



Vaucluse Public School
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The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 10 February, 2017 Term 1 Week 3

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Dear Parents

On Monday our students went very positively into their new classes. Our week has continued in the same calm state as the first week in spite of the heat. On days of extreme heat we implement our wet weather roster and students stay inside. The library and the new demountable classrooms are extremely popular on these days as they are air conditioned. Our teachers buddy up and share the cool classrooms so that everyone is able to get respite on these days. Most students have brought extra water to school on these days and they keep their water bottles on their desks. We've noticed some great new water bottles that emit a fine water spray and these have been fantastic at keeping little people cool. Short of putting the sprinklers on for everyone we think we have put into place as much as we possibly can to support everyone on these very hot days. Any additional ideas would be greatly appreciated.

A reminder to parents to be very considerate when parking to drop off and pick up at school. Our neighbours very much appreciate if you do not park over their driveways. Apart from the fact that it is a breach of the traffic rules, it is very frustrating for them as they are often picking up and dropping off also. One of our neighbours was treated very disrespectfully this week when they asked one of our parents not to park in their driveway so they could go and pick up their own children. Please be mindful of our neighbours. We also ask parents not to use the staff car park at the Cambridge Avenue entrance, either in the morning, afternoon or evening when picking up from VOOSC. The staff car park is used for a variety of people including staff. It is a small space and can become dangerous and congested. If you are walking into school please make sure you close the gates and do not leave them propped open. We have a number of absconders and a whole bunch of new kindies. Our security gates give us much comfort when we know they are always locked.

By now you will have received your invitation for *Meet the Teacher Evening* next Wednesday 15 February commencing at 5.00pm. This is for parents only. We ask that you do not bring students to school and arrange for alternative care. It is very distracting and difficult for teachers to deliver their information with students in the room. It is a different modality and a different audience. We also ask that you do not leave students unsupervised in the school playground during the teacher talks. I know that our teachers will very much appreciate being able to speak frankly and without distraction.

The following are our list of teachers this year. We welcome Tammy Schwartz who is teaching Year 5/6, Camille Giraud-Vinet, our new Kitchen Specialist and Lauren Ferguson who will be working in the Library, Admin Office and supporting students in our school.

2017 Vaucluse Public School Staff

Early Stage 1

KG: Adam Guzowski

KH: Franchesca Halford

KI: Iain Mudie

KB: Melissa Buchanan

Kaylie Johnson is R/Assistant Principal for Kindergarten, Early Stage 1

Stage 1

1W: Miriam Weiss

1J: Robert Jackson

1/2H: Robyn Head

2M: Kara MacMenemy

2B: Talia Butt: R/Assistant Principal Year 1 and 2, Stage 1

Stage 2

3M: Julia Morgan

3W: Regina Wirkerman

4V: Ella Vial

4A: Philippa Allen: Assistant Principal for Years 3 and 4, Stage 2

Stage 3

5/6T: Tammy Schwartz

5/6S: Tom Styles: R/ Assistant Principal for Years 5 and 6, Stage 3

Support Unit

K-6J: Kaylie Johnson: R/Assistant Principal for the Support Unit

K-2SK: Nicki Steevens, Rebecca Kermode

3-6T: Jessica Timbs

Staff other than Class teachers

Librarian: Laura Caesar

Library Administration: Lauren Ferguson

Release from Face to Face (RFF) Teacher: Gail Murray

Learning and Support Staff: Margaret Nay, Wendy Lonergan

Learning and Support Officers: Lyn Pickett, Sue Barber, Vesna Djurovska-Drakulic, Rosemary Jones, Lauren Ferguson

English as a Second Language (ESL): Gail Murray

Staff other than Class teachers, cont

School Counsellor: Pauline Kendall (every second Friday), Josephine Rynsardt (every second Wednesday)

Quality Teaching: Leigh Savage

Beginning Teacher Mentors: Margaret Nay, Peter Adam

Hebrew: Miriam Marks

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG): Rudi Adelmayer, Camille Giraud-Vinet

Administration: Giselle Gabbani, Corinne Montano, Lauren Ferguson

General Assistant: Young Pak

Canteen Manager: Ilana Akres

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and find some respite from the heat.

