



**Learning and  
Growing Together**

# The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 26 August 2016 Term 3 Week 6

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Preparations in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen this week.  
Such a beautiful space to work in.

## *Principal's Report*

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who have quickly returned their Walkathon money, raffle tickets and purchased a ticket for the cocktail party on September 9 2016. The cocktail party committee have put in a tremendous effort for our school. The raffle prizes are all worth winning. We very much appreciate the huge amount of work that has gone into this fund raiser. The effect this has on school wellbeing is quite extraordinary. Not only do we raise funds for resources for the school but we get to see tangible evidence of how the community supports and cares about our school. This is a wonderful thing for students and staff to experience. It does a great deal to boost morale and gives us all a strong sense of having a shared goal. The shared goal of our students is an incredibly worthwhile one. It is also easy to see the positive outcomes of your collective efforts. You only need to visit classrooms at the moment to receive positive feedback on the P&C purchased dictionaries and thesauri to see how worthwhile the community support is.

We are trying to encourage the return of Walkathon money as soon as possible so that the winning class can be identified. The class that raises the most money will be treated to a Pizza and movie afternoon before the term ends.

Thank you to parents for their patience and understanding regarding the postponement of the Book Week Parade and Book Fair. Our Book Week activities will continue next week. Nicki Steevens will do author talks in the library and the Book fair will continue. If you have not donated a book to the library as part of our Book Week celebrations, pop in either before or after school next week. Julie Lord who works in our school as a Learning and Support Officer has created some beautiful art works with our students for the library. We have included some photos in the newsletter but do take the opportunity to pop into the library and see them. Julie is a professional artist and is also completing her Bachelor of Education. We are very fortunate to have such artistic talent in our school and an unofficial artist in residence. Julie is also very generous with her time and expertise and she freely shares her creativity with staff and students.

Another very creative, talented and generous member of staff is Adam Gruzowski who is teaching 2A. In the body of the newsletter is an Expression of Interest for a guitar group. Adam is a talented musician and will be starting a before school guitar group. If your child is interested in joining the group please send the EOI back to school as soon as possible.

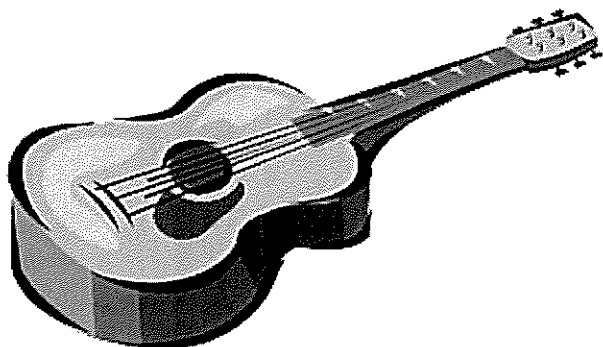
The students and staff at Vacluse Public School are participating in the Tell Them From Me survey. This survey gauges student and staff views on a wide range of activities happening at our school. There is an opportunity for parents to participate. There is a letter of explanation in the body of the newsletter. The following is the link for parents to access the survey. <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/r3pxv>

We are also looking forward to sharing breakfast with our dads next Friday 2 September. Notes went out this week inviting dads and requesting donations for the Fathers' Day stall. So next week will be a very busy one for the Vacluse Public school community. We look forward to seeing lots of you here.

*Maureen Hallahan*

**Charlie and Anneke proudly wearing their school hats. Lets all do the same!**





Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

### **Expression of Interest – Guitar Group**

Dear Parents,

At Vaocluse P.S we are lucky enough to have the musical talents of Mr Adam Guzowski teaching 2A. He has kindly offered to teach a small guitar group during lunch time once a week. Students who would like to be involved in this group would need to bring in their own guitar and make a commitment to attend practice sessions each week. Once established, we envisage the guitar group would perform at a number of school assemblies.

We are asking that the expression of interest form be completed and returned to the office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016 as places are limited and Mr Guzowski is excited to start as soon as possible.

