



The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 10 March, 2017 Term 1 Week 7

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Miss Caesar and
Vaucluse Public
School Library
Monitors for
2017



Principal's Report

Dear Parents

The first P&C meeting of the year took place on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all those parents who made the effort to get here in a busy week. We had a great turn out and lots of fresh new faces. There was a lovely energy in the room and people were filled with enthusiasm to try and make our school the best one possible for all our small people.

The P&C have lots of plans for 2017. At the last P&C meeting of 2016 several motions were passed for resources in our school. Since that meeting the school has purchased with P&C funds 60 Chrome Book laptops for Stage 3. This means that every student in both 5/6 classes has access to technology during the day. We have also purchased large rugs for each of the K-2 classes. This week we have also begun the process of replacing the grass at the Cambridge Street entrance. We are hoping this will happen over the Easter break. The P&C also agreed to fund new furniture in the Stage 3 classrooms and this process has also begun with consultation with the manufacturing company. The P&C also fund additional Learning and Support in the school. In 2017 the P&C have also given the Library a \$10,000 budget to purchase STEM resources for library and classrooms. Laura Caesar has begun to purchase resources that will support the units of work in the classroom. A big thank you to the P&C for making all these things possible. These funds from our parent group make it possible for us to do many extra things. We very much appreciate the support our community gives us.

Early next week we will be sending out invoices for school costs. These are costs that have been made on your behalf by the school. In 2017 we will be sending out an invoice for each term. Feedback from parents tells us that you would rather have four termly invoices rather than one large one. Consequently there will be an invoice going out each term. Excursions and incursions will be billed separately. This is also on the basis of feedback from parents. Please note that in future excursions and incursions will need to be paid on the due date for students to participate.

The Learning and Support Team (LAST) is very busy at the moment supporting students and teachers. Classrooms are implementing differentiated programs and teachers in collaboration with the LAST teachers are developing Individual Education Plans (IEPs). These strategies are designed to explicitly support students who may have difficulty learning and also may have diagnosed learning difficulties. The LAST program at VPS consists of teachers: Margaret Nay, Wendy Lonergan and Margot Nettheim. They are supported by Learning and Support Officers (LSOs): Rosey Jones, Lauren Ferguson and Jaki Josef. If your child receives support in this program, Margaret Nay or your child's class teacher will be contacting you this term to explain the program.

The P&C strongly supports this program by funding it one day per week and also by making additional funds available to purchase texts for the Guided Reading and Take Home Reading Program. LAST Headquarters are the two small demountables close to the canteen. If you visit these rooms you will see a large number of reading resources that have been funded by the P&C in the past. During the school holidays these two rooms were recarpeted. In 2016 we had gas connected to these rooms and we purchased heaters. Now with the combination of good carpet, furniture and heating these classrooms are very well equipped and serve as small withdrawal spaces to support small groups of students. The Hebrew program and Miriam Marks use this space also as does Gail Murray who delivers the New Arrivals Program (NAP) and the English as a Second Language (now known as EALD). The LAST program at Vacluse PS is an outstanding one that has whole of school participation from the staff. We collect rigorous data that reflects excellent progress particularly in the area of literacy. We are particularly pleased with the value added each to those students on individual programs with significant learning difficulties.

The P&C has supported the LAST program since I arrived at this school. Our data demonstrates that this has made a big difference to learning outcomes for all the students in our school. We are very appreciative of the P&C and the school community's support of this valuable learning program.