Maureen Hallahan



Join the Kitchen Garden Program!



The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program starts again from Monday the 13th Feb!

We are looking for volunteers to assist our young gourmets in every cooking lesson (on a casual or regular basis).

Monday 10.05am-11.20am : class 3W
 11.45am-01.15pm : class 5/6T
 02.05pm-03.20pm : class 4A

Thursday 10.05am-11.20am : class 4V
 11.45am-01.15pm : class 3/6T
 02.05pm-03.20pm : class 5/6S

Friday 10.05am-11.20am : class 3M

You are more than welcome to sign up the roster on the kitchen's door if you are willing to give us a hand, and enjoy with us our delicious recipes. We are looking forward to see you in the kitchen!

Camille

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden







Over the holidays the teachers had so much fun relaxing. When they came back to school they had forgotten how to line up.



Luckily Miss Morgan was there to teach them how to line up and sit down again. We line up with a partner in two straight lines. We do this to keep safe.

Tu Bishvat



Year 5 have planted seeds in a little pot for Tu Bishvat. Tu Bishvat this year falls on Saturday (11th February).

Tu Bishvat means the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shvat. It is the Jewish New Year for trees, and it is celebrated at the time that most trees in Israel begin to bud. Tu Bishvat is the birthday of the trees and it reminds the Jewish People of our close ties to the Holy Land of Israel.

We celebrate by eating fruit, especially fruits grown in Israel and the fruits from the seven species of Israel – raisins (grapes), nuts, figs, dates, pomegranates and the grains wheat and barley. These were the species that were brought to the Temple in ancient times. Also it is a day when Jewish children plant trees in Israel.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.

KH HAD A GREAT FIRST DAY HAVING THEIR
PHOTOS TAKEN AND GETTING TO KNOW
ONE ANOTHER.



VOOSC NEWS

Welcome to all of our families for 2017. Lots fun activities are planned for the term ahead which we will share with you each week in the newsletter.

We are off and running with [Hula Hooping](#) on [Monday Afternoons](#) with our deliverer, **"Bunny Hoop Star"**.

Bunny brings a fun and very engaging class each week where children will be shown the most amazing things to do with a hoop. This is a great way for children to develop skills and self- confidence. You will no doubt have many shows performed for you at home and guaranteed to bring back all of those childhood memories!

We have two 30 minute sessions. [Years K-1](#) will be between [4:00- 4:30pm](#)

[Years 2-6](#) will be between [4:30-5:00 pm](#).

This is of **no extra cost** to the families who are booked into VOOSC.

NEW CARER JOINS OUR TEAM.....

We have a new member to join our team this year. We welcome David Angles.

David is a wonderful young man who like many of our carers past and present, was a student at VPS and also attended VOOSC. We have had the pleasure of seeing David as a small boy starting his journey at VPS and it is very exciting to have him back with us again.

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[Oscar S.](#) Thank you for an exceptional orientation tour for our new kindergarten children. Well done Oscar, you are a legend, keep on shining!

[Jarrah F.](#) Thank you Jarrah for your dishwashing services this week. Your offer to help was outstanding, a great job buddy .Your star will light up our Wall of Fame!

Warm Regards

VOOSC Team

P & C Extra-Curricular Activities 2017

At VPS we offer a variety of Extra Curricular Activities. Each activity is a fun way to start the day for your child and gives them the opportunity to spend active time with their friends.

You or your child will sign in with one of our trusted providers and spend the time before the school day starts in a familiar and safe environment. Some of the stress to shuttle your child to activities after school can be alleviated.

