



The Vaucluse Weekly

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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
Last Day of Term 4	Friday 15 December



Mielle , brother Phoenix and mum Saccha at the *Stay in Bed Day* yesterday.

Phoenix with the help of our school hosted the day to help raise money for Mitochondrial Disease (MITO) . All our generous funds will go towards research.

Well done Phoenix!
 Your friends and family, especially Mielle are very proud of you.

The Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Please find enclosed in the newsletter a copy of the Department of Education's Parents Guide to Attendance. Please read it carefully. The guide outlines procedures for taking leave from school, sick leave and partial absences. The department monitors each school's attendance rates. School success is linked very closely to attendance and it is important that each child attends consistently. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to your teacher or contact Corinne to make an appointment.

I have also included in this week's newsletter the school's Awards Policy . As we approach Presentation Day the staff has begun to discuss the nominations for various awards. This takes place initially as a whole staff discussion with all members having input. We also collect information throughout the year and this also contributes to the decision making. The staff also look at the historical records of students who have received awards in the past and take this into consideration. It is a very challenging job. Staff find it particularly difficult to choose their class awardees. The staff lobby each year to increase the number of class awards. Time and money prevent us from increasing these. There are valuable lessons learnt at Presentation Day. The staff do not believe that everyone should get an award each year however we do believe that everyone should have the opportunity by the time they finish their school life at Vacluse Public School to receive at least one award on Presentation day.

Tuesday was a deeply distressing day for us as we listened to the events at Banksia Road Public School unfold. We sent our good wishes and support and we will also think of how we can best show our care and concern. It certainly reinforced the necessity for parents not to use the staff car park and to drive and park safely in our school zone. Sadly there are parents who still use the car park. What is of extreme concern is that these parents use the car park because they are in a hurry and do not have time to park elsewhere. This increases the risk as they drive without care. It is time that our school community has some hard conversations about the lack of care around driving behaviour in our school before we have our own tragedy.

Maureen Hallahan





Maestro Codey from Class 4A



More letters from our concerned community in regards to unsafe driving and parking around our school.



Dear Corinne,

This morning, Thursday 26th October at approximately 8:05am I witnessed the following;

Mercedes convertible silver 2 door licence plate SB7775

had pulled into & stopped in the entrance to the staff car park to drop a child/ren off for school. Male driver then reversed out to the left with the rear of the vehicle going part over the pedestrian crossing.

Ms Weiss was in her white car and had stopped prior to the pedestrian crossing to allow the Mercedes to reverse and clear the entrance to the car park.

At this stage there were a number of children and parents walking across the roads to enter the school front gate.

The Mercedes then made a turn at the top of Cambridge Ave. I was in my vehicle and had driven over the pedestrian crossing on the left hand lane and had stopped to allow a vehicle travelling down Cambridge Ave clearance to drive down (as only one vehicle can travel up or down at any time due to parked vehicles on the right hand side of Cambridge Avenue).

The Mercedes over took my stationary vehicle on the wrong/right side of road and drove up the hill at speed towards the vehicle travelling down Cambridge Ave forcing the vehicle to quickly pull over.

Once the vehicle drove down, I drive up Cambridge Ave and saw the Mercedes turning left onto Old South Head Rd.

The driver of the Mercedes showed no concern that he was making unsafe driving choices in a school zone.

Thank you for looking into this for the safety of our children.

Hello

I am a resident in Cambridge Avenue. I've just returned home and seen that a parent who was picking up his daughter has parked across my neighbours' driveways for his convenience rather than parking a little further down the street and walking. This type of arrogance and lack of respect is most annoying.

I've attached photos of his car and would appreciate it if you would please follow up.

Thank you



**Melbourne Cup Day
with 2B**





Up

Up



And away

There is so much lost property, it
is getting scary!!!



