



The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 17 February, 2017 Term 1 Week 4

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*A very special Valentine's
Day
in class K-2SR*

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who attended the *Meet the Teacher Evening* on Wednesday night. All meetings were very well supported. I know that the teachers appreciated the efforts that parents made to attend at the end of a busy day. I also know the staff appreciated all those parents who made alternative arrangements and left their children at home. We also loved seeing the way both parents played tag team in order to attend two meetings if they had several students at our school. Feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to all those parents who generously offered support to our teachers either by way of help or by words of encouragement. It is an extremely busy time of year as we get all our programs up and running. Unlike businesses, schools completely shut down at the end of each school year. At the beginning of the year we are required to start again from scratch. Staff, including the Office staff have expressed thanks for the many expressions of support and encouragement from our parents. They have also appreciated your patience and understanding as we establish homework routines, Take Home Reading Procedures, Learning and Support ,SAKG and ESL timetables, daily and weekly sport, gymnastics, dance, scripture, library and payment procedures. Just to name a few. The list could go on for quite some time.

On Wednesday evening Class parents were nominated for each class. In 2017 Mads Anderson has kindly put her hand up for the job of coordinating the 2017 Class Parent Program. A very big thank you to Amanda Ramsay who capably and expertly did this job in 2015 and 2016. Thank you Amanda for your wonderful contribution to Vaucluse PS. We will be holding a meeting on Friday 24 February at 8.30am in the Library for all class parents. Please see the ad in the body of the newsletter. It is important for all parents to understand the role of the class parent. Class parents act as a liaison between the class teacher and the class parents. They share information about excursions, things happening in the classroom, in the school and any help the teacher may need. It is important to note that class parents are not a complaints bureau about the teacher, school or Principal. If parents have concerns they should contact the teacher, the supervising Assistant Principal or the school Principal (me !!!) We have found that those parents who use the class parent system as a complaints procedure significantly contribute to the failure of the class parent program failing.

Scripture commenced this week. Thank you to all those parents who promptly returned their notes. This made organizing classes so much easier. We are currently looking for someone to take K-2 Catholic Scripture. If you know of anyone please let the office know.

Next Tuesday is our swimming carnival at Boy Charlton Pool for 3-6 students and any Year 2 students who turn 8 in 2017. We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents to support our students.

Last week and this week Ange Davids handed over to our wonderful new Kitchen Specialist Camille Giraud-Vinet. We are looking forward to experiencing Camille's French influence on the SAKG program. We are in urgent need of volunteers in the kitchen. This year kitchen days are Monday, Thursday and Friday. If you are able to spare an hour or two please either email the office or put your name down in the kitchen. I know Camille would appreciate your help especially until she becomes familiar with all our students and how the program runs.

In the body of the newsletter is a letter outlining procedures for volunteering at Vaucluse Public School. If you are going to help in classrooms, attend excursions it is mandatory to follow these *Working With Children* procedures.

Also included in the newsletter is the school's Visiting Therapist's Policy. If you are thinking of employing a therapist to deliver a program at school please read these procedures carefully. We have limited space at the school and there are strict guidelines around these activities.

Finally we would ask parents not to commit to additional activities in school time such as swimming lessons that require students to either be picked up early or delivered to school late on a regular basis. This type of activity requires an application for partial exemption from school that is signed off by the School Director. The Department of Education has very strong guidelines and legislation around attendance at school. For all school age students it is mandatory to attend school for five full days a week. It is also extremely disruptive to classes when students arrive late or leave early.

Thank you to those parents who have made a big effort to park safely and not use the staff car park. We also appreciate your understanding with the locked gates.

Maureen Hallahan



Vaucluse Public School
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Dear Parents

2017 School Photos

This year the class photographs will take place on **Thursday 23 February**. An additional day of photographs for sports teams, debating etc. will take place later in the year. A pre-printed envelope has been sent home with details of the order pack available and information on how to place an order and payment methods.

Please note that payment is made directly to the photographic company through their website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au not to the school.

Please note the school office is unable to accept payment of any kind.

The pre-printed envelopes are to be filled out and returned to classroom teacher before Thursday 23 February. If parents would like to order photographs after 23 February it must be done through www.theschoolphotographer.com.au.

Envelopes for sibling photographs are available at the office. These can also be handed to the classroom teacher but please keep them separate from the class photo orders.

Please ensure students are in full summer uniform on the day with clean black school shoes.

Yours sincerely

Tom Styles
R/ Assistant Principal

Maureen Hallahan
Principal

14 February 2017



OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY
28th February 2017
6:30pm-8:30pm
 College Tour
 Meet the Principal
 Mr Richard Skinner
 Talk to parents
 and teachers

Rose Bay Secondary College has a proud record of high academic achievement and has built a reputation for excellence.

