



**Learning and
Growing Together**

The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 12 August 2016 Term 3 Week 4

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*Our very talented Drama group perform at NIDA.
We are all very proud!!!*

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

This week has been a busy week at Vaucluse Public School. Thank you to our parents who patiently supported us on Monday morning. In spite of Miss Butt ringing the Woollahra Council hotline from 7am to confirm Trumper Park, it was not until 9.15 am we were told the oval was closed. Plan B was immediately implemented and our students happily walked up to Christison Park. The council gave us two hours at the park and staff and students wasted no time in completing the compulsory activities for requirements for District carnival.

Our school App certainly came into its own on Monday as Giselle Gabbani alerted parents to the change of venue. Judging by the number of parents who attended, the App was successful. If you have not loaded the App yet we suggest you do so. We are increasingly using it to alert parents particularly to changes to timetables and activities. On Monday morning we very much appreciated the patience and understanding of parents in this last minute change. Often there are conditions beyond our control. We are very aware of how difficult last minute changes are for parents. We are also very mindful of communicating to you as soon as we have information. Unfortunately in this situation in spite of many attempts as early as Friday to confirm the oval we were not successful.

On Wednesday night our Drama group performed spectacularly at NIDA Parade Theatre in Kensington as part of the NSW Schools drama Festival. Our students have been very capably led by Kara McMenemy and Regina Wirkerman throughout the year. Our students have participated in a variety of workshops and spent many hours rehearsing. David Todd has also made visits to school to support the group. While we are a little bit biased we think they performed superbly. Congratulations to the Drama group for representing Vaucluse Public school so outstandingly.

It has been a long cold winter and we have had many sick students and teachers this term. This week we have had parents report to us of incidents of Swine Flu and Scarlet Fever. Please refer to the NSW Health website for more information on these conditions. It is really important if your child is ill that you do not send them to school. We have had our sick bay and the lounges outside the office fully occupied on most days as we try to make sick students comfortable. If your child wakes up unwell it is very distressing for the child to have to come and try to cope with school. They also bring whatever is ailing them and share this with their class. It is very important to consider all our students.

Winter time is also party time for Head Lice and we have had several cases in the school. Last week 702 ABC radio ran several sessions on the developing immunity of head lice to commercial treatments. The main recommendation from these researchers was a regular check and if your child has head lice then a cheap conditioner in the hair and a fine tooth comb to remove eggs. This procedure should be repeated for several days to remove all eggs and then again a week later to ensure any that were overlooked have not reinfested. It is tedious hard work but worth the effort.

Maureen Hallahan



DRAMA

NEWS

On Wednesday night the 3-6 Drama ensemble performed their piece titled: *What a load of Rubbish* at NIDA Parade theatres Kensington for the Ultimo Public Schools Drama Festival. Their piece explored the effects rubbish is having on our environment. Using a theatrical statement, students look at why our rubbish situation is getting out of control and how we can change for a better future. They did an absolutely FANTASTIC job and we are very proud of them all. Their effort and commitment has been highly commendable and all their hard work paid off.

☺ Miss McMenemy and Miss Wirkerman ☺





Assembly this week







Veggie Garden News

Finally we have some decent sunshine in the garden today which is allowing our vegetables to put on some growth. The longer daylight hours are like a second gear. The brassicas; cabbage, kale, cauliflower and broccoli are powering along. The Silverbeet and the beetroots love it as well.

The children dug out some luscious soil from behind the chicken house.

3 years of decomposed chook poo and compost with a neutral pH balance is providing much needed nutrients and water holding capacities.

As we had the athletic carnival today I had a very relaxed session in garden, weeding, planting, fertilising and pruning. The garden will be ready for spring.

Tomato and corn seeds will be sown in the next few weeks.

A big shout out to Saori (Hannah's mum) and Watsons Bay Granary guru for a mega weed session today. Every bit helps and gardens are looking fantastic.

Crops to watch are asparagus, sugar cabbages and English spinach.

If you want to help out in garden I have.....

More garden beds to build. I have saws and drills.

Mulch to replace removed soil behind chicken house

Sweeping paths and general tidy up.

If you want to help in veggie garden give me a ring or email me.

I am in the garden every second Monday, every Tuesday from 4:30.

Come down and learn how to grow fruit and veggies.

