



The Vaucluse Weekly

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Term 1 Week 9



The wonderful sounds of Shelley and James

(Snow's mum and dad class 1/2H)

set the perfect mood for The Country Carnival last Friday night.

Thank you for volunteering your time.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Harmony Day was a wonderful start to the week. The deluge of rain meant a quick change of proceedings. As usual our Leaders and our students coped superbly. Thank you to those parents who braved the weather to support us.

On Wednesday the Easter hat making in the classrooms with buddies was a delightful success. Our students loved working with each other. Parents were also extremely supportive and provided great resources to make our hats. Thank you to those parents who also sent in extra resources for those students who ran short of things to decorate their hats. This morning's beautiful weather was perfect to showcase everyone's hats at the parade. Again we were extremely well supported by our parents. We loved the mini disco at the end. It was very timely to have a morning full of joy and happiness. You will see by the photos in the newsletter what a great time we all had.

In the last week we have had three events that have showcased the strong sense of wellbeing in the school. We've talked about Harmony Day and our Easter celebrations. Friday night's Country Carnival was a shining example of the community working together. So many families contributed in so many different ways. As I walked around the stalls on Friday night it was evident the support our families give to our school. It was inspiring to see so many members of our community working together in order to provide our students with great outcomes. Many people gave up many, many hours of their time. Mads Anderson, our very own Annie Oakley did a magnificent job in coordinating everyone and everything. Mads is tireless in her determination and commitment to doing the best she can. She is infectious and inspiring. When you read her thank you for the newsletter you will see she does not act alone. Mads had a huge team behind her and we thank them also. Mads from all of us – thank you. We are in awe of your energy and your commitment to our school.

Another fall off the playground equipment after school this week (in the rain) reminds us of the need for supervision at all times. The playground equipment is out of bounds and we ask that parents support us by keeping all students off the playground equipment before and after school especially in the rain. The equipment is extremely slippery when wet. During wet periods the staff restrict the use of play on this equipment.

Chris Wilson from Big Note Music School has kindly offered to take on the guitar group. If you are interested please look for the note in the body of the newsletter.

Teachers are busily organising for end of term interviews. Parents will be able to book a time on *Schoolinterviews* using the following hyperlink [School Interviews](#) . An email has been forwarded to all parents. Hard copy note will go home today. We have had excellent feedback from parents about the skoolbag app. Many parents have appreciated the alerts that have been sent out on the app. Please make sure you check the app regularly.

Finally, enjoy the Easter break and the precious time with those you love the most.

Maureen Hallahan

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



Digital Microscopy Incursion Stage 3



Students from Years 5 & 6 took part in an interactive hands-on science workshop to get a look at all sorts of things up close to support their science unit 'Marvellous Micro-Organisms'. Students talked about microbes and their structures and how they are adapting to become antibiotic resistant. They had a chance to look at various items under the digital microscopes such as leaves, flowers, stems, algae, seaweed, nylon, polyester, acrylic, silk, foam and wool. The most exciting things to view, however was their own skin and fingernails. Students were also able to see yeast cells and Lactobacillus cells from yoghurt on the more powerful compound microscopes.

Students realised there is much more than meets the eye. Even seemingly mundane objects having amazing qualities under the microscope!



News from Rudi

Hello everyone it has been an interesting week in the garden! Gardening has been a bit of a challenge with all that wonderful rain we have been having. When the sun came out Years 5 and 6 were able to dig in and get some work done.

We also did some classroom work during the rainy patches. We talked about seeds, as we have been sowing a lot of seeds for winter in the last few weeks. We discussed what a seed is, how to grow them and the multitudes of free seeds you have in your fruit bowls and vegetable crispers at home.

Later in a sunny but wet garden children weeded, harvested limes and chilies, released some yabbies in our ponds (that Adams Leaches' mum brought in). We also gave the chook shed a clean.

I have one more lesson this term on 4 April, 2016. If you would like to get involved please come down and see me or send me an email. We have a massive year ahead so the more help the better.

This year there are 6 classes attending the garden. This means we need more produce. If your child is between Years 3 and 6 come down with their class and have a dig.

See your class teacher or contact me directly.

I look forward to seeing you in the garden.

Cheer's
Rudi Adlmayer
Kitchen Garden Specialist
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PS: Big shout out to The P&C for leaving left over hay bales from the successful Country Fair these bales of hay will make great mulch, compost and chicken flooring. Yeer har!





KM & 5C



Easter Hat



Making

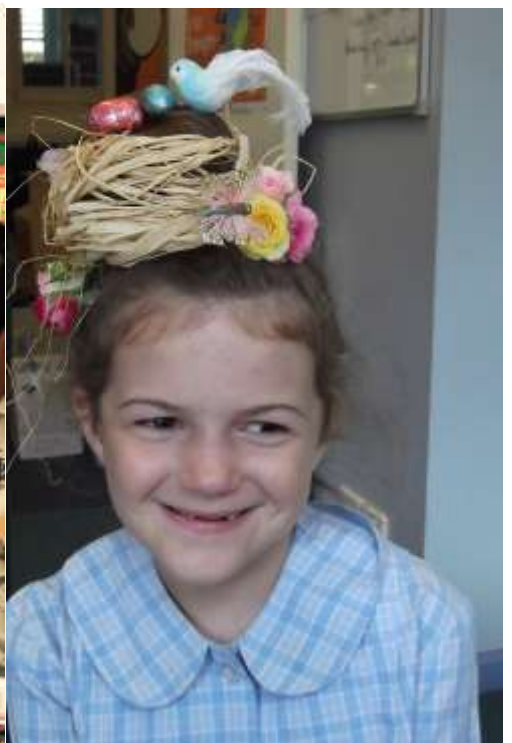


Easter Hat



Parade

PICCOLLAGE



Country Carnival 2016

Big Thank yous

The Country Carnival was a huge success again this year, despite some challenges with the weather. Everyone pulled together to make it a great afternoon and the kids had a ball. We took around \$20,000 (\$3000 up on last year) in 3 hours and made approx \$15,000 to put towards a new interactive white board for the new classroom that is being assembled now. On how the rest of the money is to be spent, it will be decided at the next P&C meeting. So come along and have your say. There are many, many people to thank, I've attempted to list you all below, but if I have missed anyone, please know we are grateful to everyone who contributes to make this our big annual fund raiser.