Academic excellence complements the comprehensive extracurricular offerings that demonstrate the culture of **Opportunity, Achievement and Community** shared by all our students and staff.

Our HSC Achievements

- 5th & 10th in the State, ESL English
- 10th in the State, Extension 2 English
- 8th in the State, Society & Culture
- 16th in the State, Mathematics

"The multicultural and dynamic environment provided by Rose Bay Secondary College has been truly amazing in a way that it allowed me to meet new friends, create precious friendships and enabled me to discover my full potential."

Abby Cao,
 College Dux and HSC
 All Rounder

"This school and its teachers have played a momentous role in inspiring my life and university goals as well as providing the academic support to reach them. Not only did it encourage every step of my learning journey, it also promoted extracurricular activities that helped make high school such an unforgettable experience."

Raphael Burkart-Radtke
 College Captain,
 93.70 ATAR

"The remarkably supportive teachers of Rose Bay Secondary College provide an outstanding learning environment which allows its students to expand their academic, artistic and sporting skills while establishing lifelong friendships with peers and teachers alike."

Nicholas Adams,
 HSC All Rounder

Congratulations Class of 2016

Some of our high achievers and their destinations



COLLEGE DUX & ALL ROUNDER
ABBY CAO
99.60
B.Com UNSW



ALL ROUNDER
NICHOLAS ADAMS
97.15
B.Eng (Hons) UNSW



MICHAEL KEDAR
97.70
B.Eng (Hons)/B.Sc



MANATSU NOSE
96.85
B.Adv Sci UNSW



ALL ROUNDER
CECILIA YIM
99.30
B.Com USyd



UTS CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP
JOSHUA SPICER
94.60
B.Acc UTS



GAL AHARON
97.35
B.Sc (Hons)/B.Sc UNSW



DASH O'BRIEN-GEORGESON
96.00
B.Design/B.Int Stds UTS



ALL ROUNDER
SILVIA WU
98.40
B.Sc/B.Arts USyd



TALIA ASOULINE
97.85
B.Psych USyd



OLIVER ARDILL-YOUNG
96.85
B.Psych Sydney University



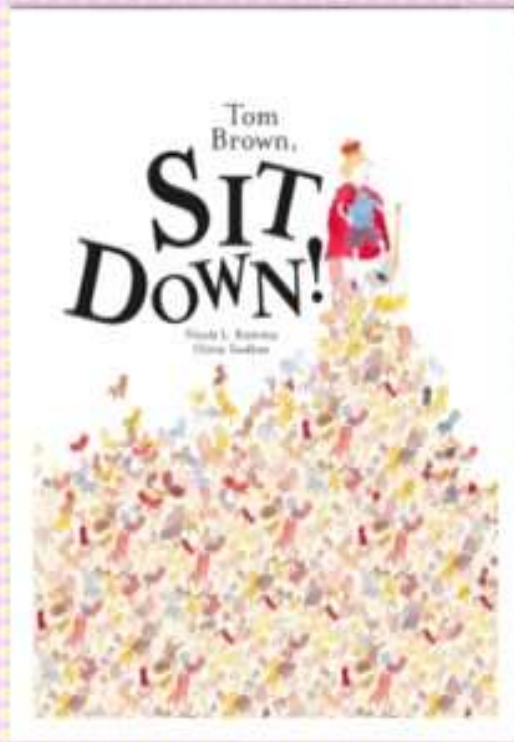
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This week the kindergarten children have been learning all about the letter and sound 'Mm'. Elizabeth was surprised to find an 'M' in her lunchbox. Thanks mum!



BOOK LAUNCH



Join us to celebrate the official launch of *Tom Brown, Sit Down*, a picture book about a boy who dances to the beat of his own drum!

Written by local author Nicole Stevens

**10% of all book sales will go directly
to Vacluse Public School**

Date: Thursday 16th March 2017

Where: Vacluse Public School, Cambridge Ave, Vacluse, Sydney, 2030, NSW

Time: 5pm—6pm

Light refreshments provided
Books & illustrations available for purchase.

We hope to see you there!

RSVP to Nicole.stevens2@det.nsw.edu.au



2017 Class Parent Coordinator's Meeting

Thank you to all those generous parents who put their hands up to be a class parent in 2017. Mads Anderson will coordinate the program this year. We have organised a meeting for 8.30 am on Friday 24 February in the Library. The meeting is a get together so you can all meet each other and also a short orientation to what the job entails.