Cheers

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Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students within the school

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health

(<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>)

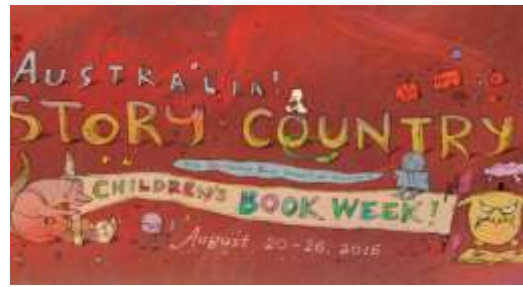
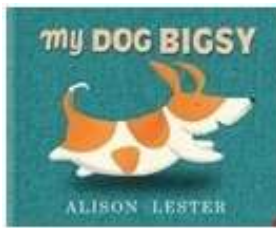
If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
9 August 2016



It's that time of the year!

Book Week is a great opportunity to celebrate reading, quality literature and the importance of storytelling in our lives.

This year's theme is *Australia! Story Country* so think Banjo Patterson, May Gibbs, Mem Fox and all the other brilliant Australian childrens' authors out there.

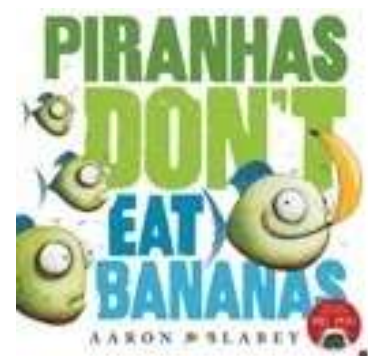
Please come and join us on Thursday 25 August 2016 for our annual book character parade. It will take place in the middle playground from 9:40.

Students can dress up as their favourite book character but please don't send them with toy weapons such as guns or swords etc.

Students also need to wear closed, comfortable shoes for safety reasons.

The winners of this year's guessing competition, art competition and writing competition will be announced at the parade.

There will also be a book fair in the library before school from 8:50 each day and after school until 3:45. Come and donate a book to our library!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS MONDAY 15th AUGUST



ENVELOPES FOR SIBLING PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE

PLEASE RETURN ORDERS TO CLASS TEACHERS
BEFORE WEEK 5

VOOSC NEWS

VACATION CARE

Our vacation care program for the September/October break is ready (please get **your copy from the newsletter**). **We have started taking bookings so don't miss out!**

At the request of many children we have booked some favourites and some new and exciting activities that are sure to be popular. Full payment is required when booking please and all bookings are to be made in person.

We have provided card facilities for payment options via transfer or credit to enable families to book with ease.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

There have been many families requesting enrolment forms for next year.

As previously advised, to be fair to all families in our Community both current and future, enrolments for 2017 open on Kindi Orientation day in September.

We will not be rolling over current bookings so please think about your needs and be ready to enrol when advised. All enrolments will be dated when we receive them. This will determine where you are placed on the waiting list for next year.

All forms are to be collected and resubmitted in person please. This is the fairest method for all families.

VOOSC STARS

The recipients of stars this week have been chosen for excellent participation in our sports program.

All stars put in a maximum effort and at all times showed great listening skills and team spirit.

Congratulations to the following children and Welcome to the Wall of Fame

Adam V, Zara T , Paul G , Reuben R , Chloe LC, Elke N, Joe Z R, Matilda C

Warm regards

Voosc Team



Ticket Purchasing Instructions:

Early bird tickets \$85.00 available until 12th August, 2016

From 13th August, 2016 tickets will be \$110.00

Link to purchase tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/215074>

There are limited tickets available so please get in quick so you do not miss out.

General Event Information:

1. This is a fund raising event organised by the Cocktail Party Committee and Doyles on the Beach.
2. Ticket prices include canapé food and alcoholic beverages on the night.
3. There will be fantastic prizes available to purchase on the night.
4. All funds raised will be allocated toward improving the level of literacy and numeracy of the children, purchasing further IT equipment and school grounds equipment.
5. This is an adults only event, all and any adults are welcome.
6. It will be lots of fun so you do not want to miss out.

Premier's Reading Challenge Update



Don't forget the PRC closes next Friday August 19!

So make sure you have entered all the books you've read during the challenge into your online reading record before then to have your achievement recognised. Certificates are sent to schools and distributed at the end of term 4.

Happy reading!



free
CHILDREN'S
COMPETITION

WOOLLAHRA ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOLS SCULPTURE PRIZE 2016 ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

The environmental sculpture prize is open to all school students in the Woollahra area who love art and the environment.
This year's theme is 'Web of life - exploring connections in nature'.
Enter to win fantastic prizes!
Artworks will be included in the annual exhibition!