Maureen Hallahan

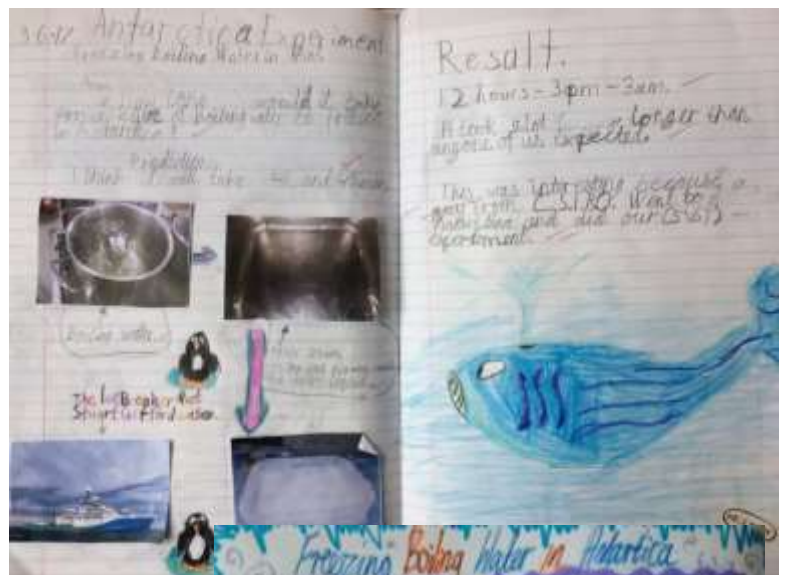
5/6T's Antarctica Investigation!

5/6T entered a CSIRO competition and our inquiry question was chosen to be used for an experiment conducted IN ANTARCTICA!!

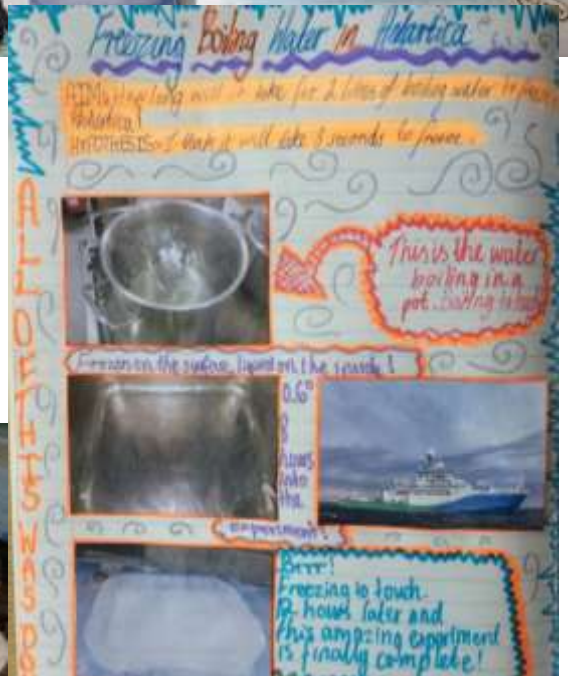


Our question was:

How long will it take for a 2L pot of boiling water to freeze when placed on the ground in Antarctica?



The answer? 12 HOURS! This was MUCH longer than we hypothesized, and the team of researchers on board the ship were equally as surprised as we were!



Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 2017 has begun!

- The PRC is open to all NSW students K-9
- It runs from March 6 to August 25

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students' reading records are managed online.

Years 2 – 6 will learn how to log in and enter books during library sessions.

Books on the PRC reading list are marked in the school library with a colour coded sticker.

- To manage your child's online reading record, go to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>
- Your child's DET login details are usually:
Username: firstname.surname
Password: Child's class
For example; joe.bloggs
2f
- Some students may have a number after their surname because there are multiple students in the state with the same name. If you find you cannot log on contact me (Laura Caesar) in the library and I can confirm the username.
- Once you are logged in, go to "Student Reading Records" and enter either the PRC Number or title of the book and the form will auto complete the rest of



IT'S THE QUESTION EVERY MOTHER DREAMS...

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

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GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK!

MISS MORGAN'S *Marvellous Meals!*

GOURMET, HAND COOKED, HEALTHY MEALS, PREPARED
IN A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND FROZEN READY FOR YOUR FREEZER.

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- HEALTHY, BALANCED MEALS • ETHICALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS
- GLUTEN-FREE AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS
- FRESHLY PREPARED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF FOOD HYGIENE
- LARGE PORTION SIZES TO FEED THE FAMILY • FROZEN ON THE SPOT

COME & SEE THE TEAM FROM 3M
AT THE VPS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
AND STOCK UP YOUR FREEZER!

