ventured to Taronga Zoo to explore the Bug Garden and find out some very interesting facts. The children enjoyed learning about different invertebrates and studying them closely through microscopes.



Kerenza

The new Australian.

This book tells you more about the olden days in Australia. Australia back then was more bush than buildings so you get to hear how the characters make a farm and how they went to school. It is quite an adventurous book but if you like these sorts of books, this is the book for you.



I recommend this book to girls in year 6 and the girls in year 5 but boys can read it too.

This book is like: Audrey of the outback and the other new Australian books.

By Pippi Werner.



VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL DATES 2016

Term 1: 28th January to 8th April

Class Parent Morning Tea – Friday 26th February, 2016

P&C meeting term 1 – Tuesday 1st March, 2016

Fundraiser - Country Carnival with class stalls - Friday 18th March, 2016

Term 2: 26th April to 1st July

P&C meeting term 2 – Tuesday 3rd May, 2016

Mothers Day Breakfast and Stall – 6th May, 2016

Term 3: 19th July to 23rd September

P&C meeting term 3 – Tuesday 26th July, 2016

Fundraiser – Walkathon Thursday 18th August, 2016 or if the weather does not hold out it will be Thursday 01.09.16

Grandparents Day and Open Day approximately the Thursday of this week 01.08.16 to 05.08.16, this date is to be confirmed.

Fathers Day Breakfast and Stall – 2nd September, 2016

Fundraiser – Cocktail party at Doyles on the Beach - date to be confirmed.

Term 4: 10th October to 16th December

Fundraiser – Dress up Disco with class carnival stalls on Friday 28th October, 2016

P&C AGM term 4 – Tuesday 1st November, 2016

Please note:

Dates outlined are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

All P&C meetings will be held in the library. Start time is 6:30pm.

Volunteers are desperately needed to assist with the fundraisers for each term, you can volunteer at one event individually or with your mates, any assistance from volunteers is much appreciated. Unfortunately if we do not get enough volunteers for each fundraiser they will not be able to proceed.

The position of fundraiser on the P&C committee is open, this position can be filled by more than one person.

Please email Sacha on irvinesbuilding@optusnet.com.au if you have any queries about volunteering.

Clothing Pool

Opening Hours:
Wednesday 8.30am and 10am,
Friday 8.30am - 10am



Hi Maureen and Jessica

I Just wanted to say a huge thank you for arranging Ian's visit yesterday with the PM! The students did a great job with their speeches and songs and were very welcoming. Your school was wonderful!

Thank you so much for all your support over the years for Schools Clean Up Day your efforts are duly noted and appreciated .

I took a few pictures of the day attached in this email (not the best quality).

Thank you once again!

Francesca

Francesca Grant
Youth Officer





Some moments from Clean Up Australia Day last week



CHECK IT OUT..MATE!

Chess Club has started! The Sydney Academy of Chess is running our Chess Club on Tuesday lunchtimes in the Library. Students of all abilities are welcome. Marco, the instructor, starts with some strategy and then students practice what they have learnt by playing each other. At this stage it is open to students in Year 3-6. Chess Club will run all year; if you wish to sign up ask Mr Styles for a permission note.

The second week of Chess Club was very fun. Marco, our teacher taught us about trading, what a good trade is, what an even trade is and what a bad trade is. Then we played chess and tested our trades for 15 minutes. I got an award along with Tekiyah and Max. I hope that there would be more exiting chess lessons in the future.
By Adam Velan



Dear Parents

Our School Leaders are organising an Easter Egg donation for the *Bread of Life* program at St Michael's Anglican Church , Surry Hills. This is a program that provides breakfast to the homeless people of Surry Hills. The students at Vacluse Public School have had an ongoing relationship with this program for the last four years and have provided a variety of support.

