



The Vaucluse Weekly

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Term 2 Week



Clement from K-6J African Drumming this week, with gusto.
Charlize displayed her skills in Contemporary Dance with a hula-hoop .

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Our special Mothers' Day Assembly was a particularly beautiful and poignant one this morning. Our teachers and students put in an enormous effort. We talked this week about our individual performances being a gift for our mums that money could not buy. Our children sang their hearts out and I think all mums present were extremely aware of the effort and love that went into the performances. We talked about what a special role being a parent is. Becoming a parent is a wonderful opportunity to be a better person. There is nothing like the giving of unconditional love to knock out all those selfish tendencies.

Our students have been busy doing portraits, gifts and cards to accompany the presents purchased at the Mothers' Day stall today. Thank you very much for supporting this activity. With a bit of luck and planning no student members of Vaucluse Public School need to visit Bondi Junction Westfield this weekend. We love that our students have been independent in their celebration of Mothers' Day.

Next week we will participate in NAPLAN. Teachers have been preparing students by doing practise tests. We try to keep this assessment time as low key as possible. It can be a particularly stressful time for Year 3 as it is their first formal assessment. If you child appears unduly concerned please let you class teacher know so we can best support your child.

At the start of the term we took delivery of Atlases, Dictionaries and Thesauruses for classrooms. These were very kindly funded by the P&C with your donation money. The Oxford Atlas Project is a significant resource to assist in the implementation of the new Geography syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. It will be used throughout the school. Class sets of Dictionaries and Thesauruses have been purchased for classes from Year 2 to Year 6. The P&C have also funded two Electronic Whiteboards for the two new demountables in the school this year. These are major resources and we are delighted to have them in our classrooms. A very big thank you to parents and the P&C for providing the funds for these important school resources.

Now that we have these great resources we have a large number of books to be covered before they can go into classrooms. Our wonderful library assistant Melita has stamped the books and cut contact to cover them. We need enthusiastic parents to cover them. If you are able to assist in covering these books you can drop by the Admin office and Corinne will give you a bundle of ten books along with the precut contact to take home and cover and then return to school. We have a large number of books and need lots of help. Covering books in front of the telly is a great stress reliever **(only if you don't have a disaster with the contact !!)**. **Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.** Corinne will be waiting for you on Monday.

A request to parents for assistance with a very big problem. Perhaps because we are a bigger school the volume of phone calls from 2.30 – 3.20 pm has increased enormously this year. These phone calls to the office are to communicate to our students last minute changes to pick up arrangements. It has reached crisis point. Both Corinne and Giselle cannot physically keep up with the phone calls and the actions the calls demand. I have also had to become involved to manage the volume of last minute requests. Please be mindful when you ring the office at this time. We would appreciate only urgent calls at this time. We would appreciate if play dates were organised the night before. Fridays are particularly challenging for Years 3 to 6 who attend sport . Please could parents make changes to routines the night before and communicate them to their children. Fridays are particularly stressful as it is often impossible to locate students who attend PSSA sport. The office staff then become extremely concerned because they have been unable to give these messages to students. We would really appreciate your support with this.

Maureen Hallahan

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



FROM KM

PICCOLLAGE



This Week in The Garden!

This week in the garden saw a sunny delicious autumn day.

Classes helped spruik up the garden after the recent holidays.

The chicken shed and surrounds got a nice tidy up and a fresh layer of mulch to scratch through. Children collected purple beans, chilli's, , limes, basil, iceberg lettuce and mandarins.

We also cut bamboo canes up and prepped into canes for our upcoming pea crops and saw the last of the beans crop.

Cabbages, silverbeet and onions are in.

I challenged a few children to build some steps for me to which they took on with gusto great work. If you want to come and help, I am in the garden every second Monday, and every Tuesday from 4 pm.

Drop me an email or give me a ring.

