



Friday 2 September 2016 Term 3 Week 7

Welcome to the Magical world of
Book Week 2016.....

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

We have been delighted to extend Book Week into a second week at Vaocluse PS. Our students have participated in Buddy reading sessions this week. Each class has also participated in a workshop with our very own resident author Nicki Steevens. Nicki has discussed self-publishing, crowd funding and looked at the different processes that are involved in writing and publishing a book. Nicki has discussed with our students the challenges of finding a publisher, working with editors and illustrators. She has also discussed the structural parts of a book and the implications of this for publishing. I was fortunate to be able to sit in on the Year 4 workshop. Nicki's knowledge of publishing is extensive and our students were spellbound. The questions our students asked were thoughtful and insightful. I am sure we have a number of budding authors in the school. Nikki was a wonderful role model and the experience of working with an author they know is a valuable one.

The Book Week Character Parade today was a wonderful one. The photos in the body of the newsletter capture some of the creativity that was present today. Parents, students and teachers went to a great deal of trouble to create imaginative costumes. Our Parade was led very capably by our wonderful librarian, Laura Caesar who excelled dressed as Mem Fox's Green Sheep. Miriam Weiss very capably led all of the K-2 students in a special song about books. Our drama group performed the play they had previously showcased in the NSW DEC Drama Festival. The day was full of joy and our students had a wonderful time. Thank you to all those parents who took the time to visit the library and donate a book to our collection.

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their Walkathon money and bought tickets in the raffle for the cocktail party. We are all looking forward to the cocktail party. There have been a large number of people working behind the scenes to ensure the night is a big success. We at school very much appreciate the hard work and effort our P&C is putting into this fund raiser.

The students in K-2 have made a huge effort to wear the wide brimmed school hat in the last two weeks as we have requested. One of the challenges we are facing is the fact that there many students in 3-6 still wearing baseball hats that are not school uniform. This fact is pointed out to me regularly by many K-2 students, especially the boys. They rightly ask why so many of our 3-6 students are still wearing baseball hats when they have to wear the wide brimmed school hat. We would very much appreciate the support of parents in 3-6 in helping us bring a sense of justice to the whole school.

Next Wednesday is 2017 Kindergarten Orientation. If you have a student coming to our school in 2017 and you have not enrolled please contact Corinne in the Admin office before next Wednesday to secure your place at the Orientation and our fourth term *Stay and Play* Program.

Parent volunteers have almost completed the covering of guided readers for our literacy program. There are still a number of books in the office so if you have some time please drop by the office to collect a bag of books. The contact has been pre-cut and one of our wonderful parents who has covered an enormous amount of books this year tells me it is the perfect activity to do when watching *The Bachelor*.

A reminder to all parents who use the bottom gate at Village High Road that it will be locked each morning at 9.45am. We have a number of absconders in our school and it is vital that we have all gates locked. If you use the Cambridge Street entrance, please make sure you close the gate behind you.

Happy Fathers' day to all our dads at Vaocluse.

Maureen Hallahan





As part of our Book Week celebrations, students in Years 2-6 visited Miss Steevens in the Library to learn about the process of publishing a picture book (and to have a sneak peek at her first picture book which is currently being published). Students in Year 2, 3 and 4 constructed a class picture book while students in Year 5 and 6 explored the world of publishing and Crowd funding.











Our very creative and playful teachers at Book Week











Stella, who cannot wait for Kindergarten Orientation next Wednesday also joined in our Book Week fun!!!

We cannot wait for you to join Kindergarten in 2017 Stella!





The inclement weather this morning did not deter our wonderful Vaucluse Public School teachers and staff from putting on one of the most successful father's Day Breakfast to date. The students and their very patient fathers were all smiles enjoying their breakfast together under their umbrellas.

Well done team Vaucluse



We are so proud of our Netball Champions *The Vaocluse Vikings!* They have achieved so much in such a short time with the assistance of super woman Jaquee and coach Karen. This weekend they will be playing the Grand Final at Heffron Park.

The Team : Mia ,Jamali , Chai ,Sascha, Emily ,Daisy, Ruby , Tilly , Olive and SophieSophie Lambert



3-6 Writing Competition

Students were invited to retell a famous Australian story in exactly 50 words. No more, no less, exactly 50 words long. Here is a selection of the entries.

WINNER!!

The Great Bear by Sophie 4A

Once there was a bear who could dance. If she wouldn't or couldn't she would be tortured and have sticks and stones thrown at her. One day she came to a village and wouldn't perform. **ROAR!** She scared all the villagers away and with a final leap become history forevermore.