The bigger the baskets the bigger it
grows







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KB enjoying
Sculpture by the
Sea last Friday



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Sculpture by the Sea



Broad beans and mint Risotto

Equipment

- Pan for stock
- Wooden Spoon
- Chopping board
- Chef Knives
- Frying Pan

Ingredients

- 400 g peeled Broad Beans
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 liters vegetable or chicken stock
- 150g unsalted butter
- ½ onions, finely chopped
- ½ leek finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 300g arborio rice
- A bunch of mint, chopped
- About 75g cheese, freshly grated
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

From The Garden

- Broad Beans
- Mint
- Leek

What to do

1. Peel the beans and cook them in boiling water until soft. Set aside to cool.
2. Put the broad beans in a food processor with the olive oil and pulse them roughly for about 20 seconds to make a loose paste. If the paste is too stiff, add a drop of water and pulse again very quickly.
3. Put the stock in a pan and bring it to simmering point.
4. Gently heat 100g of the butter in a separate pan, add the onions, leek and garlic with a little salt and fry gently until tender. Turn the heat up high and pour in the rice. Stir it with a wooden spoon for about half a minute, coating it with the butter; do not let it stick to the pan.
5. Add ½ cup of stock and let it bubble fiercely for about a minute, stirring gently all the time. Quickly stir in the broad bean paste, then reduce the heat and start to add the hot stock in stages.
6. When the rice is done, remove from the heat, add the rest of the butter and cover the pan until it has melted. Stir it in with the broad beans and mint, then add the cheese and some seasoning. Serve immediately



HMAS Watson

Presents

Carols by the Bay

Saturday

02 December 2017

3:30pm-8pm

Be entertained by the Navy Band & local schools while enjoying great views & a historical Navy sunset ceremony.

BYO Picnic & wine, or enjoy a choice of hot food, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.

Vehicles will not be permitted on the base, so it is best to walk. Limited parking will be available in the Gap Bluff park.

Gates open at 3:30pm with entertainment commencing at 4:30pm.

Animals are not allowed. Bags will be checked on arrival.

For further information email hmaswatson.vlo@defence.gov.au or call 9337 0973

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The 2030's Live on Stage at Vaocluse Public School

The Guitar Ensemble and Rock Band will be performing at a Rock Show Fundraiser.

When: Wednesday Nov 22

Time: 3.30pm, straight after school.

Location: The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen balcony.



Band members will be selling tickets for a gold coin donation, so get yours today!

VOOSC NEWS

Dates to remember

27.11.17 AGM- 6:00pm, VOOSC Building.

29.11.17 **VOOSC**
Christmas Party.

Join us to celebrate the end of 2017, Farewell some friends who are leaving for new adventures, bust some moves with DJ. Nathan Short 4:00-5:30pm and enjoy a yummy sausage sizzle !

Children who are not booked **on Wednesday's must attend** with a parent for Ratios and inform us that they will be attending prior to the day.

RSVP no later than 20.11.17 for catering please.

TERM 4 FEES

Instalments are due please.

VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the following children who have joined the Wall of Fame this week. You have been awarded your stars for friendship, superb manners and great team work.

Elke C, Elijah I, Poppy T,
Mackenzie, Claudia J, Elke N

Addison, Edwina Y

Warm Regards

VOOSC Team



Noosa Completed!

Thanks for all of the support VPS!!!!

Swim 24:51 Bike 1:05:02 Run 43:14 Total 2:18:46

Category 7th Place Overall 275th of 4556



VPS goes Walkabout



Last week year three and four students went on an excursion to Watsons Bay to experience the Kadoo Walkabout Tour.

Tim and Grant welcomed us with a traditional ochre ceremony and taught us about connections to land. We tried local bush tucker and got our hands on tools, weapons and pelts.



The highlight was when Grant called the whales with his bulrush and a southern right whale promptly answered his call, happily splashing about for VPS students. What an experience!







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Vaucluse Public School 2017 Awards Policy

Staff have reviewed and discussed End of Year Awards and Presentation Day Awards. The following is documentation of the criteria and processes used to determine the award winners.