Philippa Allen

Assistant Principal

Maureen Hallahan

Principal

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### **Expression of Interest – Guitar Group**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending weekly guitar sessions taught by Mr Adam Guzowski. I understand that regular attendance is required and that they need to provide their own guitar.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The time of departure of the school bus from Vaucluse has changed to 3.40 ( 13 minutes later than before) to give students more time to make their way to the school bus stop*

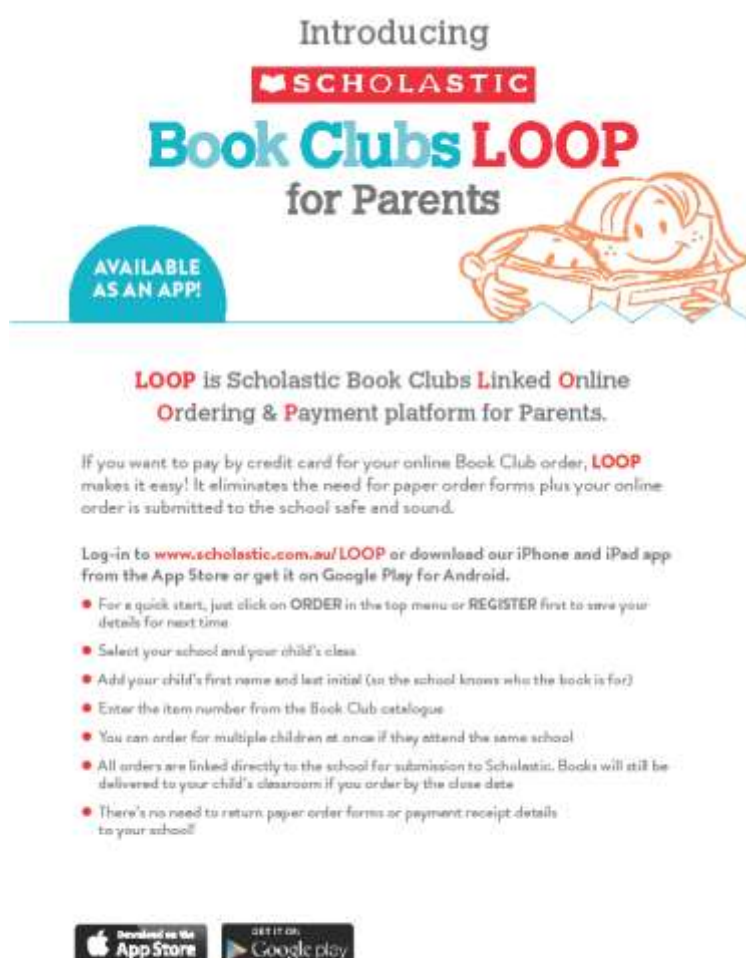
Hello Parents

Term three Book Club brochure has been delivered! Please check your children's school bags. Book club is a fantastic and well-priced way to buy lovely books for your children or as gifts for others.

If you wish to purchase, on-line orders need to be completed by **Tuesday 6th September, 5:00pm**. Scholastic has developed an online ordering system to make ordering even easier.

Attached is a flyer from Scholastic outlining the instructions to order using LOOP.

Please do not send  
money /cash to the school



Introducing

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Clubs LOOP**  
for Parents

AVAILABLE  
AS AN APP!

**LOOP** is Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online**  
**Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

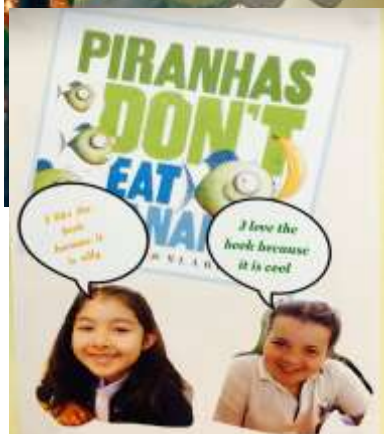
Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

Download on the  
App Store

GET IT ON  
Google play

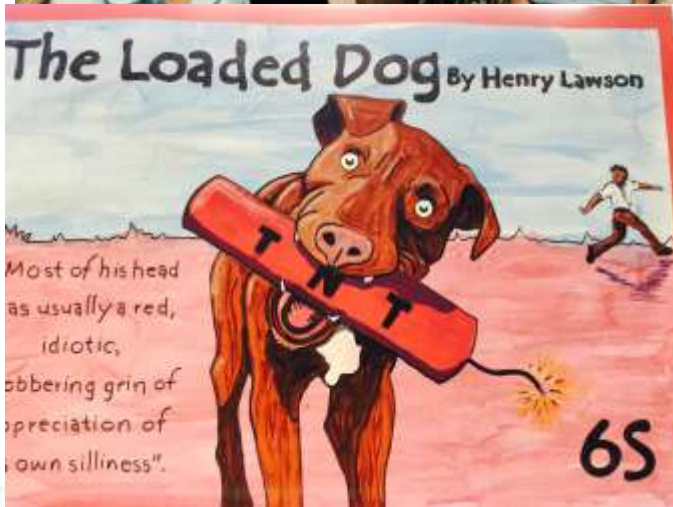




Some of the work of our Artist in Residence, Julie Lord and our students as part of Bookweek.