..... MENU

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE

Made from grass fed beef
with hidden vegetable
Serves 3-4 (GF,DF)
\$12

FISH PIE

Classic fish pie with fresh
fish, vegetable and herbs
topped with creamy mash
Serves 2 adults, 3 kids (GF)
\$18

ITALIAN MEATBALLS

Grass fed Italian meatballs
served in a tomato and
basil sauce
18 meatballs (GF)
\$16

MOROCCAN CHICKEN TAGINE

Aromatic chicken tagine cooked in
middle eastern spices but not spicy!!
Serve on steamed rice or cous cous
Serves 2 adults-3 kids (DF, GF)
\$18

SPINACH RICOTTA CANNELLONI

Spinach and ricotta cannelloni
served in a homemade
tomato sauce.
Serves 2
\$12



The sitar

This morning my friend Kai's father came to 2b to teach us about the sitar. We learnt that there were Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Da, Ni's. In order to play the sitar you have to take your shoes off and sit on the floor. We got to see the plectrum. Some play for an hour.

The sitar

This morning 2B were very lucky to have Mr Paul (Kai's father) come in and show us the sitar. We learnt that there is slow, medium and fast music. The sitar has 20 strings but used to only have 3. He taught us that Raga is a type of song. Mr Paul doesn't just play the sitar he also plays the piano and guitar. The musical notes are called: Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Da, Ni and So. We did Indian dancing while Mr Paul played his sitar.

3-6T complete their commentary as part of their unit of work on Antarctica.



THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Come down to the vegetable garden and help our Garden Grow. We desperately need volunteers in the garden. There are jobs for all including, weeding, harvesting, mulching and composting . Our worm farms and our chickens (*Our Girls*) need lots of TLC and their homes need maintaining .

Rudi Adlmayer, our Garden Specialist works with our students from years 3 to 6 in the garden every two weeks with their teachers. Our students work in the kitchen with our food specialist Camille Giraud-Vinet. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the garden with their classes and assist them in growing and managing our garden. If you are able to lend a helping hand please let your **child's class teacher know and/or contact Rudi. Every little bit helps.**

rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com 0423020648 ... **from 9AM—4PM Every second Monday**

Term 1

20 March 3 April

Term 2

1 May 15 May 29 May 5 June 12 June
26 June

Term 3

24 July 7 August 4 September 18 September

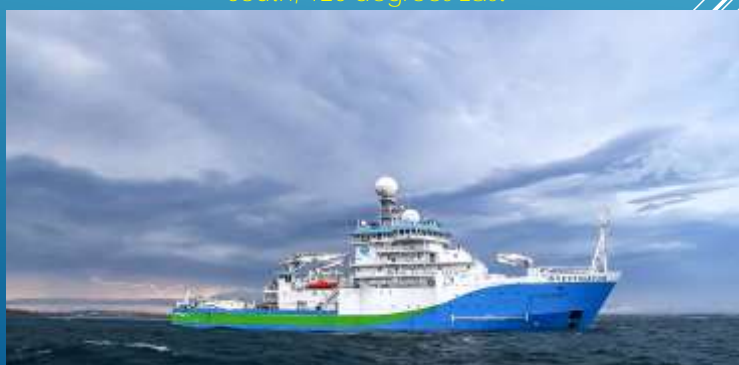
Term 4

16 October 30 October
(13 / 27 November Rudi away)
11 December

FREEZING BOILING WATER IN ANTARCTICA!

Thank you to Tammy Schwartz and her 5/6 class for
the inspiration!