Our School Leaders are asking that each child bring in an **Easter Egg**, to be left in their classroom by **Monday 21 March 2016**. We will take these donations on Easter Sunday to the usual breakfast for the homeless and give them out.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan and Vacluse Public School Student School Leaders

Easter Hat Making and Easter Hat Parade

Dear Parents

We will be holding an ***Easter Hat Parade*** at 9.30 am on Thursday 24 March 2016, for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

As part of classroom activities Easter hats will be made in the classroom on Wednesday 23 April from 2.00 – 3.00 pm. This will also be a Buddy activity where Buddy classes will join to make the hats in the classroom.

We request that parents do not make the hats at home. Rather we are asking that you send to your child's class by Monday 21 March a clearly labelled plastic bag with your child's class and name on it. Inside the bag please provide all the necessary things your child might need to make a hat.

You may wish to include the following:

- An old hat or something that can be used as the base for a hat.
- Cardboard, glitter, braid, cotton wool, ribbons, stickers etc.
- Or anything that might be useful in creating a unique Easter Hat.

Class teachers will also have a variety of materials in the classroom including scissors, glue, sticky tape and staplers. This is a Buddy activity so Buddies will be helping younger students make their hats. You may wish to discuss with your child ideas and suggestions for hat making. Your child may well have very specific ideas about what they want. ***The most important message is that all hats must be made at school.***

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this activity.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
9 March 2016

Harmony Day Assembly ***9.30 am Monday 21 March 2016***

Dear Parents

On Monday 21 March 2016 we will be celebrating Harmony Day with a special assembly. On this day Australia celebrates its cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The central message of ***Harmony Day*** is *Everyone Belongs*.

In 2016 the theme is ***Our Diversity is Our Strength***. We come from many countries around the world. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australian story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka to the Snowy River from the Outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational.

We would like to invite all members of our community to a ***Harmony Day Assembly*** at ***9.30 am***. On the soccer field on the top playground.

We ask that all children come to school dressed in at least one item of clothing in the Harmony Day colour of orange. If you have any concerns about what to dress your child in, please speak to your class teacher.

We look forward to celebrating with you Vaucluse Public School's stories and our rich diversity.

Yours sincerely
Maureen Hallahan
9 March 2016

VAUCLUSE LITTLE SCHOOL



LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

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 2016 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

Director

Vaucluse Little School

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*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



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*Yee haw!
It's the...*



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MARCH
4PM to 7PM
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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Annual

★ COUNTRY CARNIVAL ★

Join us for loads of fun, including:

★ OBSTACLE COURSE ★

★ COUNTRY & WESTERN
ENTERTAINMENT ★

★ PONY RIDES ★

★ PETTING FARM ★

★ FUN STALLS ★

★ DELICIOUS COUNTRY
HOME COOKING ★

★ JUMPING CASTLE ★

ON THE GROUNDS OF VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL
— ENTRY VIA VILLAGE HIGH ROAD —

VOOSC NEWS

Assessment and Rating for Voosc is anticipated to be held anytime during 29/03/16 to 22/04/16. We will advise all families and children as soon as we know the exact date so that everyone will be aware that an unfamiliar face will be around the centre during session times and that there is no cause for alarm.

Term Fees

As we are very quickly approaching the end of Term 1, please ensure that all term fees have been kept up to date and finalised by the required time frame (before the end of term). Thank you to families who have already finalised your accounts we appreciate your prompt attention. If you are experiencing any difficulties please make an appointment to discuss a payment plan with Lee ASAP.

Vacation Care

We are currently taking vacation care bookings. [All bookings are to be made in person at VOOSC and paid in full at the time.](#) Please find attached program in this **week's news letter or pick up a hard copy from the centre.**

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children so secure your positions early!

VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the following people who have made the Voosc Wall of Fame for Week 7.

POPPY W

Poppy has been working toward achieving a new skill for most of the term and has successfully reached that goal. Congratulations Poppy, you have excellent Hoola Hooping Skills. We were so pleased to see your wonderful performance last week. Good on you Pops for sticking at it and not giving up when things were tricky!

