



The Vaucluse Weekly

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Term 2 Week 1



ANZAC service this week at Vaucluse Public School.
Commander David Tietzel , Nathan's from 6S father
happily sitting with our school leaders.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. It was great to see our students return with so much enthusiasm. Everyone had great holiday stories that they were delighted to share and everyone seemed very happy and relaxed. Well done parents.

On Tuesday the staff attended a conference with the ten other schools in our Learning community. At the conference we had the great privilege to hear Sam Bailey and his wife Jenny speak. Sam and Jenny were the subjects of *Australian Story* a few years ago. Sam became a quadriplegic at 19 as a result of a car accident in the Northern Territory. Sam has a great story of courage and determination which he shared with us. On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have Sam and Jenny visit Vacluse PS and talk to our students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Sam and Jenny run a farm at Croppa Creek near Moree but also spend a lot of time talking to schools and community groups. Sam and Jenny are training to be helicopter pilots. Sam plans to be the first quadriplegic helicopter pilot in the world. At the end of the year Sam has negotiated with Waverly council to land a helicopter on Bondi Beach. Sam and Jenny have invited all the students in the Cosies schools (including us) to be there and celebrate with him. While Sam and Jenny were here they had a good look around the school. They marvelled at our space, tranquillity and harmony. They both agreed this was a city school very close to their country heart.

On Thursday afternoon we honoured ANZAC Day with a special assembly. Each class participated highlighting a different aspect of the history of ANZAC Day. It was held on the front lawn and our students conducted themselves in a very respectful way. It was very clear they understood the ANZAC message by the reverence and respect they displayed throughout the afternoon. A very big **thank you to Commander David Tietzel from HMAS Watson. Dave is Nathan in 6T's dad.** Dave came and gave a wonderful address to our students. We also appreciated the presence, in his uniform, of Ben Welfare from HMAS Watson also. Ben is the dad of Laurina in 6T, Elijah in 4A and Averie in KI. Thank you also to those parents who attended with a supporting presence.

We are looking forward to having the canteen open next week. On Tuesday it is also the Term 2 P&C meeting. On Wednesday we were thrilled to receive courtesy of the P&C our new atlases and dictionaries. 4A and 2F were also delighted to have installed electronic whiteboards for their classrooms. Again huge thanks to the P&C who have diligently worked in order to fund these classroom resources for all students in our school. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday evening.

A reminder that a number of procedures have changed in the school. We will no longer be holding the Monday morning whole school assembly. Whole school assemblies will take place in the first and last week of term. K-2 and 3-6 will hold their assemblies on alternate Thursdays and K-2 will have a brief line up each morning. Important messages will be given to the students at the recess assembly.

Maureen Hallahan

A BIG thank you to the many families that have given us great feedback on our Skoolbag APP. Its a wonderful device that is keeping us all in the loop. The APP has been widely advertised and has been up and running since December 2015. If there are any families that have not downloaded the APP, here is how.



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).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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.

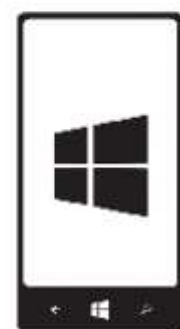
Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



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.





Sam Bailey
With the students this week

Term 2: P & C Extra Curricular Activities Update

Well thanks to your fantastic school community support, the Extra Curricular Activities are off to a flying start! We have been overwhelmed by the interest in activities across the board.

Thanks everyone who is sending their children to learn something new and have fun with their friends (be dropped to school early which we parents love) and helping the school raise funds for our children.

This Term's New Activities Report:

1. **Computer Coding**, Wed 8am- **CLASS IS FULL FOR TERM 2** and closed out. Please register on the waitlist. We will use the waitlist for Term 3. Apologies if you missed out this time. <https://www.trybooking.com/189948>
2. **Basketball**, Thurs 8am- Class has limited spaces, don't hesitate on this one. <https://www.trybooking.com/191544>
3. **Soccer** Fri 8am- **CLASS IS TEMPORARILY FULL**. Please register on the waitlist, as soon as we get sufficient children, we can add an additional coach for Term 2. Apologies if you missed out on this sport. <https://www.trybooking.com/191527>