Mulga Bill's Bicycle by Ami 6S

Mulga Bill had a bright idea. He left his, old, trusty horse and hurried into town. He walked into the shop with arrogance and walked out with a new bicycle. He jumped on and sped down the hill. He crashed into the creek and went back to his old horse.

The Great Bear by Katina 6S

Stuck in a cage all day and being poked and hit all night by stick and stones. What is she? She's the Great Bear. A circus bear in fact. People shout at night for the bear to dance. Will she break free from torture? Jumping for freedom, anything is possible.



Pig the Pug by Emily and Daisy 4A

Once there was a dog called Pig who lived in a flat with another dog called Trevor. Pig the pug never shared anything with anyone. One day he made a pile of toys, stood on it and fell out of the window. That was the end of Pig the Pug.

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

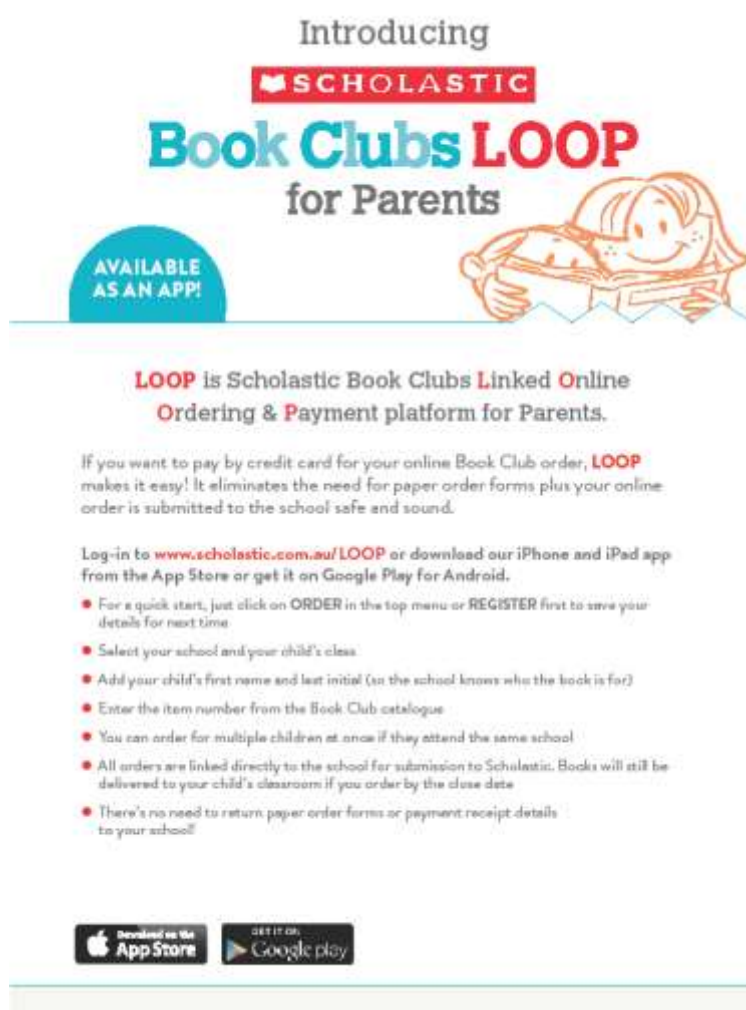
Hello Parents

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.

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VOOSC NEWS

ENROLMENT FOR 2017

To coincide with Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday 07/09/16, all positions for 2017 will become vacant.

Families who currently hold permanent positions, please be aware that you will be required to reapply and enrol your children for the coming year.

Forms can be collected from VOOSC only, from Wednesday 07/09/16 onwards.

Your positions will be determined by the receipt of your completed enrolment forms, along with the inclusion of copies of all required attachments as stated on the checklist for enrolments. No exceptions will be made.

We will as always, be following the Guidelines for Priority of Access as set down by the Australian Federal Government.

If you are unsure of how Priority of Access applies to your family, please read all of the attached paperwork on your enrolment forms when you collect them from VOOSC.

Before submitting please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate and correct boxes for your family circumstances.

Vacation Care

Bookings for Vacation Care are now being accepted. Full payment is required at the time of booking please. Card facilities are available for easy payment options.

VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the following children who have made the VOOSC Wall of Fame this week.

Annabelle. R

Annabelle you have received your star for being a whiz at Jigsaw puzzles.

You always take on a challenge with enthusiasm and see it through to the end. Well done Annabelle!

Jamali

Jamali, you have received your star for creativity in art projects and for constantly being so kind to others. A true star!

Warm Regards, VOOSC Team