Big Thanks to:

- Sacha Irvine, Jo Little and Sarah Still - for all your support.
- Sam Peters and Ian Manovel for taking care of the money.
- All class parents who ran fabulous stalls with the help of all the parent volunteers.
- Karen, Glen and Terry Wright for donating all the sausages for the BBQ.
- Carisa Wells and Phil Abram from The Char for donating all the sauces and napkins.
- Joshua from Millenium Pizza for donating the chopped onions for the BBQ.
 - Briget Palmer, Ilana Akres and Angela Davids for running the canteen and raising much needed funds for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.
 - Grub Butcher for providing meat at cost.
 - Sonoma for providing bread rolls at cost.
 - Ruthie Chapman for her insightful Tarot card readings.
 - Dave Chapman for his relaxing massage tent.
 - Nhat Vo for her balloon twisting skills and support.
 - All the volunteers on the Ticket Booth and BBQ.
 - Jimmy Nock, Paul Anderson and Jason Veale who ran the bucking bull.
 - Shelley Harland-Wright and James from Musical Creatures, for their beautiful music and for learning Country and Western songs especially for the Carnival.
 - Kata Bayer for her fabulous photos, see below.
 - Sarah Littlefair Myers for her PR expertise.
 - Richard Hall for putting up the banner.
 - Everyone who distributed flyers and posters.
 - The Done family for designing the graphics for the posters/flyers and banners and for paying for them.
 - Tom Steiger from Mr. Wallpaper for complimentary posters and discounted banners.
 - All the P&C members for your help.
 - Maureen, Corrine and Giselle for your support.
 - AND TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG.
 - Below are the figures that each stall took.

I have to say, I'm happy to see that the healthy snacks took more money than the lolly stall. WoW! That's a first. But really, thank you to all of you. I know what a huge effort it is, and that there are many people involved in making it happen. Big pat on the back. Not only do we raise money but we have fun, come together as a school community and the kids so look forward to it. With some kids saying it is their favourite afternoon of the year!

CLASS	\$ RAISED
2F - Winner with the frozen dinners, second year in a row. Congratulations.	1220
5C - snow cones	1167
2A - flowers	1028
KM -face painting	824
4A - show bags	775
KB - healthy snacks	756
3M - lolly stall	676
1W - lucky dip	565
KI - Adopt-a-bear	556
1J - games	480
4V - popcorn and balloons	418
KW - Dutch pancakes	378
1 / 2 H - Bric and Brac	370
SAKG PROGRAM – CANTEEN	1164

THANKS EVERYONE AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR. YEEHAW!!!! MADS XXXX



Anglican Maunday Easter Scripture Service today at St Peter's with Reverend Brad.





Join Guitar Group Term 2 at Vaucluse Public School



Dear Parents and students,

We are excited to offer guitar group for students K-6. Sean Windsor from *Big Note* will run a guitar group from week 1, Term 2. Beginner/ Intermediate levels will be accommodated. There will be a part for everyone no matter what the level of experience.

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 3.25 p.m. in the clothing pool/ music room. Cost will be \$8.00 per session payable on a per school term basis. Payment is to be made to *Big Note*.

Students will need picks, guitars and a clear A4 sheet folder for music. A 3/4 size classical guitar is ideal for primary age beginners. Electric guitars are permitted.

In order to book your child into lessons parents must directly contact Sean via email seanwindsor@gmail.com with queries regarding the group

We look forward to enjoying their talents later in the year.

Ms Karla Aspden (Band Co-ordinator)



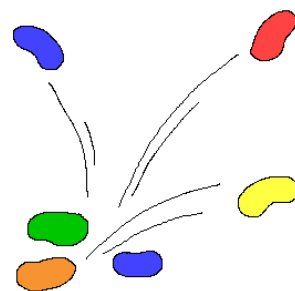
Jelly Bean Guessing Competition



The winner of the
jelly bean jar guessing
competition was Charlee from 3M with
a magnificent guess of 412!

The answer was 417 jelly beans.

Congratulations Charlee,
enjoy your jar of jelly beans !



P&C UPDATE

The P&C would like to thank all members of our school community for their help in creating a fantastic 2016 Country Carnival. The evening was a great success as a community event and school fundraiser. THANK YOU to all those who came and participated.

The Minutes of the P&C Meeting held on 1 March 2016 are now available on the VPS Website under the P&C Tab. The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 3 May at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

SARAH STILL

Voosc News

Assessment and Rating

Dear families

The Assessment and rating sessions for Voosc will take place on Wednesday Pm 30.03.16 and Thursday Am - 31.03.16.

Voosc Committee Meeting

A meeting will take place on Monday evening 04.04.16 at 6:00pm, in the Voosc Building. All welcome

VACATION CARE

Vacation Bookings are still open, don't forget to secure you places no later than 04/04/16

VOOSC STARS

Stars for this week were chosen for responsibility and respect.

Harry J

Harry your star is for showing responsibility for our Voosc environment and ensuring that all children using our area treat it respectfully by taking their rubbish to the bin.

Happy Easter to everyone, enjoy the time with your families.

Warm regards







Voosc Team

OPENING HOURS:
8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP
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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>