

# The Vaucluse Weekly

**Friday 27 October, 2017 Term 4 Week 3**

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Year 6 Popcorn Sale / V-Flix	Thursday 2 November
Sculpture By The Sea	Friday 3 November
Kindergarten Stay and Play 2	Wednesday 8 November
Kindergarten Stay and Play 3	Wednesday 15 November
K-2 Athletics Carnival	Friday 17 November
Presentation Day	Monday 11 December
Class Parties	Wednesday 13 December
School Assembly	Thursday 14 December
	Friday 15 December



**Great Book Swap!**


Dear Maureen,

I would like to thank you for allowing me to be part of Vaucluse Public School this year. I have had the most amazing experiences and have learn so much from the time I have spent at VPS.

When I first came to Vaucluse Public School for my Professional Experience I was so nervous and had no idea what to expect or what I would get out of the ten weeks that I would be spending with Philippa and 4A. Little did I know I entered an environment that encourages learning not only for students but for teachers and allows them to make mistakes and learn and grow. I entered an environment that caters for every need of the students and the staff and goes above and beyond for those who need it the most. One of the first things I noticed was that every staff member valued each other for who they are and everyone is supportive of each other through everything. I entered a place that embraces all cultures big or small and makes everyone feel welcome and appreciated for who they are and where they come from. Vaucluse Public School is a place where individuals can shine and students can be creative, spark flavour and rise in any opportunity given or made available to them. A place where students overcome fears and become someone they believe can do anything they set their mind to.

I not only learnt from teachers that were around me I learnt from the amazing students I saw everyday. They taught me the best ways to teach and how they learn and what they can do that's not measured by a test or read in a book. I found out that if the students know you believe in them and are there to help them learn rather than just standing in front of them and talking you might get someone to teach someone else or help them find a talent they didn't know they had. You can make them feel proud of themselves every day and make sure they know who they are inside and out.

One of the best parts of my time at VPS has been the knowledge I have gained from other staff members but I feel like the luckiest person in the world to have been taught by Philippa. She was the best Professional Experience teacher that I got to work with



throughout my time at university. The wealth of knowledge she has shared with me and that she continues to share with me is amazing and she will always be someone I will look to for advice and support. Philippa has made me the teacher you see now and she gave me a love for teaching I thought I would never have. Philippa and your school changed my mind about teaching completely and during my time at VPS I have fallen in love with teaching. There are good days and bad but at the end of every day I can still say I love what I am doing which makes me really proud. I am so happy I am back this term casual teaching for you I have loved every second so far and I can't wait to see what happens for the rest of this term and for any future opportunities that may arise.

Most importantly I want to thank you for always believing in me and allowing me to grow and learn and make mistakes. You and the executive made me feel like I was in a place I never wanted to leave. You gave me a strength I didn't know I had and a knowledge I will always remember.

Thank you so much for everything you have done for me this year I will always be so incredibly grateful.

Kind Regards

Ashton



# *The Principal's Report*

Dear Parents

Yesterday we were treated to a wonderful lunch and treats by the students in the Baha'i class and their parents. A very big thank you to Shideh who puts an enormous effort into celebrating and acknowledging World Teacher Appreciation Day every year. In all my years of teaching I have not ever had anything like it until I came to Vacluse PS. Each year Shideh has excelled herself in her preparation of the Bahai students. The staff and I were quite overwhelmed by the Baha'i students and their thoughtfulness. Thank you for the delicious lunch and treats. Your care has come at a very good time as the demands of fourth term begin to gather momentum.

Yesterday morning one of our parents reported several incidents of dangerous driving by one parent in our school. The report was complete with photographs that were passed on to the Rose Bay police. We know the parent belonged to our school because they dropped their little person in the staff car park and almost collected Mrs Weiss as she tried to get into the car park. In desperation we rang Rose Bay police and they came this morning. In the half an hour before school they booked no less than fifteen parents in Cambridge Avenue. One parent who parked in the driveway of the staff car park received multiple fines as did several others. The sergeant of police who attended this morning said that he visits many schools in the east but he was shocked at the driving behaviour of our parents. He was staggered at the number of incidents he witnessed where children's lives were put at risk. He said that we were definitely the worst school he had attended and it was a miracle that we have not had an injured child. The sergeant was so concerned he said he would return on a regular basis. I am not sure what we have to do to make sure the school is safe for all our students but surely if every single one of us kept in mind that we need to drive safely we could make a difference. I think we all need to be very concerned for our children.

