

The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 17 March, 2017 Term 1 Week 8

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Archie and Adam from The Guide Dogs Association visit Vaucluse Public School.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Last week I took a staff team from Vaucluse PS to a conference about Visible Learning. Much time was spent on examining the most effective educational practices in school. These practices were measured by a year's worth of learning. This is the progress we expect each student to make each year. Professor John Hattie who is a highly esteemed educator has spent the last fifteen years using meta analyses to study over 50,000 research studies on what works best. At the top of his list were student's expectations of their own learning with a very large 1.44 effect size, more than two years growth. This has very big implications for school and home and we will be working towards growing student expectations of their learning. This year, the 2015-2017 School Plan comes to an end. We will be seeking community consultation in the second half of the year to develop the 2018-2020 School Plan. Visible Learning and its strategies such as Feedback, Learning Intentions and Progressions and Student Expectations will be a prominent part of our new school plan. We look forward to sharing with the community these valuable learning strategies.

On Thursday evening we had the great pleasure of celebrating the publication of Nicki Steeven's book. This took place in the school library and we were delighted to see so many Vaucluse Public School families were there to support Nicki. Nicki has shared the pathway of her writing progress with all our students. In last year's Bookweek, Nicki took workshops with our students to demonstrate the writing, publishing and crowd funding process. It has been an excellent opportunity for our students. It has also been inspirational for all members of the VPS staff to see Nicki's dream become real. We are tremendously proud of our friend and staff member and delighted with Nicki's success. Thank you to all those families who braved the rain and attended Thursday night's launch. Nicki's book is available for borrowing in the library. We have also framed some of the original drawings and they will be hung in the library also.

We are all looking forward to the Welcome Fair on Friday night. We know there has been a great deal of work going into the preparation of class stalls. Our students love the Welcome Fair and anticipate it with much excitement. As adults we forget how the little ones love anything where there is sugar and a ride on something. This week you can feel the excitement in the air around our school. We are keeping our fingers crossed in regard to the weather. Please keep an eye on alerts through the Vaucluse School App.

This week we will be sending a note home advising of end of term Parent / Teacher interviews. Please respond to this note promptly. Interviews will be booked online and fill up very quickly. If you are unable to find a suitable time, please speak to your class teacher and they will negotiate a time with you.

We are hoping to see many of you on Friday.

Maureen Hallahan

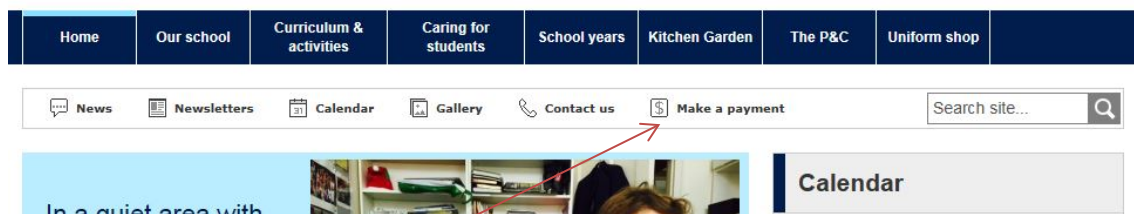
HOW TO PAY THE VPS SCHOOL INVOICES

1. Log into the school website: www.vaucluse-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Vaucluse Public School

Learning and growing together

Cambridge Ave
Vaucluse
2030
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2. Click on MAKE A PAYMENT button
3. This will take you to the Westpac Site:

Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.

The process for making a payment is as follows:

1. Fill out all the required fields on this page.
2. Fill out credit card payment details on the next page.
3. Review and confirm your payment details on the confirmation page.
4. Review your payment receipt and optionally print it, or send it as an email.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the left of the student's name.

★ Given Name

★ Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the invoice or statement issued by the school. It may have the heading Ref:

★ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

e.g. 31/01/1980

Required if only one of 'Class or Year' or 'Invoice Number' are filled.

Payer Details

★ Full Name

★ Contact Phone Number

NOTE: Only the Fields marked with a GREEN ★ (asterisk) have to be completed.

Please complete the following fields:

Given Name (students first name)

Surname (student's surname)

Class or Year (students class name)

Date of Birth (students DOB)

Payer Details – all the fields

Payment Options – please choose the relevant box

Click Next

You will then see the following:



Payment Details

Fields marked with an asterisk (★) are mandatory.

You are paying to: Vaucluse Public School

Payment Amount: \$60.00 AUD

★ Card Holder Name:

★ Credit Card Number:  

★ Card Expiry Month:

★ Card Expiry Year:

★ Card Verification Number (CVN): [What's this?](#)

Click **Next** to proceed to the confirmation page where you can review your payment details.