**ENTER
ONLINE**
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/essp
or call 9391 7095

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Dear Parents and Children

Welcome to the 2016 Walkathon being held on **Thursday 18th August, 2016.**

If the weather does not hold up we will have the Walkathon on Thursday 1st September, 2016. This year the children will walk within the school grounds. All children are invited to participate.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

The Event

- The School Sports Uniform should be worn on the day. Along with joggers and sunscreen.
- Students should bring a refillable water bottle with their name on it.
- We ask that each child provide some fruit prepared/cut up for the finish line where each class will have a fruit and water stand for the class, managed by parent volunteers.
- There will be water stations around the course.
- The walk should take approximately 1 hour.
- Parents, friends and relatives are invited to join us to assist on the water stations and support the children at this fun event.

Sponsorship

- Ask relatives, friends, neighbours and parents' work colleagues to sponsor your child per circuit or for a total amount.
- In the interests of safety, please ensure that children only seek sponsorship with parental supervision, and from people they know.

The money, together with sponsorship form, should be returned to the teacher by Monday 15th August, 2016.

Fund Collection

- Money can be returned to the class teacher in the form of cash or cheque made out to Vaucuse Parents Association.
- Funds can also be paid via credit card or direct transfer to the P&C account. Details of payment options will be provided on sponsor card.

This year we will be walking to raise money to allocate to teaching resources required at the school for the children and teachers.

Please contact your class parent if you have any questions.

GOOD LUCK!!!!

The link for more information for VPS

girls <http://eastsnetball.majestri.com/wsphome.aspx>

NETBALL
SUMMER COMPETITION

Junior Saturday Netball at
Waverley Park Netball Courts!

Commencing 17th October

Divisions for ages 7 to 17 years







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8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP
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VACATION CARE HOURS ONLY

VOOSC VACATION CARE

SEPT/OCT 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 2015
1 Child : \$45
Family : \$70

<p><u>Monday 26/09/16</u> <i>Ultimate Crazy Hair Disco</i></p>  <p>Enjoy a disco with a professional DJ and dance the day away at VOOSC</p> <p>DISCO STARTS AT 1:30PM See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$15</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 27/09/16</u> SKETCHING WALK AND LUNCH</p>  <p>Come along on a sketching adventure in our local area, finishing in Watson's Bay with Fish and Chips for Lunch</p> <p>DEPART 9:15am SHARP RETURN 3:00PM See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$12</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 28/09/16</u> Master Magician Jay Scott Berry</p>  <p>Join grandmaster magician, Jay Scott Berry, on a wondrous journey into pure imagination</p> <p>SHOW STARTS AT 9:15am SHARP See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$18</p>	<p><u>Thursday 29/09/16</u> MOVIES AT RITZ CINEMA RANDWICK</p>  <p>DEPART 10:45AM SHARP Movie To Be Advised INCLUDES POPCORN AND DRINK See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$16</p>	<p><u>Friday 30/09/16</u></p>  <p>DEPART 9:45AM SHARP Return: 4:30 PM See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$30</p>
<p><u>Monday 03/10/16</u></p> <p>CLOSED LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 04/09/16</u> ATTRACTIVITY</p>  <p>Ten pin bowling, ropes climbing course, dodgem track, crypt shooting gallery, laser frenzy & amusement games 2 hours of fun!</p> <p>DEPART FROM VOOSC 11:30am SHARP RETURN 4:00pm See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$24</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 05/09/16</u> Swimming at Cook & Phillip Pool</p>  <p>DEPART FROM VOOSC 10:00am SHARP RETURN 4:00 PM See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$10</p>	<p><u>Thursday 06/09/16</u> <i>The Great Chocolate Mystery</i></p>  <p>Join Sherlock Block and Miss Cocoa as they solve the mystery of chocolate on a journey of discovery through the Royal Botanic Gardens</p> <p>10:00am SHARP RETURN 4:00PM See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee + \$14</p>	<p><u>Friday 07/09/16</u> Picnic At Parsley Bay</p>  <p>DEPART: 11:00AM RETURN: 3:00 PM See Itinerary for full requirements Daily Fee</p>

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<u>Monday 10/10/16</u> School Resumes		 PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS	BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 19/09/16	<u>Please choose your days carefully</u> Bookings are non- refundable or transferable due to daily child/staff ratios, safety requirements and pre- booked activities
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