

The Vaucluse Weekly

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Friday

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Term 1 Week 8



Cupcake hairstyle for the birthday girl
this week, Mielle

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who have given support to the parking solutions suggested in a previous newsletter. We appreciate any small accommodation. We know that it is not possible for everyone to park and walk. More awareness around the problem will hopefully increase tolerance in our community. As Mahatma Gandhi said a long time ago ... ***Be the change you want to see in the world.***

This week the ***Harmony Day Mural Project*** has been an outstanding success. We are most fortunate to have Gangari artists Aunty Kathy Farrawell and Cassie working with our students. Aunty Kathy has wonderful, rich, interesting stories to share with the children as they paint. Parents have dropped by the space where the art workshops are taking place. The feedback I have received has been very positive. Aunty Kathy is an extraordinary woman and her impact on our school extends to students, staff and parents. We are all very excited about the final product and are looking forward to viewing the Mural. We also love the relationship our students have formed with Aunty Kathy.

Today is a big day at Vacluse Public School. It is national ***Bullying No Way Day***. It is also ***Earth Hour*** in our school and ***Country Carnival Day***. We have an ongoing commitment to anti bullying and these conversations take place each and every day. Today all classrooms have switched everything off for an hour to recognize and discuss Earth Hour.

There has been a huge number of parents working tirelessly to make tonight's Country Carnival a huge success. We have discussed this with the whole school and talked about how important it is to help each other. We have used the parent body as a fine example of how a large group of people can be a powerful force. We have talked about why parents are helping our school and what this help will mean to students. In today's world it is important that our students know there is a big body of support behind them.

A very big thank you to P&C members Xanthe Lenior and Katrin Graebner who have put in a huge number of hours to further develop the extra curricular activities offered at the school. They have developed a really exciting number of choices for our students. Xanthe and Katrin have also been working on a school calendar. This will be further supported by the School App. Those of you who have downloaded the app will be aware we have sent several alerts this week. We think it is a huge asset to our school community and are hoping that eventually everyone has the App.

Next week is also shaping up as a busy week. We will commence the week with our ***Harmony Day Assembly*** at ***9.30 am*** on the top playground. This will be led by our school leaders and each class will be involved in a presentation. Mora Miriam is celebrating the festival of ***Purim***, Anglican students are participating in a ***Maundy Thursday*** service at St Peter's and the whole school will make hats on Wednesday for an ***Easter Hat Parade*** on Thursday.

It has been an extremely busy start to the new school year and teachers have really been putting in the extra hours to get everything up and running. We would like to thank the many parents who have dropped by the office, emailed or rung to pass on their positive feedback. As a result of feedback we have received from students and parents we will have a change to our playground roster next week. On Tuesday and Thursdays Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) students will play in the top playground (soccer field). On Tuesdays Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) students will have an opportunity to use the basketball court. On Thursdays Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6) students will use the basketball court. In Terms 2 and 3 when PSSA sport commences, Stage 1 students will have the opportunity to use the top field on Friday. Chess has also commenced at lunchtime in the library. Please read Tom Styles article in the body of the newsletter.

The Easter egg donations for the homeless have been rolling in. Thank you for your generosity. When we delivered the Christmas gifts last December to the same program, the recipients were overwhelmed with the generosity of our families. They were also absolutely delighted that the children of Vacluse Public School would think of them. We know the Easter eggs will be received with the same pleasure.

As I write, I have been popping in and out of the Bureau of Meteorology radar site watching the big blue cloud go out to sea. Our students are in a high state of excitement. As adults we forget how little ones love a carnival. They are so excited about the Country Carnival. I am not sure if parents know how much joy they bring our students. Our students have been watching many parents come and go all week. The squeals that went out when the popcorn was delivered was priceless. From all our students to all our parents, thank you for your efforts. We look forward to seeing you tonight.

Maureen Hallahan

The GRIP Leadership Conference



G.R.I.P is a conference where student Leaders and Prefects from around Sydney meet and talk about what it means to be a leader and how to become a better leader. It is very interactive and you get to meet kids from other schools in our region. It was held in Homebush this year and is an annual event. It was very entertaining as they taught us to become better leaders in a very interesting way with games.

