



**Learning and  
Growing Together**

# *The Vaucluse Weekly*

*Friday 19 August 2016 Term 3 Week*

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Miss Halford and 2F ready to ***Bolt*** at the Walkathon yesterday.

## *Principal's Report*

Dear Parents

This week we celebrated Science Week with Talia Butt's dad, Roy Butt. Roy is a science Educator at the Powerhouse Museum and he very generously gave an excellent presentation for the whole school on Wednesday afternoon. Our students loved his passion and his humour. There are some wonderful photos of some of the experiments our students participated in. Roy taught them how to do some interesting experiments with hair dryers so keep an eye on yours at home. A very big thank you to Talia Zantis who organised her Dad to be here on Wednesday.

We were blessed with magnificent weather on Thursday morning for our annual walkathon. Our students arrived at school on Thursday morning dressed as Olympians, or their favourite footie, soccer, or basketball player or rock star. There were even a couple of netballers and swimmers. Teachers had set up a number of obstacle courses to add some interest to the course. Miss Vial's bear cave which was part of the primary obstacle course was hugely popular. Leigh Coleman and 5C had compiled a wonderful play list for everyone to walk and dance to. We are not sure what the neighbours thought about the music but we loved it. Thank you to Siobhan Lamb who coordinated the walkathon. Thank you to all those parents who gave up their morning to help on the class tables, encourage our students, stamp walkathon sheets and cut up fruit. We had thought our students may have been over a walkathon but they had a wonderful time and really enjoyed walking with their mates and teachers. The break in routine was just the energiser we all needed. There has been so much sickness in our school of late. It was fabulous to see everyone out in the fresh air and sunshine. Walkathon money is due back to school next week. The class that successfully raises the most money will be treated to a pizza and movie afternoon in the library before the end of term. Please send money either to your class teacher or the office in an envelope with your child's name and class on it.

We are experiencing quite a few problems at the moment with baseball hats that are not part of our school uniform. These hats are being used as a type of currency and causing enormous stress on the playground. Teachers are spending quite a lot of time dealing with issues around these hats. There is a growing sense of competition that is manifesting into playground bullying. Baseball hats are not part of our school uniform. They are not sun safe. Please make sure your child has a school hat and wears it. We will be reinforcing our school rule: *School Hat On Play On*. If you are unable to find your child's school hat it is more than likely in our Lost Property baskets. There are a large number hats there at the moment along with various other pieces of clothing. Lost Property is located at the end of the hall in the main building.

The P&C have sent home books of raffle tickets with each child. There is an explanatory note with the tickets. If you are unable to sell the tickets please return them to school. If you are able to sell all the tickets please return money in an envelope to your child's teacher. Sascha Irvine and her team have put together some wonderful prizes for the raffle and it is certainly worth having a ticket in it. Tickets for the P&C cocktail party on Friday 9 September are quickly selling out. *Doyle's at Watsons Bay* have a limited number of spaces so we are encouraging everyone to get their tickets soon.

The school office is very busy at the moment. We are in the process of migrating our old system over to the new operating system. Corinne, Giselle and myself are involved in an extensive amount of training. They must also continue to simultaneously operate the old system. They are busier than usual and will need your understanding in the coming weeks. We are asking that you keep this in mind when visiting or ringing the office. Thank you.

*Maureen Hallahan*

### **The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### **The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

## Lost Property

Many of our dedicated staff, in their own time, collect, sort out and fold neatly the massive amount of lost property we accumulate over time. .... Some how it ends up looking like this? At the end of this Term (5 weeks away) every item not claimed or re-homed will be taken to a clothing bin.







*Science week with Mr Butt*







Some of our dedicated teachers and parents at the Walkathon this week. A very successful day as we can see from all the happy faces. We are so lucky to have our Vaucluse Public School community







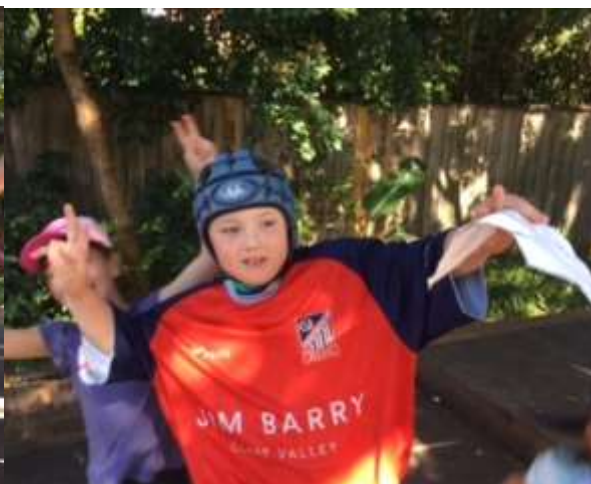
Mr Guzowski admiring Miss Halford's Bolt pose. Mielle and Co with Rosey.

The delightful Charlize with her besty Ms Johnson.

Parents—Richard (Corinne like's to call him *Mr fix it*) Jessica and Suzanne  
enjoying the sunshine and stamping!