ALICIA R

Congratulations Alicia, you have received a star for the Voosc Wall of Fame for being kind to your friends, using beautiful manners, always having your bag ready each day and for being a fabulous listener. Well done Alicia!

CHARLOTTE S

Charlotte you have received your star for being a fantastic friend to everyone and especially your little buddy while you are both at Aftercare.

You have really embraced what the program means, thank you, we are so proud of you.







Warm regards from the VOOSC TEAM

OPENING HOURS:
8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP
PHONE: 9337 3031
EMAIL: voosc@people.net.au
MOBILE: 0420 729 143
VACATION CARE HOURS ONLY

VOOSC VACATION CARE APRIL 2016

Please collect your detailed itinerary when making your booking

ONLY BOOKINGS MADE IN PERSON WILL BE
 ACCEPTED. FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT
 THE TIME OF BOOKING
 Daily fee per child: \$45.00 + Activity fee
ANNUAL REGISTRATION 2016
 1 Child : \$45
 Family : \$70

<p><u>Monday 11/04/16</u></p> <p>TRASH PERCUSSION</p>  <p>Anything and everything can make music. Enjoy playing music with non-traditional instruments in this fun workshop!</p> <p>Starts: 10AM SHARP</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$15</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 12/04/16</u></p> <p>Premier Ponies</p>  <p>Two hours of riding, grooming and learning all about horses in this fun hands on incursion at VOOSC</p> <p>Starts: 11am SHARP</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$20</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 13/04/16</u></p> <p>BUILT BY KIDS</p>  <p>Enjoy a tool snow and get hands on building in this super fun workshop at VOOSC</p> <p>Starts: 10AM SHARP</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$19</p>	<p><u>Thursday 14/04/16</u></p> <p>CAMPING DAY</p>  <p>Bring your tents/sheets/sun shelters for a camp out on the grounds of VOOSC.</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee</p>	<p><u>Friday 15/04/16</u></p> <p>Wheels Day</p>  <p>Road Awareness Program for Kids</p> <p>Riding fun and road safety incursion at VOOSCI</p> <p>BYO Bikes and Scooters</p> <p>No Safety Gear = No Riding</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$15</p>
<p><u>Monday 18/04/16</u></p> <p>Ultimate Dance Off</p>  <p>Starts: 10AM SHARP</p> <p>Get dancing with your friends in this fun and energetic 2 hour workshop, followed by grooving to our jukebox</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$15</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 19/04/16</u></p> <p>Tie Dye Art at VOOSC</p>  <p>Spend the day creating wild and colourful works of art during our tie dye and art day!</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$15</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 20/04/16</u></p> <p>Richard Vegas Magic Show</p>  <p>Starts: 10AM SHARP</p> <p>Learn about magic from the incredible Richard Vegas as he performs his tricks at this interactive 2 hour magic show</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$18</p>	<p><u>Thursday 21/04/16</u></p> <p>GO GO GO Kids! SPORTS DAY</p>  <p>An active and fun sports day that will keep kids playing and working out during the 2 hour session.</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee + \$15</p>	<p><u>Friday 22/04/16</u></p> <p>PARTY DAY</p>  <p>Enjoy lots of fun party games and dancing at VOOSC and enjoy a barbeque lunch!</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee</p>
<p><u>Monday 25/04/16</u></p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Public Holiday</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 26/04/16</u></p> <p>Picnic At Parsley Bay</p>  <p>DEPART: 11AM RETURN: 4PM</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements</p> <p>Daily Fee</p>	<p>SCHOOL RESUMES</p> <p>27/04/2016</p>	<p>PLEASE DON'T PACK NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS IN LUNCH BOXES</p> 	<p>PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR DAYS CAREFULLY</p> <p>Bookings are non-refundable or transferable due to daily child/staff ratios, safety requirements and pre-booked activities</p> <p>BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 04/04/15.</p>