In addition to this: all profit that is generated goes back into the P&C fundraising account - much needed resources for the school can be then ordered and be paid by the P&C.

The enrolment and payment process is easy and done via the Trybooking website. The links to the activities are listed below. Print this document out and keep on the fridge!

For any further enquiries, please contact Katrin and Xanthe.
katrin@graebner.org or xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au

Please sign to Activities via the Trybooking links below:

1. Computer Coding, by Code Camp. Wed start at 8am sharp, Mixed Yr 1-6.
<https://www.trybooking.com/189948>
2. Basketball, by Find My Coach. Thurs start at 8am. Mixed 1-5.
<https://www.trybooking.com/191544>
3. Soccer, by Goal Soccer Academy. Fri start at 8am. Mixed K-5.
<https://www.trybooking.com/191527>
4. Karate, by Trifu Dojo, Mon start at 8.15am. Mixed all ages.
<https://www.trybooking.com/94568>
5. Dance, by REDed Dance. 3 separate sessions, (see overleaf in the table). All 8.15am start. Boys K-2 Hip Hop Tuesday, Mixed 3-6 Hip Hop Thursday, Girls K-2 Jazz, Friday
<https://www.trybooking.com/94560>
6. Netball, 2 separate sessions, (see overleaf in the table). Yr 2-3 Wednesday 8am, Yr 4-6 Friday 8am.
<https://www.trybooking.com/98606>
7. Gymnastics, by Karina, Gymnastics Accomplishment. MIXED, K-2 Wednesday 8.15am.
<https://www.trybooking.com/237112>

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Dear Parents,

This year, all stages will be participating in a dance program delivered by REDed. Stage 2 will be participating this term. The program will run on Wednesdays for 8 weeks during Term 1, 2017. The program will commence on Wednesday 15th February and will conclude on Wednesday 5th April.

REDed (Raw Energy Dance Education) Dance Programs ensure maximum engagement by boys, girls, dancers and non-dancers alike. The Junior Program is based on jazz, hip hop and contemporary style. They have a very strong focus on creativity, social interaction, musicality, rhythm and coordination development. Another strong feature of REDed programs is the massed appeal for boys from Year 3-6.

The Cost of the Dance Program for Stage 2 is: \$35.00

The school has become a cashless school. Please make payment through the school website using the *Make a Payment* button. Please log into the school website: Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and click on the *Make a Payment* button. This takes you to the Westpac Site and you can follow the prompts to make the payment by credit card. Alternatively you can pay by credit card in person at the Admin Office.

Please make payment by no later than **Wednesday 22nd February, 2017**.

If you are unable to pay, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

If you choose not to pay, an alternate program will be provided for your child.


Miss Allen

Stage 2 Assistant Principal


Maureen Hallahan

Principal

Please return this section to your class teacher by Wednesday 22nd February, 2017

I consent toin class.....participating the REDed dance program at Vaucluse Public School.

Special needs of my child of which you should be aware. Tick the relevant box(es) and provide full details

☐ Additional information provided on a separate sheet 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 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 excursion

To the best of my knowledge he or she has no medical condition, disability, dietary condition, injury or reason which will put him or her at risk in participation in the activity.

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

Medical 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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ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Dear Parents

The school's swimming carnival will be held on **Tuesday 21 February 2017** at **Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool** from 10.00 am – 2.30 pm. The cost of this excursion is \$20 which includes bus and venue hire.

All children in the school who turn **8 years and older** this year may participate in the swimming carnival. It is expected that those younger children in Year 2 who turn 8 this year only attend the carnival if they are able to swim 50 metres unaided. All students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are expected to attend this event in order to support their houses.

Age Groups:

born in 2009 – 8 years
born in 2008 – 9 years
born in 2007 – 10 years
born in 2006 – 11 years
born in 2005 – 12 years
born in 2004 – 13 years



Transport Details:

Students will be travelling there and back by bus and must be at school by 9.20am sharp.