Cheers Rudi

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(Fluffiest) Scone Recipe

Equipment

Baking Tray
 Grease proof paper
 Cup measurement
 1 tspn
 Silver bowl
 Pastry brush
 Scone cutter or a drinking glass
 (dusted with flour)

Ingredients

4 cups self-raising flour
 ½ tspn salt
 1 cup pouring cream
 375-400ml milk
 double cream & jam to serve

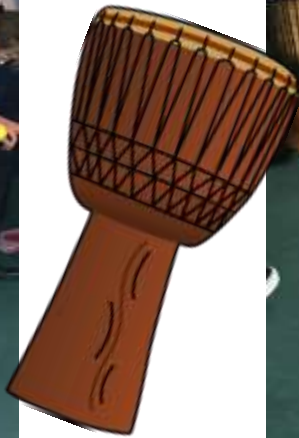
What to do

1. Preheat oven to 200C, no fan. Line a large, flat tray with grease proof paper.
2. Combine flour & salt in a large bowl. Add cream and 1 ½ C (375ml) milk. Use a flat bladed knife to stir to a soft dough adding more milk if necessary.
3. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently until dough comes together. (using fairy fingers)
4. Lightly press dough out to 2cm thick. Use a 5 1/2cm round scone cutter to cut as many scones (cut close together) as possible. Repeat until all the dough is used.
5. Place onto tray just touching each other. Bake 12-15 mins until golden and well risen.
6. Serve hot with jam & cream.

Makes approx. 20 scones.

On Monday 2 May, classes K-2W, 3-6T and K-6J were lucky enough to be included in a drumming workshop provided by the Variety Club and Rhythm Village. Along with lots of drums they also brought with them 30 volunteers from Ray White Double Bay. We had a fantastic time and all of the students participated brilliantly. We had so many comments about how wonderful our students behaved and how fantastic our school was. It was a fabulous initiative and we all learnt so much!





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.

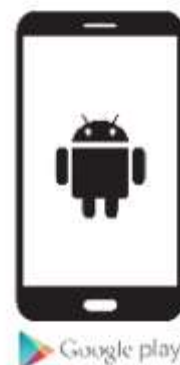


For Android users:

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".
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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.





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 Bolognaise	\$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

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

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 Blackcurrent	\$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

School Gates must be shut at all times

It has been noted that the school gates have been left open in the afternoons a number of times when school is finished and After school care begins and ends.

For the safety of everyone, especially our precious students, could we please ask all parents to be vigilant in closing all gates.

It is also very important for families to note that parents and students entering the school from Cambridge Avenue should use the pedestrian gate not the teacher's car park. The teacher's car park is not an entrance for foot traffic. The car park is very busy with our special transport, deliveries and emergency access



North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club presents

BONDI Barefoot

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New event Youth Barefoot Bolt 8-12 years.

Sunday May
9:00am 22nd

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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:

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VOOSC NEWS

This week we received our Assessment and Rating results which are displayed on our window for our families to view, as well as reports that you are welcome to read.

We were pleased with the overall outcomes and of Meeting Quality Standards.

We were especially pleased with the result in Quality Area 5 which is Relationships with Children. We as a team, consider this area as the most important part of our jobs. We were rated as Exceeding Quality Standards.

To us this is such a great and satisfying result. The children, their happiness and well-being and being able to program and deliver fun, diverse educational programs for them, is the most important and enjoyable part of our working day.

VOOSC STARS

Our stars this week are awarded to the following children.

Rex C

Rex, you are an outstanding young man who has acted with honesty and a desire to do the right thing. Thank you for handing in money found on the playground to Ms Hallahan. Good things happen for good deeds done.

Welcome to the Wall of Fame Rex, a true Star.

Leo R

Leo, thank you for the fantastic job in the kitchen this week. It was so lovely to have help with the dishes and you did a super duper job with that tea towel! Welcome to the Wall of Fame Leo.

India A

Another shining star from kindergarten! Thank you India for also assisting with drying the breakfast dishes and putting them away. We appreciate that you are always asking to help with jobs, you are so very kind and great at sharing.

Welcome to the Voosc Wall of Fame!

FEES

Fees for Term 2 are currently being issued.

The Voosc Team would like to wish all of our Mums a Happy Mother's Day and hope that you enjoy time with your children on this very special day.

Warm regards

Voosc Team