Next week will be a very big week. On Tuesday Year 6 are organising a lunchtime Halloween disco to raise funds for the Year 6 camp. We are looking forward to our very own film festival at the Randwick Ritz on Thursday 2 November. Due to a thunderstorm forecast we had to postpone Sculptures By the Sea to next Friday 3 November. Some of our senior students will be participating in Battle of the Minds next Thursday at Rose Bay PS. And amidst all of that we will be getting on with the business of learning.

A big thank you to Krista Kelser and her team who organised a fabulous cocktail party last Friday night. It was wonderful to see so many generous people getting behind our kids. There was a great atmosphere and I loved the way people put such an effort in to include everyone. Many of our staff attended and they also commented on how welcome they were made to feel. We are really looking forward to see how much we have made. Thank you to those parents who donated all the wonderful prizes and thank you to those who bought them. When we get our new grass laid I know that there will be some very appreciative children (and Teachers).

*Maureen Hallahan*









Teacher Appreciation lunch from our Baha'i students, Shideh and her team of lovely parents.

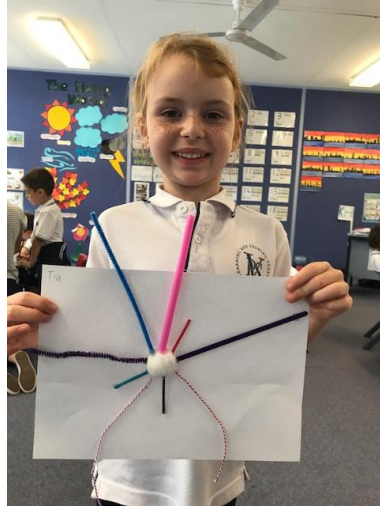




When the weather ruins an excursion to Sculptures  
By the Sea, KH creates their own...

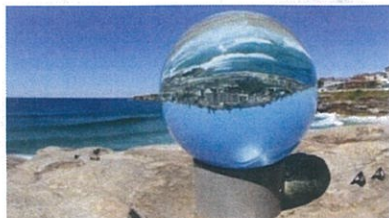






We hope it doesn't rain  
next Friday!





Dear Parents,

**Please note: A new signed Permission Note is required for this excursion.**

On Friday, 3 November 2017 K-6 will visit Sculptures by the Sea. The students will depart from School at 9.30 am and travel by bus to Bondi, where they will view the sculptures en route to Marks Park. At Marks Park, students will picnic with their buddies.

From there Kindergarten students will be picked up at 1.30pm to return to school at approximately 2pm. Students in years 1 – 6 will proceed to Bronte where they will be collected at 2pm to return to school at approximately 2.30pm.

Students must wear school sport uniform, school hat and sunscreen. Recess, lunch, water bottles and snacks must be carried in a light backpack.

If you have not paid the cost of \$10 please do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan. If you choose not to pay, an alternative program will be provided for your child.

Staff members with emergency care training and CPR are Tom Styles and Philippa Allen.

This permission note should be returned to class teachers by **Tuesday, 31 October 2017.**

Talia Butt (R/Assistant Principal Stage 1)  
27 October 2017

Maureen Hallahan (Principal)

*Maureen Hallahan*

**-----Detach and Return-----**

I consent to .....of class..... participating in an excursion to Sculpture by the Sea on Friday 3 November 2017.

Special needs of my child of which you should be aware. Tick the relevant box(es) and provide full details.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional information provided on a separate sheet(s) attached.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Illness or medical condition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	
<input type="checkbox"/> Allergy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Condition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injury	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medication Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student carrying medication such as Ventolin	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile telephone number in case of emergency	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please complete fully and accurately as the teacher will refer to this information before and during the excursion.	

To the best of my knowledge he or she has no medical condition, disability, allergy, dietary condition, injury or other reason which will put him or her at risk in participation in this activity. I understand that students are not permitted to take mobile telephones on excursions or other variations to routine. The organising teacher will take a mobile telephone for emergency use.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

**Insurance:** Parents, please note that there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to any school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in a program offered by the school when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

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## Transition to School Program 2017- Stay and Play Kindergarten 2018



Our community invites your child to join us in our special Transition to School Program: Stay & Play. Your child will meet teachers and other school staff. Each student will be assigned a 'buddy' to look after them in their first year. Kindergarten 2018 will experience learning activities, become familiar with the school's facilities and learn about the simple everyday organisational matters such as drop-off and pick-up points.