Award	Criteria	Nominated By:
<i>Class Awards:</i> 1. Academic Achievement 2. Citizenship 3. Most Improved 4. Creative and Performing Arts <i>There will be an additional prize for a composite class. Teacher will choose where appropriate.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on assessment across all KLAs and engagement in learning. 2. Demonstrated consistent commitment to School Values. 3. Commitment and effort in Class Program. 4. Demonstrated consistent commitment and engagement in Creative and Performing Arts. 	Class Teachers
<i>Woollahra Council Award for Citizenship</i>	Service to the school and the community. Shows leadership qualities. Continuity of the commitment to the school and School Values.	All members of Staff



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<i>Athlete of the Year Award</i>	Representation at district and zone carnivals. Commitment to school sport. Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship	Sports Committee, Sport Convenor, Principal Talia Butt, Tom Styles, Tammy Schwartz, Philippa Allen, Regina Wirkerman
<i>Soccer Award: Junior and Senior Mixed</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / soccer.	Sport Convenor: Tammy Schwartz, Talia Butt
<i>Netball Award: Junior and Senior Girls</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / netball	Sport Convenor: Julia Morgan and Regina Wirkerman
<i>AFL Award: Junior and Senior Girls</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship in school sport / AFL	Sport Convenor: Talia Butt, Philippa Allen
<i>Soccer Club Award:</i>	Overall sporting ability and sportsmanship. Commitment to consistent attendance.	Robert Jackson
<i>Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal:</i>	Sporting potential, participation in District and Regional level sport. For students in Years 2 -6.	Sport Convenor and Years 2-6 Staff Talia Butt
<i>Middleton Award:K-6</i>	Demonstrated commitment to School Values and Sustainability practices.	Jessica Timbs, Nicki Steevens, Tammy Schwartz Environment Committee.



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<i>Captain Whitton Prize for Year 6 English</i>	2017 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal. Tom styles, tammy Schwartz
<i>Christison Prize for Mathematics: Year 6</i>	2017 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal. Tom Styles, Tammy Schwartz
<i>Leer Prize for Dux Year 6</i>	2017 assessment	Class teacher, supervisor and Principal. Tom Styles, Tammy Schwartz
<i>SRC Cup: K-6</i>	Peer elected citizenship based on citizenship and School Values.	2017 SRC Teacher: Robyn Head, Regina Wirkerman and SRC Representatives
<i>Vaucluse Cup: K-6</i>	Active involvement in all aspects of school life.	Staff
<i>Rotary Humanitarian Award for Year 6</i>	Demonstrated commitment to School Values.	Staff
<i>Drama</i>	Participation in extra-curricular and school based Drama activities	Kara McMenemy and Tammy Schwartz
<i>Hebrew: Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3.</i>	Enthusiasm and participation in Hebrew. Excellence in Hebrew.	Hebrew teacher: Mora Miriam Marks



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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program: Silver Spoon Award (Kitchen) Golden Trowel Award (Garden)	<p>Commitment and engagement to SAKG.</p> <p>Demonstrated deep understanding of SAKG philosophy.</p>	<p>Silver Spoon: Francesca (Kitchen Specialist).</p> <p>Golden Trowel: Rudi Adlmayer (Garden Specialist)</p>
Sports Awards: Junior and Senior Boys & Girls Swimming Junior and Senior Boys & Girls Athletics	<p>House points accrued at the School Swimming Carnival.</p> <p>House points accrued at the School Athletics Carnival.</p>	<p>Sports Convenor and Sports Committee Talia butt, Tom Styles</p>
Cross Country Shield	<p>Performance at District and Regional Cross Country event.</p>	<p>Sports Convenor and Sports Committee</p>
Gabrielle Upton Community Service Award	<p>Service to the school and the community. Shows leadership qualities. Continuity of the commitment to the school and School Values.</p>	<p>All members of Staff</p>
Library Prize	<p>Enthusiasm and participation in the school's Library program</p>	<p>Laura Caesar: Librarian</p>



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<i>Science and Technology Prize</i>	Commitment and passion in the area of Science and Technology and the pursuit of excellence in the area of science.	
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*Maureen Hallahan
Principal
24 October 2017*

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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