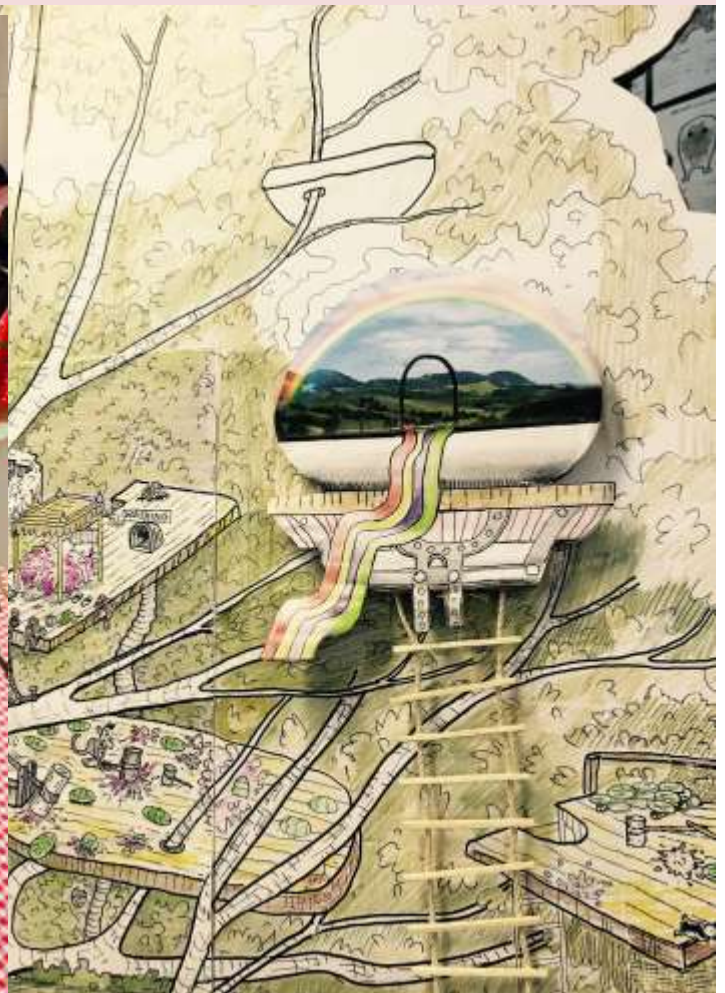






More beautiful works of art.

Mr Styles and 6S *The Loaded Dog*







MR HUFF by Anna Walker

Mr Huff gets bigger when...	Mr Huff gets smaller when...
Mr Huff gets bigger when I get upset Also if I get angry	Mr Huff gets smaller when I have people over

GOING TO LUNA PARK WITH LUNA.

Eating ice cream.

Playing Minecraft with my friends.

Going to the zoo.

Watching the sun go down.

ICECREAM WHILE PLAYING ON THE XBOX.

Watching Harry Potter.

Swimming in my pool.

GOING TO TOYS R US.

Going to the beach on day.

But what would happen in your perfect day???

A story about the activities that make a perfect day for three children exploring the countryside.

perfect











Kindergarten and their *Buddies* reading and drawing together this week







This week in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.  
Miss Butt adds the finishing touches







## BASEBALL AT VOOSC

On **Wednesday afternoons** we are having Baseball lessons between **4:00-5:00pm**.

This has been such a great experience for the kids and many have discovered they have skills they were unaware of!

The lessons start with a huge warm up with Victor, who guides them through numerous exercises of mindfulness, running and stretching movements to prepare them for the game.

The group are split between three rotating stations to focus on developing skills in catching and throwing between bases and understanding the concept of team communication and of course batting.

The batting has been unbelievable! Our kids have really given it their best and have taken on board the instructions given to them.