**Week 1: Wednesday 25 October 2017 09:30—11:30**

Children are invited into the Kindy classrooms for activities focusing on Literacy and Numeracy. A general information session will be held for parents regarding school routines, uniforms, before and after school care, etc. Please bring a light snack and a drink for your child.

**Week 2: Wednesday 8 November 2017—09:30-11:30**

Children are invited into the Kindy classrooms for activities focusing on Science, Technology and the Creative Arts. Please bring a light snack and drink for your child.

**Week 3: Wednesday 15 November 2017— 09:30 –11:30**

The children will participate in outdoor activities focusing on our Physical Education program and the Stephanie Alexander Garden. Please pack a light morning tea for your child such as an apple and a drink.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the 2018 Kindy students to see and experience what actually happens at school.







Vacluse Public School

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## *Halloween Disco*

Dear Parents

On Tuesday 31 October 2017 our Year 6 students will be organising a Halloween Lunchtime Disco to raise funds for the 2017 Year 6 Farewell.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are asked to come dressed in their favourite Halloween outfit and bring a gold coin to school. This gold coin is their entry fee to the Halloween Disco. Weather permitting the Disco will take place outside on the Multipurpose Sports Field. On Tuesday teachers will be conducting a number of Halloween activities in the classroom.

Thank you for your cooperation with all things Halloween.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan  
Principal