Sebastian and Taylor



Thank you Ange,
Augusta, Aaliya and 5C
for taking care of our
grumbling stomachs
very week.

Miss Hallahan, Giselle
and Corinne loved your
Masala Dosa this week

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.



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Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don't attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with *Questions and Puzzlement*, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.



Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child's school, you should:

- let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
- go to the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
- email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child's school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child's year?

If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child's year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html



PLAYGROUND SWAP

After consultation with the P & C and Year 6 students, we have decided to implement a playground swap for students in Years 3-6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday recess & lunchtime: Stage 2 students will be on the Middle playground to give them access to the basketball/netball court. Stage 1 will go up to the Top playground to give them access to the grass areas and the all-weather pitch.

Thursday recess and lunchtimes: Stage 3 students will be on the Middle playground and Stage 1 will be on the Top playground.

Mr T Styles



Dear Parents

Scholastic book club orders need to be completed in LOOP (the Scholastic on-line ordering system) by **3:00 pm Monday 21 March**. This is because the Scholastic system closes for this order of Book Club.

Please note the only way to pay and order book club is to use the LOOP on-line system. The attached brochure provides details on how to order using LOOP.

Regards

Angela

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



CHECK IT OUT..MATE!

Chess Club has started! (\$56.00 Term 1) 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

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 Vaocluse Public School have had an on-going 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 Vaocluse 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

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Tuesday

TWEENIES

3:30PM - 5:00PM
(9 to 12 / primary school students)

Wednesday

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN

3:30pm - 7:00pm

HOMEWORK HELP

3:30pm - 6:00pm

PARKOUR LESSONS

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN

3:30pm - 7:00pm

GUITAR LESSONS

4:00pm - 6:00pm

XBOX & PIZZA NIGHT

4:00pm-7:00pm

Friday

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN

5:30pm-7:00pm

ACTING LESSONS

5:30pm - 7:00pm

BASKETBALL / SOCCER

(Margaret Whitlam Rec Centre)

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Saturday

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1:00pm - 6:00pm

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VOOSC NEWS

All term fees are due please.

If you are on an instalment plan please ensure that you are up to date.

Any families experiencing difficulties please make an appointment to speak to Lee immediately.

WHAT'S NEW AT VOOSC?

To make options easier for families we have now made available a credit card facility to pay your fees.

Vacation Care

Vacation care bookings are to be made in person at Voosc so that all booking /permission slips are completed. Payment for Vacation Care is to be received in full before bookings can be secured. As mentioned we now offer a credit card option for payment.

VOOSC STARS

This week we have awarded stars to children who have shown us that they are able to understand rules and follow instructions, especially where safety is a consideration.

Congratulations to all and welcome to the VOOSC Wall of Fame.

Lachlan R

For making good choices during wet weather and respecting your class teachers rules in the morning. Well done Lachlan.

William L

William, you have also received a star for making good choices during wet weather and coming back to Voosc when there was no teacher in the classroom. Well done.

Jackson R

Jackson, thank you for playing safe and always trying your very best at all you do. It makes team games with friends so much fun. Well done Jackson.

Jubin

For remembering where you are meant to be in the afternoons and making sure you are at roll call on time, has made your star shine on our Wall of Fame Jubin. A great effort buddy!







Warm regards from the Voosc Team

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8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP
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MOBILE: 0420 729 143
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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>GOGO 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>



ETHICS CLASSES AT VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Ethics classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE). The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes to children from kindergarten to year 6.

Children participate in discussion with their peers and learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topics such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- being an ethical consumer
- homelessness
- fairness

If you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child, please return the slip below by Monday

To enable us to meet demand for ethics classes at Vaucluse Public School we require volunteers-one for the position of ethics coordinator, and ethics teachers.

The ethics coordinator is an administrative role requiring approximately 1-2 hours per week. The time is flexible and the work and training are predominantly online.

Ethics teachers attend our 2 day training, complete the required background checks and take their class each week during school terms for a minimum of 1 year. The curriculum and teaching resources are provided online.

For information about Primary Ethics, our curriculum, and how you can make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Volunteering Manager, Maria McCarthy, on 0410 348 574 or maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au

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Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child.

Child's Name: _____ Class in 2016: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date _____