We just could have some future Baseball stars in our midst, thanks to Victor!

So that all children can really benefit from a full session and the opportunity to be a part of this experience, please be mindful of the time frame of the activity and where possible, please collect children when the lesson has finished.

## VACATION CARE

We are taking bookings for Vacation care. Loads of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Swimming, Interactive Theatre, Magician, Luna Park, Attractivity and **more..... Book in now and support your Community Centre!**

Card facilities for easy payment options when booking.

## VOOSC STARS

Our VOOSC stars this week have shown great listening skills, team work and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following children.

Oscar. S Claudia. J Tom. L Audrey. J

Warm regards,

VOOSC Team

### **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>





## Rosemary Infused Roasted Potato & Sweet Potato

### Equipment

chopping boards  
chef's knife  
peeler  
roasting tray  
greaseproof paper

### What to do

The best potatoes to use for roasting are bintje, pink eye, patrone or desiree. The waxy varieties.

Preheat oven to 180C.

1. Peel and wash potatoes. Cut potatoes into similar sizes. You can also just scrub the skins of the potatoes and wipe dry with paper towel to remove the dirt.

2. Toss in oil of your choice. Coconut oil, Olive oil (we made Rosemary infused olive oil a few weeks ago), Duck or Goose fat will all give a crispier roast potato.

3. Sprinkle over some Rosemary infused salt (We made a few weeks earlier) Spread evenly on a roasting tray and crack some black pepper over. Bake until golden and crisp.

### Ingredients

Sweet potatoes  
Potatoes  
We used Rosemary Infused  
Olive oil  
Rosemary Seasalt  
Freshly cracked pepper

### From the Garden

Rosemary



## White Bean Dip

### Equipment

Pot  
Strainer  
Bowl  
Spoon  
blender

### What to do

1. Soak the lima beans overnight in a bowl of water.
2. The next day strain the beans and put in a pot of water. ( about 2 inches above beans).
3. Bring to the boil and simmer until cooked. (About half an hr).
4. Strain but keep cooking liquid. Blend cooked beans, lemon juice, garlic, S & P, olive oil and some of the cooking liquid.
5. Blend until smooth. You may need to do this in batched depending on the size of your blender or food processor.
6. It will become firmer once cooled. Drizzle with olive oil and serve with lightly toasted flat bread.

### Ingredients

1 pkt Lima beans, dried  
1 clove of garlic crushed  
olive oil  
S & P  
juice of 1-2 lemons





## Tabouleh

### Equipment

Chopping Board  
 Chefs knife  
 2 x mixing Bowls  
 Lemon Juicer  
 Table Spoon  
 Salad Spinner  
 Collander

### What to do

1. Place cracked wheat in a bowl and cover with hot water so water is about 2 cm over the wheat. Cover with cling wrap and set aside to soak for 10 minutes – or until water is absorbed. If after 10 minutes there is excess water use a colander or sieve to drain it all off.  
 If using Quinoa, follow cooking instructions on pack. (I like to cook it absorption style like rice).

### Ingredients

1 cup cracked wheat (burghul) or quinoa (for gluten free option) or cous cous  
 1 long cucumber, washed and diced  
 2 large tomatoes or 1 cup cherry tomatoes  
 3 spring onions or 1 red onion  
 20 parsley stalks  
 15 mint leaves  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 lemon, juiced  
 Salt and Pepper  
 1 clove garlic, crushed  
 Allspice, to taste  
 Olive Oil  
 1 sweet cabbage, finely chopped  
 ½ bunch rocket, finely sliced

### From the garden

Parsley  
 Mint  
 lemon  
 cabbage  
 rocket

2. While the wheat is soaking prepare all vegetables and place in a large silver bowl.

- Wash and dry parsley and mint, remove stalks and chop finely.
- Wash cucumber and finely dice – add to bowl.
- Wash tomato and finely dice – add to bowl.
- Finely slice cabbage – add to bowl.
- Finely slice rocket and add to bowl.

- In a separate bowl (small silver bowl). Wash spring onions or onion, top and tail to remove outer leaves and stems and slice finely. Add the allspice and season with salt.

3. Squeeze lemon juice and combine with olive oil to make dressing.

4. Place drained cracked wheat into bowl with vegetables and add dressing. Season with pepper and mix well.

Serve with flat bread, dips, falafel or meatballs.



### 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.