This term Existing Activities Report:

1. **Karate**, Mon 8.15am- Limited places available, sign up ASAP <https://www.trybooking.com/94568>
2. **Dance**, 3 separate sessions, (see below in the table) Limited places available. <https://www.trybooking.com/94560>
3. **Netball**, 3 separate sessions, (see below in the table) Limited places available. <https://www.trybooking.com/98606>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8AM			Coding 1-6	Basketball K-4	Soccer K-4
Before school 9AM			Netball 2-3		Netball 4-6
Before school 9.15AM	Karate K-6	Dance Boys Hip Hop K-2		Dance 3-6 Hip Hop	Dance K-2 Jazz
After school 3.30PM	Netball K-1				

From Xanthe and Katrin.

Waitlist for Extra-Curricular Activities Procedure.

Hello All,

Well Katrin and I are extremely grateful for the support you have given to the Extra-Curricular Program, by enrolling your children!

The kids are settling in to the activities and seem to be enjoying themselves.

We apologise to anyone who has missed out on an activity for Term 2, due to some classes being full. The classes have a set teacher to child ratio, to ensure all children are cared for properly and that they get great top quality coaching, so this is why we have maximum number of children per class.

We have, however developed a WAITLIST so that we can add additional coaches to some activities if we get sufficient numbers.

Please do not send your children to any full activities unless they are enrolled. They will be disappointed when they cannot participate.

Waitlist Procedure:

If your child really wants to do an activity, and it is full, please follow the specific activity Trybooking link, add your contact information and you will be automatically registered on the waitlist. Easy!

We are happy to increase coaches and sessions midway through the term, so long as we have sufficient numbers of children to participate.

Thanks for your support of the Extra Curricular Program and therefore fundraising for the school.

Warm Regards,
Xanthe and Katrin.



Dear Parents and Carers of VPS,

Welcome to Ilana's Canteen at Vacluse Public School. For those of you who know me I am really looking forward to seeing you all again. I am so happy to be back at VPS and working to bring our children a healthy, exciting and nutritious canteen menu. For those I haven't yet met please pop past and try out my coffee. I can't wait to get to know you and your children and to share my passion for good food with you all.

My food philosophy is pretty simple, a focus on good fresh ingredients with most food made on site. I will be baking my own muffins, banana bread, sausage rolls and pikelets. Serving homemade pasta sauces, granola and fresh salads. I'll also be blending up some delicious smoothies. Supplementing this will be a variety of snacks that mostly fall into the Green or Amber (every day snacks) category but there will be some treats too which you should encourage your children to eat in moderation.

You will find a copy of the menu attached. I hope your children will work their way through it and try lots of new things. The specials are seasonal and will change each term to reflect our harvesting region and weather. As the weather cools down I will probably introduce a soup of the week so keep an eye on the notice board. You can follow me on Facebook for news and menu updates and some recipes too. <https://www.facebook.com/IlanasCanteen1/>

I am working through some online ordering options. In the mean-time if you would like to order for a week in advance please email me and I will send you my account details for a direct transfer.

It would be great to have some help from parents, grandparents and carers. I have seen how much your children love it when you volunteer. Please fill in the form below or email me with all the details so that I can put a convenient roster together.

Best wishes for a great term ahead. Ilana

Canteen Volunteer Form
Volunteers Welcome Monday-Friday 11-1.30

I would like to volunteer at the canteen: (please circle)

Once a week

Once a month

Once a Term

My preference would be: (please circle)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Any

Name _____ Child/ren's names _____

Class _____ Contact number _____



Please return to The Canteen, School Office or email Ilana akresfam@gmail.com

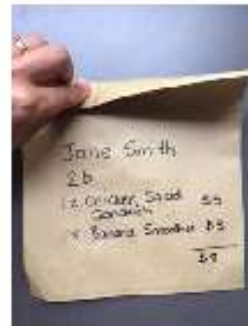


How to order from the Canteen.

- Step 1. Select the items you would like to order from the menu.
- Step 2. On a paper bag write your **Name, Class** and **your order** including the total price.



- Step 3. Place the correct money in the bag and fold over the top of the bag.