Conducted on board the RV *Investigator* 65 degrees
South, 120 degrees East



VPS Country Carnival 2017

Friday 24th March, 2016

Location: School grounds

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

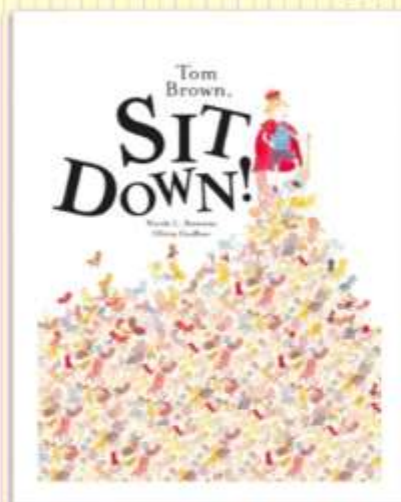
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

The Country Carnival is the first and the big fund raiser of the year. It is the event everyone loves! Kids and adults alike. It is the welcoming fair for the school community and a wonderful introduction to VPS for our new families. It is a fun and entertaining event for parents, students, teachers and the wider community. Please bring along any of your neighbours, family and friends. Each class will have a dedicated stall, and we challenge the classes to raise the most amount of money. There will also be jumping castles, a petting zoo, bucking bull and more.

We require volunteers to assist with the organisation and co-ordination of the Country Carnival. The following jobs are required:-

- **MUSIC!** We need a musician or a band that will perform at the Carnival. Preferably we would love some Country and Western tunes, but it could be any type of entertainment.
- A stall is run by each class in the school. This is co-ordinated by the class parent/s of each class with the help of the Class Parent Co-Ordinator and Event Manager, Madelienne Anderson (Mads). Last year we had stalls selling:- lollies, drinks, flowers, take-away meals, dutch pancakes, cakes, pre-loved toys, pop-corn, slushies, etc. If you have any suggestions or any contacts that might work well as a stall, please contact your class parent, or Madelienne on madelienne123@optusnet.com.au
- Volunteers from each class to run their stall. Co-ordinated by each class parent/s and Madelienne.
- Marketing/PR Co-ordinator/s. This person/s will co-ordinate a group to distribute flyers around their neighbourhood and ask local businesses/shops to put them up in their windows. Also, approach online sights to promote the event, e.g. Ella's List, What's on at Woollahra Council etc. Approach Woollahra Council about displaying a banner/s at their public sights. Approach Wentworth Courier to write about it, etc.
- We are very fortunate that the Done Family designs the posters for us every year but we are after a printer to print promotional material at the best price possible.

BOOK LAUNCH



Written by local author Nicole L Steevens

You're invited to the launch of picture book *Tom Brown, Sit Down* and the official presentation of a **Community Grant** to Vaocluse Public School by **The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP**



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

Prizes to be won!

Date: Thursday 16th March 2017

Where: Vaocluse Public School, Cambridge Ave, Vaocluse, 2030

Time: 5pm—6pm

VOOSC NEWS

VACATION CARE

Our Vacation Care program is available to all families. Check out our great activity schedule and book now to avoid missing the cut off date

03/04/17

All bookings are to be made in person please and with full payment at the time of booking to secure your positions.



VOOSC STARS

Voosc stars for this week have been awarded to three stand-out people with an awesome attitudes and dedication to homework tasks.

Congratulations to the following children.

Emily. S, Annabelle. R
Stella. S Who's new at
VOOSC?

Keeping with tradition, we welcome Vina Zhong to our team. Vina is also an ex VPS student and school leader. How lucky are we to have such a great team!

Warm Regards

VOOSC TEAM





*Mrs Zantis models the staff's new fluoro vests.
Straight off the Catwalk*



BONDI BREAKERS
J.R.U.F.C

COME

PLAY

RUGBY



REGISTER NOW FOR 2017!!

Come and join a great family-orientated club that prides itself on participation, fun and team spirit.

Open for all boys & girls aged 4 and up! 50% off registration fees!

Please email BondiBreakersJuniorRugby@gmail.com to register for 2017

Trainings are Thursdays from 4pm-5pm; Games on Saturday mornings starting early April

**PLEASE COME DOWN AND JOIN US AT EASTS RUGBY CLUB FOR OUR
REGISTRATION & FUN DAY**

When: Saturday 11th March 12pm-2pm

Where: Easts Rugby Club, 22a O'Sullivan Rd, Bellvue Hill

Sausage sizzle and drinks provided

Ecole Melodie

French, Music & Fun for Kids

Offer your child a world of possibilities!