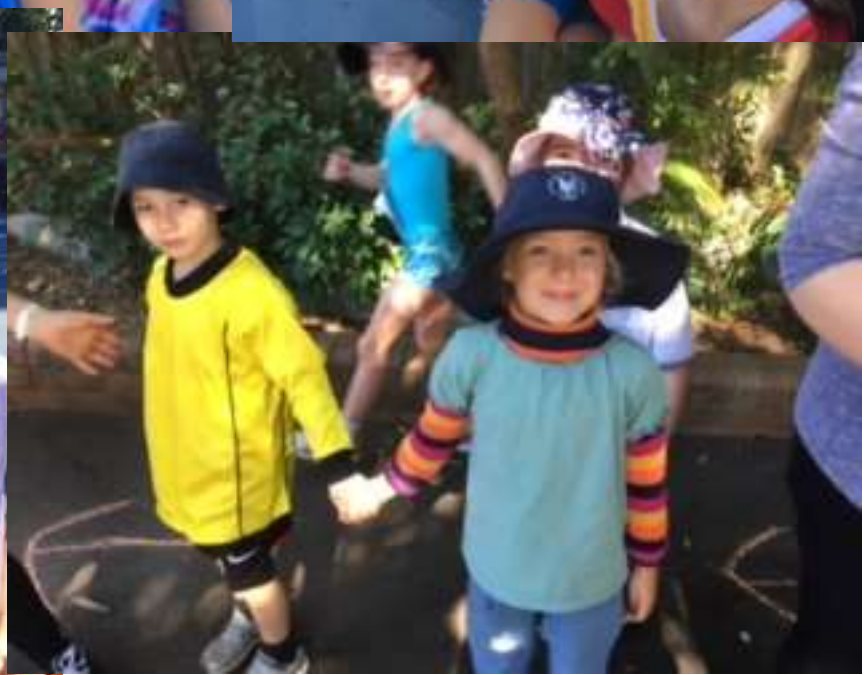




Yesterday's Walkathon.









### Ticket Purchasing Instructions:

Early bird tickets \$85.00 available until 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

From 13<sup>th</sup> 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.





This week in the kitchen  
Brigitte, Miss Sue Edwina Monty were busy in the kitchen this  
week.



## VOOSC NEWS

### Vacation Care Bookings are open.

All payments are to be made at the time of booking please. We have great activities planned which are always popular, so secure places for your children early. Print off your copy from the school newsletter for the kids to see.

We have card facilities for easy payment options.

### Enrolments for 2017

**It's** time to start thinking about your enrolment needs for 2017.

Enrolment for 2017 begins on the 07/09/16.

No current positions will automatically roll over.

### VOOSC Stars

Our stars for this week are the following children,

All kind and caring people who are always eager to be helpful to others.

You make our Wall of Fame shine!

Joshua. O, Sasha. N, Eliza. H, George .S, Shakked. G, Noah. T,  
Grace. K

Welcome to the VOOSC Wall of Fame. Warm regards

VOOSC Team








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# 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><b><u>Monday 26/09/16</u></b> <i>Ultimate Crazy Hair Disco</i></p>  <p>Enjoy a disco with a professional DJ and dance the day away at VOOSC</p> <p><b>DISCO STARTS AT 1:30PM</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$15</b></p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 27/09/16</u></b> <b>SKETCHING WALK AND LUNCH</b></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><b>DEPART 9:15am SHARP RETURN 3:00PM</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$12</b></p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 28/09/16</u></b> <b>Master Magician Jay Scott Berry</b></p>  <p>Join grandmaster magician, Jay Scott Berry, on a wondrous journey into pure imagination</p> <p><b>SHOW STARTS AT 9:15am SHARP</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$18</b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 29/09/16</u></b> <b>MOVIES AT RITZ CINEMA RANDWICK</b></p>  <p><b>DEPART 10:45AM SHARP Movie To Be Advised INCLUDES POPCORN AND DRINK</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$16</b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday 30/09/16</u></b></p>  <p><b>DEPART 9:45AM SHARP Return: 4:30 PM</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$30</b></p>
<p><b><u>Monday 03/10/16</u></b></p> <p><b>CLOSED LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 04/10/16</u></b> <b>ATTRACTIVITY</b></p>  <p>Ten pin bowling, ropes climbing course, dodgem track, crypt shooting gallery, laser frenzy &amp; amusement games 2 hours of fun!</p> <p><b>DEPART FROM VOOSC 11:30am SHARP RETURN 4:00pm</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$24</b></p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday 05/10/16</u></b> <b>Swimming at Cook &amp; Phillip Pool</b></p>  <p><b>DEPART FROM VOOSC 10:00am SHARP RETURN 4:00 PM</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 06/10/16</u></b> <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><b>10:00am SHARP RETURN 4:00PM</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee + \$14</b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday 07/10/16</u></b> <b>Picnic At Parsley Bay</b></p>  <p><b>DEPART: 11:00AM RETURN: 3:00 PM</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>Daily Fee</b></p>

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