What to bring:

- * Recess & Lunch
- * Swimming Costume
- * Swimming goggles & swimming cap (optional)
- * Towel
- * School hat
- * Sunscreen

Students will not be permitted to purchase from the shop. Please do not send money with your child. We would appreciate parental support with this, particularly those parents who attend the pool.

The Cost for the Swimming Carnival is: \$20.00

The school has become a cashless school. Please make payment through the school website using the Make a Payment button. Please log into the school website: Vauluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and click on the **Make a Payment** button. This takes you to the Westpac Site and you can follow the prompts to make the payment by credit card. Alternatively you can pay by credit card in person at the Admin Office. **Please ensure that payment is made by FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017.** 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.

Please return the attached permission note no later than Thursday 16 February 2017. Students will be unable to attend if they have not returned the note.

Parents are welcome. We ask that you stay clear of the marshalling, judging and sides of the pool to ensure that the carnival runs smoothly.

The staff members with CPR training are Tom Styles and Julia Morgan. The staff member with emergency care training is Ella Vial.

All events will be timed finals and will determine house points and district places. This process has been initiated at district and regional level and it is important that we follow the procedure.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal

Talia Butt
Sports Coordinator

10 February 2017

I consent toparticipating in an excursion to Andrew (Boy) Charlton pool on Tuesday 21 February 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 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 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 excursion	

In relation to the proposed water or swimming activities. I advise that my child is a: (Tick the box)

☐ strong swimmer
 ☐ average swimmer
 ☐ non-swimmer

I do/do not give permission for my child to participate in the water and swimming activities (Delete one)

I advise that my child requires the following flotation devices to assist him/her in the water.....

To the best of my knowledge he or she has no medical condition, disability, dietary condition, injury or reason which will put him or her at risk in participation in the 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.....

Medical 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.



Dear Parents,

Scripture lessons for this year are commencing next Thursday 16 February 2017. We are currently in the process of organising scripture classes and request your help in doing so. Could you please identify the scripture you would like your child to attend. Please note that the class you indicate will remain the same until the end of the year. If you do not return the completed form by next Tuesday 14 February, students will attend the scripture class they attended last year.

Kind regards,

Philippa Allen

Stage 2 Assistant Principal

7 February 2017

Maureen Hallahan

Principal

Please return this section to your class teacher by Tuesday 14 February 2017

I consent toin class..... to attend the scripture lesson identified below:

√	Scripture Choices
	Anglican
	Baha'i
	Catholic
	Ethics (start date TBC)
	Jewish
	Non-Scripture

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



Meet the Teacher Information Evening Wednesday 15 February 2017

Dear Parents

On Wednesday 15 February 2017 we will be holding our ***Meet the Teacher Information Evening***. This is an information night where teachers will be discussing their programs and classroom management. Teachers will be discussing general information for all parents. It is not a night where individual students are discussed. It is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and other class parents and begin your class relationship. At the end of Term 1 teachers will conduct interviews with parents in a one to one situation to discuss student progress.

At Wednesday evening's meeting you will receive the ***Term 1 Class Bulletin***. This will outline the program for the term and document other activities such as excursions, individual needs for each class, homework procedures etc. At this meeting there will also be member of the P&C circulating. They will be calling for volunteers for the position of Class Parent. The ***Class Parent Program*** is coordinated by Mads Anderson. This role involves liaising with the teacher to share information with other parents. The first job of the nominated Class Parent is to collect email addresses and phone numbers of all the parents in your child's class. Once compiled this very useful document is then shared with parents in your class only. Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile position.