We look forward to seeing you in the library at 8.30am on Friday 24 February. Vaucluse P&C



The many generous gifts from students and families of Vaucluse Public School.
Miss Hallahan with The Bread of Life volunteers on Christmas Day.



Kindergarten enjoying time with their new Buddies



Gymnastics is in full swing



Dear Parents and Carers

Recent NSW government legislation around child safety now requires that anyone who works or volunteers at the school with children, face to face (even very occasionally) must have a “**Working with Children Check**”.

Once the applicant is cleared, the check does not need to be renewed for 5 years. Whilst there are a few exemptions for parent volunteers, to avoid confusion it is deemed necessary for all school volunteers to gain this check.

The Working with Children Check is as follow:

The simple steps are detailed below:

1. On-Line Application:

<http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au>

On completion of this on-line application you will receive a number. Please make a record of this number.

Ensure you check the “volunteer” box to avoid being charged \$80. Volunteers = no charge

2. Attend the RTA:

Present yourself at an RTA along with your Working with Children Check reference number and 100 points of identification (see attached). You will be given a slip of paper from the RTA.

3. Results

You will receive your outcome and Working with Children Check number by email (or post if you do not have an email address) in approximately 4 weeks from lodgement with the RTA.

Once you have applied, please forward your details (full name, address & phone number), Working with Children Check reference number and date of lodgement to the school email address:

Vaocluse.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kind regards

Maureen Hallahan

Principal

16 February 2017



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



VOOSC STARS this week:

Jago-

For being responsible by taking care of your precious things and entertaining your friends after school with your fabulous guitar.

Madeleine-

Your star is for being a helpful and supportive big sister.

Well done to both VOOSC stars and welcome to the wall of fame.





Indian Lotus Flowers
They are a symbol of beauty, grace and purity.



2M's



Indian



Lotus



Flowers
PIC-COLLAGE



Our first Assembly and our first dance class



These are fantastic results and ones that the Rose Bay Secondary College school community and public education in general should all be very proud of.

Rose Bay Secondary is pleased to announce that the Higher School Certificate results for 2016 were the best in the history of the College to date. Several students received individual Course results placings them in the top 20 places in the state: They included

- English as a Second language: Abby Cao, 5th in state and Cecilia Yim, 10th in state
- English Extension 2: Lewis Clark, 10th in state
- Mathematics: Daniel Chee, 16th in state. Daniel is an accelerated student
- Society and Culture: Craig MacKenzie, 8th in state

Abby Cao achieved the highest Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, ATAR, with 99.60. Over 30 students achieved an ATAR over 90, which corresponds to approximately a quarter of all Year 12 students achieving in the top 10% of ATAR scores. Four students were recognised on the prestigious BOSTES All Rounders Honour Roll for achieving Band 6 in all subjects; Nicholas Adams, Abby Cao, Silvia Wu and Cecilia Yim.

The school recorded a total of 119 Band 6 or equivalent results in the extension courses (ie results over 90%). This ranked the school 107th in the state against all schools, public, private, fully selective, etc. Individual subjects achieved excellent school rankings including English Standard/ESL ranked 17th in state, English Advanced/ Ext 1&2 ranked 93rd and Mathematics/ Ext 1 & 2 ranked 67th in the state. Equally pleasing was a total of only 5 Band 1 results (ie less than 50%). Overall the average results for our subjects was very pleasing.

Three of our students, who as part of the HSC studies, completed major projects produced such high quality work that they were selected for state-wide exhibition or performance in Drama and Music. These students are Andy Lam, Drama On Stage nomination, Hugo Andrews, Music, Encore nomination and Natasha Wolf, Music, Encore performance confirmed.



POLICY FOR VISITING THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONALS

Dear Parents

In 2017 Vaucluse Public School will schedule a timetable for visiting private therapists such as Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists. In addition to this timetable, Vaucluse Public School have developed a policy for visiting therapists to read and sign prior to commencing therapy.

Intervention by visiting therapists needs to be discussed with and approved by the Learning and Support Team and the school Principal prior to commencing therapy with individual students at Vaucluse Public School. This includes therapists who may have already been privately operating within Vaucluse Public School this year or in years past.

As part of the procedure for arranging therapy at school in 2017, parents will need to write a letter to the Classroom Teacher and school Principal that includes the name of the therapist, the nature of the proposed therapy and the times requested. Permission will not be granted for students to leave the school grounds during school hours to attend outside therapy sessions. If you wish for your child to participate in out of school therapy during school hours, you must apply for Partial Enrolment through initially the Principal of Vaucluse PS, then Bondi Office and the School Education Director of the Port Jackson region.