27 October 2017

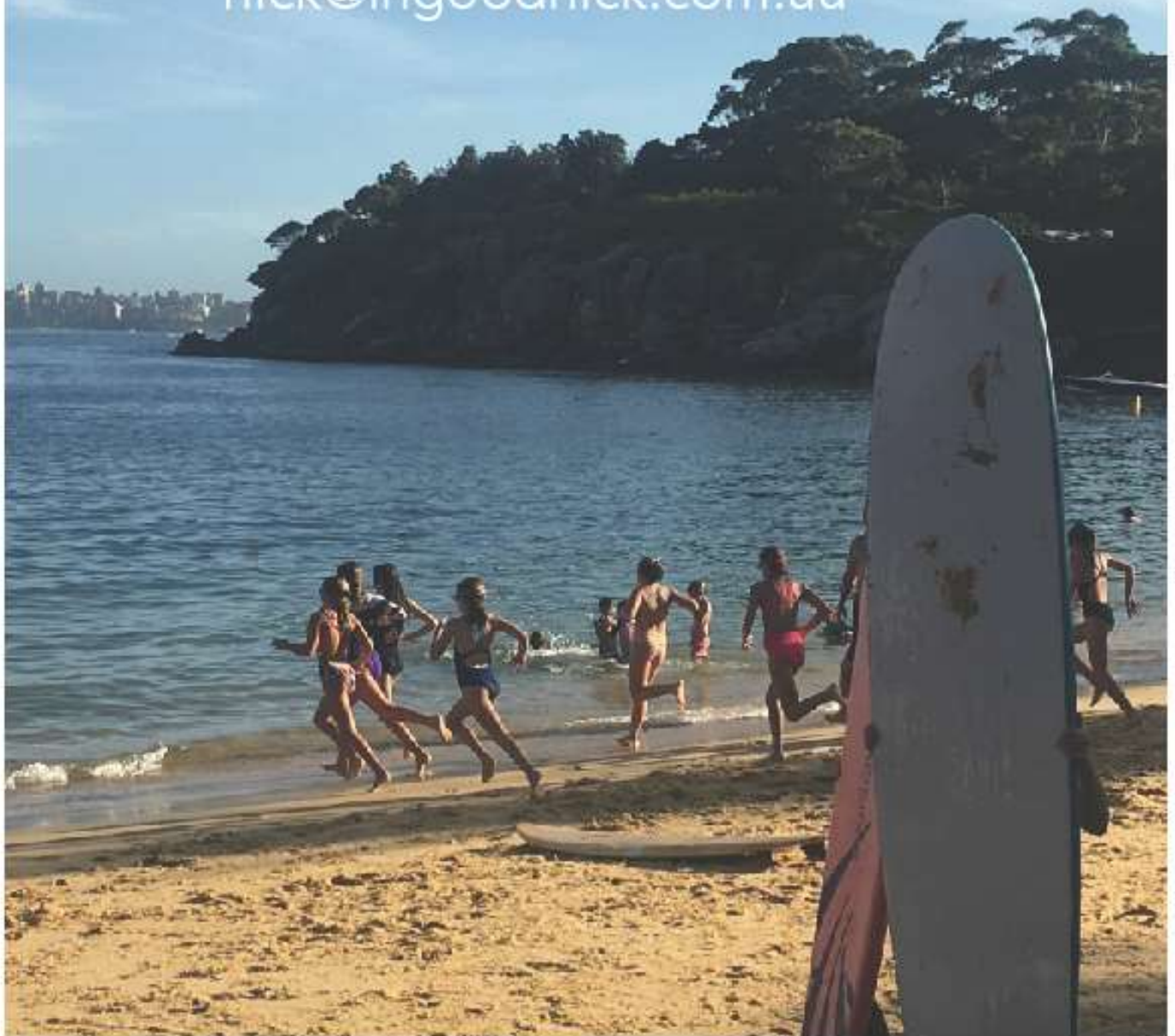
# VAUCLUSE BEACH SPORTS

For KIDS aged 5-11

Starts: Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>

Nick 0425 251 565

[nick@ingoodnick.com.au](mailto:nick@ingoodnick.com.au)







# Kale chips with roasted carrot Hummus

## Equipment

- Baking tray
- Baking paper
- Chopping board
- Chef Knives
- Food processor

## What to do

1. Preheat the oven to 200 C. Cut the Carrots and toss them with the olive oil, salt, and pepper. Place them on a baking sheet and roast for 20 minutes, or until tender and browning along the edges.
2. In the meantime, prepare Kale chips: Wash kale. Dry thoroughly with a tea towel. Cut stems off kale and discard and cut kale leaves into small pieces the size of regular chips.
3. In a bowl, drizzle enough olive to gently coat leaves and rub the oil into each leaf with your hands. Add salt.
4. Place kale chips onto half sheet tray equal distance from each other. Avoid overcrowding.
5. Cook for approximately 10 minutes. Check after 7-8 minutes, and rotate half sheet tray to cook evenly. Let it cool.
6. Come back to the Hummus: Place the chickpeas in a food processor along with the carrots, olive oil, salt and pepper, cumin, paprika, garlic, and lemon juice.
7. Pulse a few times to break it all down. Turn the motor on and drizzle in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of chickpeas water slowly or sufficient to obtain a creamy texture.
8. When the hummus is perfectly smooth, transfer it to a serving dish and drizzle a tablespoon of olive oil over it. Serve with Kale chips.

## Ingredients

### For Kale Chips

- 1 bunch of kale leaves
- olive oil as necessary
- Sea salt as necessary

### For the Carrot Hummus

- 4 large carrots, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Sea salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 cup chickpeas, cooked
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, for drizzling (optional)
- Parsley for decoration

### From The Garden

- Kale
- Carrots
- Parsley



## Big Note School of Music

Why not get in early for 2018!

Dear Parents

The Big Note School of Music has been providing individual music instrumental lessons for the children of Vacluse Public School since 2003. We also conduct two ensembles featuring VPS students in the form of Guitar Ensemble and Rock Band, the 2030's. The school features lessons in popular instruments such as guitar, piano, bass, drum kit, and all wind instruments, taught by highly experienced professional music tutors and performers. We also provide two wonderful performance nights at the end of terms two and four. Opportunities for lesson times come up on occasion and a couple of openings for piano are now available.

We would like to announce that there are two available lesson times for piano, one on Monday and one Tuesday after school.

Lessons at Big Note occur at the Lower Campus of VPS, Mon- Thurs after school.

Please contact Chris Wilson for info:

Mobile phone-0425 291 877

Or [bignotemusicschool@gmail.com](mailto:bignotemusicschool@gmail.com)



Dear Parents

## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 10 October 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> on 10 October 2017 and closes on 13 November 2017. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely



Tom Styles  
R/Assistant Principal Stage 3

Maureen Hallahan  
Principal

23 October 2017

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### Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in 2019	YES	NO
If Yes <b>EITHER</b>		
I have internet access and will be applying online	YES	NO
I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application	YES	NO

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.