Open their minds and boost their cognitive development. Stimulate their communication and problem solving skills. Above all, don't waste their natural linguistic genius because the best time to start is right now!

Our original and cutting edge program teaches French through music, movement, signing, stories, games and craft. All enrolled families receive weekly newsletters and online materials.

Starting on Tuesday March 14th from 8.15-9am for a 4-week session for students in years K-2. Term 2 classes (10 weeks) will start directly after the Easter break.

Get in touch quickly to avoid missing out as numbers are strictly limited.

Expressions of interest for Years 3-6 classes are welcome.

Contact Daniella

0422 441 150

learn@ecolemelodie.com.au

<https://www.facebook.com/ecolemelodie>



French classes for Kindergarten at VPS – 2016

(Photos: Grace Titioka)

BOOK CLUB

Hello Parents

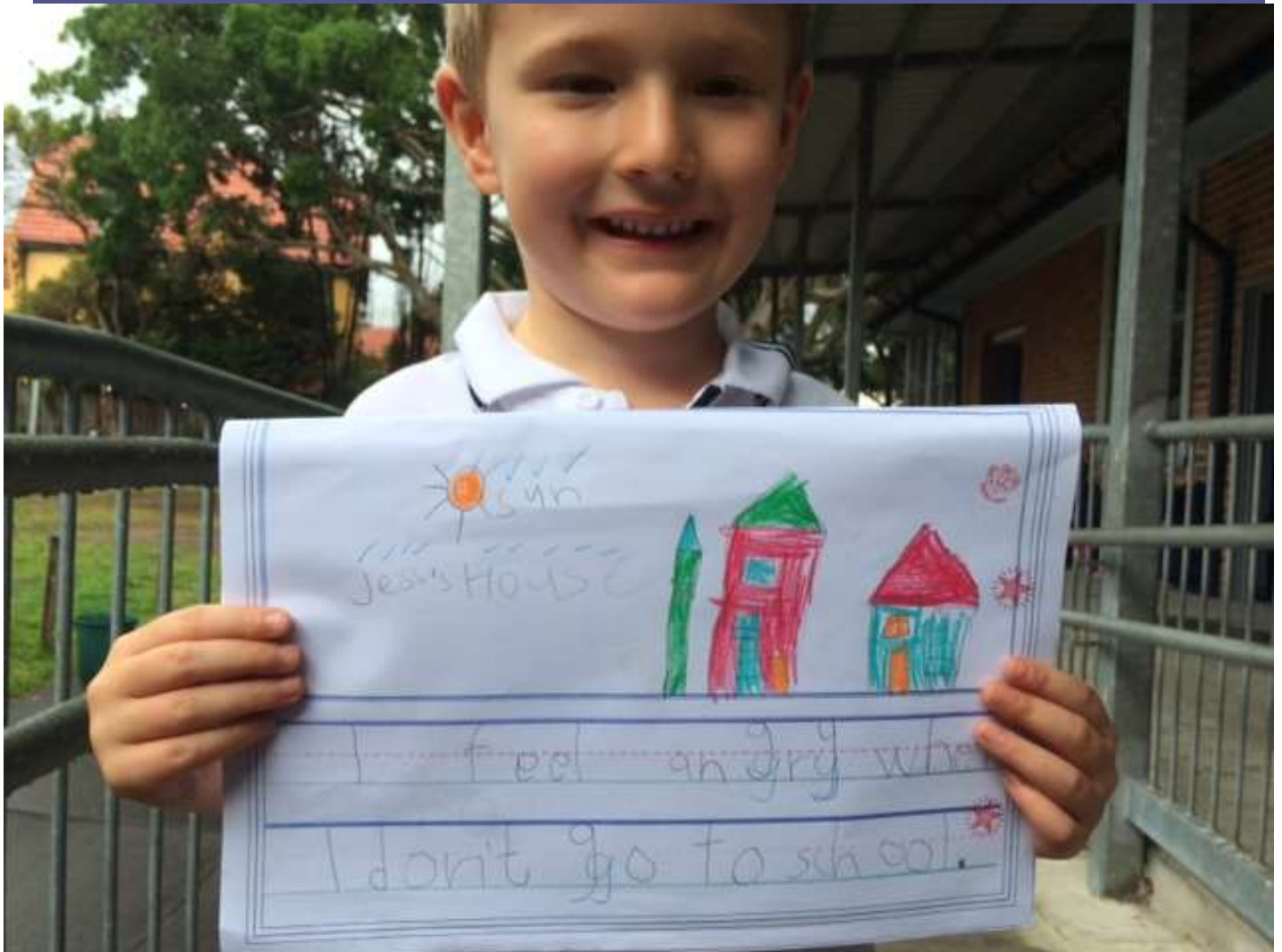
This year Book Club will be operating again. Book Club is a fantastic and well-priced way to buy lovely books for your children or as gifts for others.