From January 2016, all visiting therapists are required to:

- 1) Present their working with children check prior to commencing any therapy sessions*
- 2) Sign **in** and **out** at the office **before** and **after** each therapy session*
- 3) Ensure they wear a visitors badge whilst at the school*
- 4) Wait in the office for the office staff to notify the students' classroom teacher of their presence at the school*
- 5) Collect children directly from the classroom teacher and proceed to the designated room as allocated on the school timetable*
- 6) After the therapy session has been completed, the therapist must hand over the student directly to their classroom teacher. Students are NOT permitted to take themselves to and from therapy sessions alone, or in the company of another student without the visiting therapist*
- 7) Comply with all Workplace Health and Safety procedures including Emergency Evacuations, Lockdowns and Lockouts.*



POLICY FOR VISITING THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONALS

As a visiting therapist, I understand that I require approval from the school principal prior to commencing therapy with individual students at Vaucluse Public School.

Prior to commencing any therapy sessions, I agree to do the following:

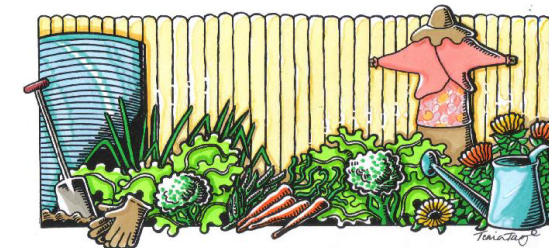
- 1) Communicate with the school principal and the classroom teacher of the student/s I will be working with prior to commencing any therapy sessions*
- 2) Sign in at the office before each therapy session*
- 3) Present my working with children check upon arrival at the school office and prior to commencing any therapy sessions*
- 4) Wait in the office for the office staff to notify the students' classroom teacher of their presence at the school*
- 5) Collect the student/s that I am seeing directly from their classroom teacher and proceed to the designated room as allocated on the school timetable*
- 6) Hand over the student directly to their classroom teacher when the therapy session has concluded. I understand that for safety reasons students are NOT permitted to take themselves to and from therapy sessions alone, or in the company of another student without me to accompany them*
- 7) Comply with all Workplace Health and Safety procedures including Emergency Evacuations, Lockdowns and Lockouts.*

I have read and understood the above information and agree to comply with all of the above.

Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



Zucchini Basil Muffins

Equipment

- grater
- scissors
- muffins tins
- 2 large bowls
- measuring cups
- 1 whisk

What to do

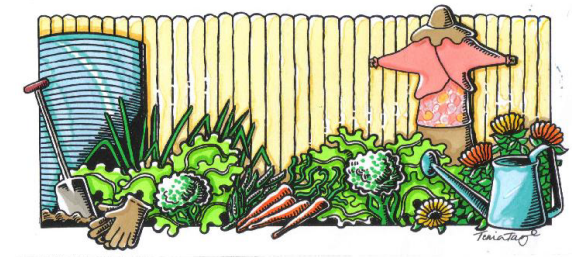
1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/425°F.
2. Grease muffin tins.
3. Combine the eggs, milk and oil in a large bowl.
4. Combine the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder in another bowl and add to the liquid mixture in batches, stirring to blend.
5. Add the grated zucchini and the basil (finely chopped with scissors) and stir to blend.
6. Fill each muffin cup about 1/2 full. Sprinkle the top with the cheese.
7. Bake for about 20 minutes, until the tops are golden brown and puffy.
6. Serve while still warm, with a salad.

Ingredients

- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 x 1/2 cups white flour
- 1/4cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1table spoon baking powder
- 2cups grated zucchini
(about 2 medium zucchini)
- 2tablespoons finely julienned
fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup freshly grated cheese

From The Garden

- basil
- zucchini



Cherry tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, spring onions and pepitas salad, with parsley vinaigrette

Equipment

- bowls
- platters or large plates
- blender
- chefs knives
- chopping boards

What to do

1. Rinse, spin and dry the lettuce leaves.
2. Rinse and cut the tomatoes (in half), the cucumbers (in small square pieces).
3. Blend dressing ingredients together.
4. Place handfuls of lettuce on a large plate, add the tomatoes and cucumbers on the top. Finish with pepitas and drizzle dressing over the top of the salad.
5. Season with salt and pepper. Enjoy!

Salad Ingredients

- 2 lettuces
- 2 cucumber
- 20 cherry tomatoes
- 1 handful of pepitas

Vinaigrette ingredients

- 2 cups parsley (leaves and stems, blended)
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 spring onions

From The Garden

- lettuce
- cherry tomatoes
- cucumber
- onions
- parsley