- Step 4. Place your lunch order in the lunch order box in your classroom. Make sure your lunch order is in by 10am so you don't miss out on what you want. Your lunch will be delivered to you fresh from the canteen in time for lunch. If you have ordered something for recess just come to the canteen window at recess to pick it up.
- Step 5. Enjoy your lunch. If you order something **frozen** or a **hot drink** please look out for a ticket with your lunch order. Bring your ticket to the canteen at lunch to receive these items.





LUNCH MENU

Wholemeal Sandwiches/Toasties

(GF bread available \$1 extra)

Chicken salad (DF, H)	\$5
Tuna salad (DF, H)	\$5
Cheese and Salad	\$5
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$5
Cheese/Vegemite	\$3

Pasta

(GF DF pasta available)

Spaghetti Bolognese	\$6
Penne Napoli	\$6

Lunch Boxes \$6

Super Food Salad – Mixed seasonal greens (spinach/kale), quinoa, baked butternut, toasted pepitas and dried cranberries with sesame Asian dressing (GF, DF, V)	\$6
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Snack box – Hard boiled egg, dill pickle, a slice of cheese, sliced seasonal fresh and steamed vegies (carrot, capsicum, celery, cucumber, broccoli), rice crackers and hummus.	\$6
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Specials

Monday - Honey Soy Chicken with Rice and Corn Cob (DF, H, GF)	\$6
Tuesday - Cheesy Vegetable Frittata with Greek salad	\$6
Wednesday - Teriyaki Chicken Burger	\$6
Thursday - Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Basmati Rice (DF, V, GF, H)	\$6

Catering Menu

Birthday Cupcakes iced with an age candle (24 hours' notice required)	\$2.50/cupcake
Platter of Assorted Sandwiches (for 6 people)	\$20
Fruit Plate (for 6-10 people)	\$20



SNACK MENU

Drinks

Banana Smoothie (GF)	\$3
Mixed Berry Smoothie (GF)	\$3
Water	\$2
Fruit Juice Apple/Orange	\$2
Moove Milk	
Chocolate/Strawberry	\$2.50
Hot Chocolate (winter)	\$2.50
Coffee (adults only)	\$3.50
Tea (adults only)	\$2

Frozen Treats

Frozen Quelch stick	\$1
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.50
Frozen Fruit cup Apple/Orange/Apple Blackcurrant	\$1

Daily Snacks

Pop Corn Plain (GF, DF, H)	\$2
Pop Corn Sweet and Salty (GF, DF, H)	\$2
Crispy Fruit Sachets (GF, DF, H, K)	\$2
Spicy/Plain trail mix (nut free)	\$2
Fruit salad cup (GF, DF, H)	\$2
Yogurt cup with berry coulis and granola topper	\$3
Vegetable sticks with hummus	\$1
Fruit sticks with custard	\$1
Piranha Vege Crackers (GF) Salt & Vinegar/BBQ/Honey Soy	\$2

From the Bakers Window (Check Daily)

Buckwheat pikelets (GF)	\$1
English muffin pizzas	\$2
Pastizzi Cheese/Apple/Beef	\$2
Banana bread	\$3
Fresh Muffins	\$3
Homemade sausage rolls	\$2
Garlic Bread x 2 Slices	50c



Please place all orders written on a paper bag or a re-usable lunch bag with the correct money in your class tray by 9.30am.

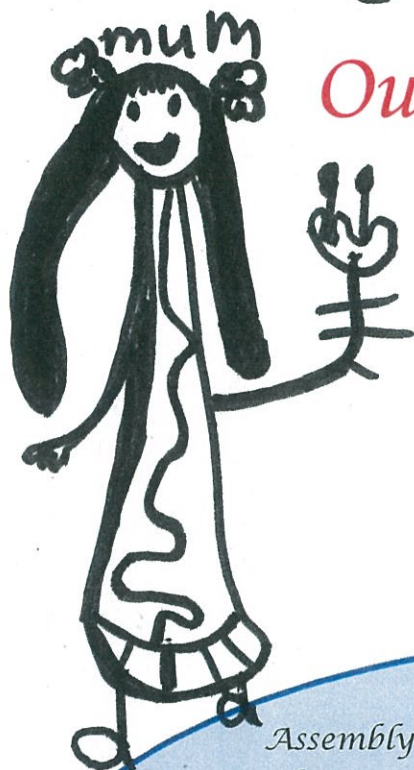
Please call Ilana for any catering orders on 040885448 or email akresfam@gmail.com