This year the first catalogue will be available from around **10th of March**. Your child/ren will bring the brochure home - please remember to check your children's bags. The order needs to be placed **online** by the **23 March 5:00pm**. Scholastic has an online ordering system, and this is the only way to place an order.

Regards

Angela

Byron from KB shows us his beautiful drawing of his friend Jesse's House.



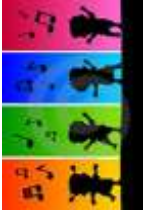








VOOSC VACATION CARE APRIL 2017

ONLY BOOKINGS MADE IN PERSON WILL BE
ACCEPTED. FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT
THE TIME OF BOOKING
Daily fee per child: \$45.00 + Activity fee
ANNUAL REGISTRATION 2015

1 Child : \$45
Family : \$70

OPENING HOURS:
8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP
PHONE: 9337 3031
EMAIL: voosc@people.net.au
MOBILE: 0420 729 143
VACATION CARE HOURS ONLY

Please collect your detailed itinerary when making your booking

<p><u>Monday 10/04/17</u></p> <p>My Dance Crew</p>  <p>Enjoy a disco with our professional DJ Nathan and dance away at VOOSC. Get ready to party!!! DISCO STARTS AT 10:00M-12:00PM See Itinerary for full requirements INCURSION Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 11/04/17</u></p> <p>Picnic At Parsley Bay</p>  <p>DEPART: 11:00AM RETURN: 3:00 PM See Itinerary for full requirements EXCURSION Daily Fee</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 12/04/17</u></p> <p>Fun Sports</p>  <p>2 hrs of fun filled games and activities developing confidence, strength, rhythm, coordination and balance 1:30 -3:30pm See Itinerary for full requirements INCURSION Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Thursday 13/04/17</u></p> <p>LEO BONNE</p>  <p>1.5 hours of Juggling, ballooning, Uni-cycling, comedy and interactive magical fun! 9:30AM SHARP See Itinerary for full requirements INCURSION Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Friday 14/04/17</u></p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY</p>
<p><u>Monday 17/04/17</u></p>  <p>CLOSED</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 18/04/17</u></p> <p>BOLLYWOOD workshop</p>  <p>Enjoy the full Bollywood experience in this fun 2hr dance workshop ! Dress up, play games and learn a Bollywood dance routine 9:30am Sharp See Itinerary for full requirements INCURSION Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 19/04/17</u></p> <p>Webers Circus Manly</p>  <p>DEPART FROM VOOSC 9:00am SHARP RETURN 3:00 PM See Itinerary for full requirements EXCURSION Daily Fee + \$23.00</p>	<p><u>Thursday 20/04/17</u></p> <p>Built By Kidz</p>  <p>Build your own treasure box, jewellery interactive workshop 10:00am 12:00pm See Itinerary for full requirements INCURSION Daily fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Friday 21/04/17</u></p> <p>Art and Craft Day</p>  <p>Make your own special friend to take home + lots of fun craft activities to fill the day. Dress for mess and get ready to be creative! See Itinerary for full requirements INCURSION Daily Fee + \$17.00</p>