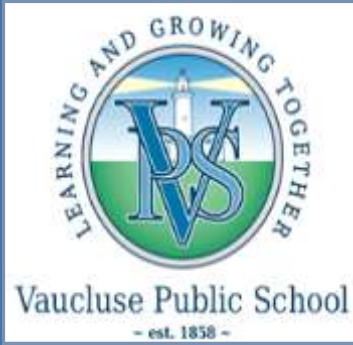


The Vacluse Weekly

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The teachers sitting properly and not sitting properly.

We all have a lot to learn in 2017.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Today we welcomed Kindergarten to school. From the commencement of school this week Kindergarten has been visiting the school for their BestStart Interviews. This is a national strategy where every kindergarten student is assessed on the skills in numeracy and literacy they bring to school. This is benchmark data that is collected and built upon with NAPLAN. Also in Term 4 2016 our 2016 Kindergarten had participated in three sessions of Play and Stay. So by the time they arrived this morning they were well prepared for school and jumping with excitement at the thought of finally starting big school. It was a very confident start and by the end of the day they were all moving around the school as if they had been here for at least three years. Parents have obviously put in a lot of hard work over the holidays as their school skills were evident. We are all very impressed and appreciative of their preparation for school. Thank you parents.

After the little ones had been deposited into the capable hands of Kaylie Johnson and her team, the parents then proceeded to the kitchen for a ***Tea and Tissues Morning Tea***. There were quite a few tears to mop up but they quickly disappeared as people met each other. There was a lovely atmosphere to the morning with people going out of their way to make friends. We also appreciated the very positive feedback from parents. At the morning tea parents were able to meet P&C Vice President- Heather Vaughn. Both Heather and I welcomed parents and answered questions. We hope that we were able to reduce a lot of the anxiety parents were feeling. Katrin Graebner and Xanthe Lenior were also present. Xanthe and Katrin coordinate the co-curricular P&C activities and were there to inform parents about the great programs that are run before and after school. There was much enthusiasm for school and P&C projects and we are looking forward to working with such a great bunch of new Vaucluse PS fans. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new parents at the Country Carnival in March.

Throughout the last week teachers have been delivering our Student Welfare and Personal Development programs through Year 1 to Year 6. Teachers have also been discussing how change feels and preparing students for the transition into new classrooms, making new friends and working with a new teacher. In 2016 we have done a significant amount of work around resilience. All staff were very impressed with our students maturity and resilience. This morning, many staff commented on how happy and settled the school felt. This has also been reinforced by the community's shared observations.

On Monday our students will go into their 2017 classes after recess. In Term 4 2016 staff spent a great deal of planning time organising 2017 classes. Each teacher asked every student in their class what friends they would like to be placed with in their new class. This information is considered along with factors such as academic performance, age, gender, social interactions, past class history and relationships with staff. Teachers make collective decisions about the best place for each student. Once classes are formed stage teams revisit these groupings many times to reflect on the appropriate choices. In our decision making we are always guided by what is best for individual students and what is best for the group. We have been using these strategies for a number of years now and our feedback and anecdotal evidence suggests we are making good decisions.

Thank you to all those parents who have made a huge effort not to park in the Staff car park. We appreciate your efforts to keep our school as safe as possible. We also appreciate those parents who are parking and walking in Cambridge Avenue and Village High Road. Your efforts are ensuring our children can come and go from school safely. We have a number of students with access issues and I know their parents greatly appreciate being able to get into the car park.

Our year has started gently and kindly. Our students are calm, feel safe and very happy to be back at school. We are extremely grateful for our good fortune in a world where many children are suffering in very different circumstances.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



Term 1 – 2017 Time Table

Dear parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school – we trust you all had a wonderful break and are excited to start a new year!

Please see below the timetable for the extra curricular activities and the Trybooking links.

The main changes are :

- Basketball is also open to students in Year 5
- Netball Kindy – Year 1 will not happen in Term 1

Those activities are not only a wonderful start into the day for your child but also alleviate the stress from you to shuttle them to various activities after school. In addition to this: all profit that is generated goes back into the fundraising - much needed resources can be then ordered and be paid by the P&C.

Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of the VPS P& C fundraising by booking your child into the extra-curricular activities!

Katrin & Xanthe

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8AM			Coding 1-6	Basketball K-5	Soccer K-4
Before school 8AM			Netball 2-3		Netball 4-6
Before school 8.15AM	Karate K-6	Dance Boys Hip Hop K-2	Gymnastics K-2	Dance 3-6 Hip Hop	Dance K-2 Jazz
After School 3.30PM	Netball K-1 Not in Term 1/17				

Karate:

<https://www.trybooking.com/94568>

Netball:

<https://www.trybooking.com/98606>

Dance

<https://www.trybooking.com/94560>

Coding

<https://www.trybooking.com/189948>

Gymnastics

<https://www.trybooking.com/237112>

Basketball

<https://www.trybooking.com/191544>

Soccer

<https://www.trybooking.com/191527>

Parents please note:

Please contact Katrin and Xanthe directly for any advise/questions about any extra-curricular activities.

Anneke Lenior (xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au)



VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY TENNIS CLUB



NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

Established in 2001 ABN: 80 111 922 279

CONTACT PERSON

Ph: Jed Gould 0411 775 945

Email: gouldj@krb.nsw.edu.au

Your coach is Georgie Coutts - Tennis Coach Kincoppal – Rose Bay

DATE: Friday February 10 – Friday April 7
MEETING POINT: School Basketball Court
TIME: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
COST: \$180
(Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)
Cheques to NEXT GENERATION SPORTS
HOW TO ENROL: Email: gouldj@krb.nsw.edu.au
Post: PO Box 699 ROSE BAY NSW 2029

FORMS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Buy a Junior tennis racquet add \$25
Buy 3 soft tennis balls add \$10.
Equipment is modified for children



ANZ Hot Shots Tennis is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Students won't be accepted without enrolment form
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- Coaches turn up for the tennis classes regardless of the weather conditions

ENROLMENT SLIP | Tax Invoice ABN: 80 111 922 279 (Term 1 Tennis, 2017)

CHILD/REN'S NAME	MOBILE PHONE/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (Must be supplied)	AGE
EMAIL ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	BUYING A TENNIS RACQUET (\$25): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS		BUYING TENNIS BALLS (\$10): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		AFTER SCHOOL CARE (If relevant): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I consent to my child attending the Hot Shots Tennis at VAUCLUSE PUBLIC and authorise the tennis coaches to supervise these activities. If medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with a parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account.

PAYMENT METHOD: ☐ CASH ☐ CHQ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ MONEY ORDER AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
(\$3.00 c/c charge)

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY DATE:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless I am notified by phone. Classes missed due to sickness or injury will be credited. No refunds given for students changing their mind on joining the program.

EAST'S WALLAROOS RUGBY CLUB MINIS



NOW RECRUITING

East's Wallaroos Rugby Club Minis (formerly East's McAuley) **now recruiting!** East's Wallaroos/East's McAuley have merged into one club. East's Wallaroos now has a development pathway for all players from Under 6s to Under 16s.

Minis Under 6s to Under 9s. Boys and Girls of all abilities welcome. Keep fit and have fun playing the great sport of rugby!

Check us out at the Registration Day and Sausage Sizzle.

When: Saturday, February 18th at 3pm

Where: East's Rugby Club, O'Sullivan Rd Bellevue Hill

For more info call 0407 838 260 or e-mail balder@moray.com.au



Message from The

Clothing Pool

We have recently cleaned up and cleared out the Clothing Pool and would really appreciate parents not leaving bags of stained, dirty, torn second hand uniforms at our door.

Please see Pip or Sacha if you have any second hand to share.

We love offering second hand uniforms to the school but most of the uniforms we receive really would be better in the rag bag.

Thank you so much for understanding.

Kindest regards,

Pip and Sacha

Opening Hours:
Wednesday 8.30am and 9.30am,
Friday 8.30am - 9.30am