Timetable for Information Evening

<i>Class and teacher</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>K-5 J: Kaylie Johnson</i>	5.00- 5.45 pm	<i>K-2SK (Nicki Steevens / Bec Kermode)</i>
<i>K-2 W: Nicole Steevens</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>K-2SK (Nicki Steevens / Bec Kermode)</i>
<i>3-5 T: Jessica Timbs</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>K-2SK (Nicki Steevens / Bec Kermode)</i>
<i>KB: Melissa Buchanan</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>KB (Kindergarten Block)</i>
<i>KI: Iain Mudie</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>KI (Kindergarten Block)</i>
<i>KG: Adam Guzowski</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>KA (Kindergarten Block)</i>



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<i>KH: Francesca Halford</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>KH (Demountable classroom closest to kitchen)</i>
<i>1W: Miriam Weiss</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>1W (Main Admin Building)</i>
<i>1J: Robert Jackson</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>1J (new demountable at Cambridge St entrance)</i>
<i>1/2 H: Robyn Head</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>1/2 H (new demountable, middle playground)</i>
<i>2B: Talia Butt</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>2B (upstairs Main Admin Building)</i>
<i>2M: Kara MacMenemy</i>	5.00-5.45 pm	<i>2M (upstairs Main Admin Building)</i>
<i>3W: Regina Wirkerman</i>	6.00 -6.45 pm	<i>3M (upstairs Main Admin Building)</i>
<i>3M: Julia Morgan</i>	6.00 -6.45 pm	<i>3M (upstairs Main Admin Building)</i>
<i>4A: Philippa Allen</i>	6.00 -6.45 pm	<i>Library</i>
<i>4V: Ella Vial</i>	6.00 -6.45 pm	<i>Library</i>
<i>5/6S: Tammy Schwartz</i>	6.00 -6.45 pm	<i>5/6T</i>
<i>5/6T: Tom Styles</i>	6.00 -6.45 pm	<i>5/6T</i>

If you are unable to attend Wednesday night's meeting please see the teacher to obtain the information shared with parents at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
8 February 2017



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GYMNASTICS SEMESTER 1 2017

Dear Parents,

This semester students will participate in the K – 2 gymnastics program which focuses on developing core strength. This program will take place during the first semester. It commences in Week 4.

The timetable is as follows:

Wednesday	Thursday
KB	KM
KH	2B
1J	
1/2H	
2M	
KG	
1W	

Students will need to wear their sports uniform each Wednesday or Thursday depending on their allocated gymnastics day.

This program is an important part of the K-2 sports curriculum. It is expected that all students participate. 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.

It is important that the teachers are aware of any medical conditions that may need to be taken into account when working with the children. Please indicate in the space below if your child has any medical conditions or has had a recent injury that may require some adjustments to the program.

The Cost of Gym Program for K- 2 is: \$85.00

The school has become a cashless school. Please make payment through the school website using the *Make a Payment* button. Please log into the school website: Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and click on the *Make a Payment* button. This takes you to the Westpac Site and you can follow the prompts to make the payment by credit card. Alternatively you can pay by credit card in person at the Admin Office.

Please complete the permission note below and return it by **Monday February 13st** to your child's classroom teacher.

Children without permission notes will not be able to participate.

Talia Butt

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R/Assistant Principal

Maureen Hallahan

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Principal



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GYMNASTICS 2017 - PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to participate in the gymnastics program.

Special needs of my child of which you should be aware.

Tick the relevant box(es) and provide full details

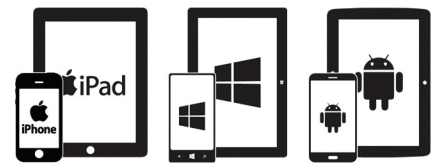
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Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

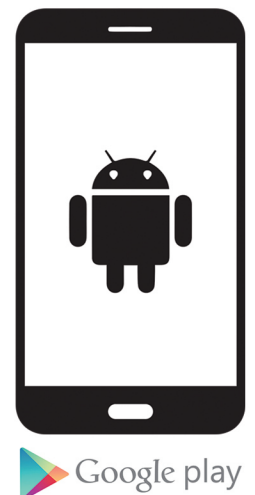
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
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
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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).
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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.
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