DF – Dairy Free, GF – Gluten Free, V – Vegetarian, K – Kosher, H – Halal



Mum -
You're invited to
Our Special Mothers' Day
Assembly

On
Friday 6 May 2016



Assembly will commence at 9.30 am in the Bottom Playground. Assembly will be followed by a visit to your child's classroom to view your Mothers' Day Portrait. You are then invited to the Staffroom for Morning Tea. Please note that children are not invited to this. (It is Mums only as we simply do not have enough yummys to feed everyone.) After recess the children will be able to purchase a Mothers' day gift from the stall.



We look forward to seeing you all there.



Staff and students of Vaocluse Public School



VOOSC NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. We had a fantastic time during Vacation care with so many great activities. The children were totally captivated during our Richard Vegas's magic show. He finished off with a levitating table which left them all gasping!

The feedback from the kids "This was epic". Horse riding was again a great hit, we even deposited a few presents for Rudi in the compost heap, a little something for the veggie garden!

If you see some really cool Tie Dye shirts being worn around, chances are they were also made here. There were some pretty spectacular pencil boxes also made by the kids that may find their way into the classrooms. They are really proud of their work and should be as these creations are very impressive.

Overall our program was a huge success and the last week we danced it up every day with a Juke box and karaoke. We apologise to the neighbours for any excess noise.... but happy noise is always great noise!

VOOSC STARS

Marcus D Congratulations Marcus you have made it to the Wall of Fame for showing what a responsible person you are in looking after equipment and returning it to the sport room, thank you.

Maisie D Thank you Maisie for having glorious manners! You are always polite during breakfast and afternoon tea and especially when playing games with friends. Well done Maisie welcome to the Wall of Fame.

Charlie checking out the mural of himself when first completed!



We were so happy to hear that our Kookaburra friends Charlie, Darcy and Spike have been visiting Mrs Head's Room. They are very friendly birds and will eat from your hands once trust has been established. **We usually give them "Charlie Chocolate" which are curl grubs dug from the garden.** Please remember though that they have plenty to **forage for in our school, so try to avoid letting them eat your food as it isn't always good for them.** Charlie has the most blue on the wings, Darcy has a toe that crosses over on one foot and Spike obviously was named for his spikey do.

Warm regards the VOOSC TEAM

Working in School Administration

The Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools in your area.

The School Administrative Support Staff (SASS) Reference Group welcomes any people looking to start working in school administration to enrol in our SASS Induction training programs which will be held during May at multiple venues across the Sydney area.

There will be no fee for this training and the only pre-requisite is that participants obtain a Working with Children Check (WWC) clearance and apply for a Department of Education employee number through their local school.

Please see the following link to apply for WWC clearance or contact your local Service NSW office.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check?gclid=CKHK7eul58sCFQt6vQodoMEHZw>

The aim of this training is to provide participants with an overview of school administrative roles, which will allow them to be included on a casual staffing list for the schools in their local area.

Your local school will be able to provide a package which will contain all relevant information, course dates and the forms which will need to be submitted to the school once you have your WWC approval number.

Further information can be provided by contacting the SASS Reference Group through email at swsrsa.coord@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephoning our facilitators:

Mandy Simpkins
0475 810 006

Nathalie Skallias
0427 774 736

CONFIRMATION – If your child is in at least Year 6 at school and 11 years of age or older, please contact Carmen at Rose Bay Parish on 9371 7112, if you want your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Notice must be given by April 15. Training will take place on 11 and 18 May. Confirmation practice will be on 25 May and the Confirmation ceremony will be on 27 May.

SACRAMENT NOTICE – If your child is in at least Year 2 at school and is 7 years of age, please contact Fr. Chris Higgins at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Watsons Bay, if you would like them to make their First Confession/Reconciliation. Names and a contact phone number must be supplied by Sunday, 8th May. Three training sessions will follow, with days & times to be advised. Phone: 9337 2033 (option 4).

Kind regards

Alison Bell

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