Cancel

Back

Next

THIS WILL BE THE AMOUNT YOU ARE PAYING.

- Please complete all the mandatory fields (fields with **GREEN ★**)
- Continue by clicking “NEXT” till the payment is complete
- You should receive an Online Payment Receipt
- Please keep this receipt for further reference if required.
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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- If you are using a MAC computer please use FIREFOX browser – Westpac does NOT function on the Safari browser.



SCHOOL INVOICES

By now each family would have received the Student Statement of Account (School Invoices) for Term 1. These were sent home in the bag of each student.

If you have not received this please contact the Admin Office immediately. It would be very much appreciated if payment could be received by the due date of 31 March 2017.

If you have any issues regarding this invoice please feel free to contact the Admin Office by telephone 9337 2672 or email Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au





Dear Parents

The first meeting of the P & C for 2017 was held on Tuesday 7th March. It was a great opportunity to introduce the new executive, to acknowledge the amazing work done by the outgoing team and to discuss plans for the coming year.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of the 2016 P&C, our wonderful volunteers and the very generous support of the VPS community, we are in a good financial position. This position would not be possible without the significant funds raised through the Extra-curricular activities, managed by Katrin and Xanthe, the Clothing Pool, managed by Pip Connolly and of course the cocktail party and other fundraising events coordinated by Sacha Irvine and the 2016 P&C. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of volunteers and are always so grateful for the time given by parents and friends when we know how busy life is. To name a few items the P&C funds have supplied the school with recently are interactive white boards for each class, 60 new chrome books for Stage 3 learning and guided reading books. This is why it so important that we continue to raise money as government funding will never provide all the extra resources needed for our children. Government funding provides for basic resources only.

On the subject of fund raising, the Country Carnival is fast approaching. Planning is well underway and flyers have been distributed. The Big Day is this Friday 24th March 4-7pm. We encourage everyone to come along to enjoy this fabulous community event and bring as many friends as possible.

Each class has been given a stall where they will be selling all sorts of goodies, made or donated by the kids and their parents. If you are able to help out – even for a half an hour, please contact your class parent. This is a great opportunity to raise money and support the school and at the same time, have a fun night with friends and family.

The P&C have big plans for 2017. We'd love to see some new and innovative playing areas in the school grounds, more educational resources, sports equipment and lots more. Your continued support in making all this possible is helping to create a safe, happy and fun learning environment for all our children.

We look forward to working together and having a fun and successful year.

Warmest regards

Martine and Heather



Mrs Buchannan and KB have been following the progression of their amazing world of tadpoles. Once they become little frogs the class release them into our school pond. The class have learned so much and it has been really fun nurturing these little creatures.

We were wondering what KB's tadpoles eat.

Mr Buchannan, Mrs Buchannan's lovely husband has been steaming fresh baby spinach for our tadpoles of an evening.

It takes a Village



Harmony Day 2017

Dear Parents

At Vacluse Public School we will be celebrating ***Harmony Day*** on Friday 24 March 2017. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across Australia. The message of Harmony Day is: ***Everyone Belongs***.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live. Multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation. At Vacluse Public School we celebrate this diversity.

We are asking all students to wear something ***orange*** to school on Friday 24 March. They may wear one item of orange like a t-shirt, ribbon, shorts or they may come dressed completely in orange. Orange is the colour chosen to represent ***Harmony Day***. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

After recess we will suspend our normal Friday timetable and reorganize classes into House groups. A rotating timetable will ensure all students participate in Dance, Art, Games and Literacy programs around the Harmony day theme. Activities will conclude at the end of the day. If you have any concerns about what to dress your child in, please speak to your class teacher.

Earth Hour, Clean Up Australia / Vacluse PS, Close the Gap Day

We have moved our acknowledgement of these days to ***Thursday 30 March 2017***. On this day all classes will be involved in a clean- up of our school. Please send to school with your child prior to this day plastic gloves and plastic garbage bags. Teachers will also be observing and discussing ***Earth Hour*** on this day. Classrooms will be discussing ***Close the Gap Day*** but will be organising a program around the issues of Close the Gap for ***NAIDOC*** week in Term 2. It will be a busy day !!!

We look forward to celebrating Vacluse Public School's stories and our rich diversity.

Yours sincerely
Maureen Hallahan
Principal
15 March 2017



On Tuesday Alan came to
our school to talk to us about
guide dogs. Alan brought Archie
his guide dog. He told us that
Archie is 7 or 8 years old. Dogs
are guide dogs for 10 years.
We all had a pat at the
end of the guide dog talk.

by Tiella



On Tuesday Alan came to our school. He talked to the whole school about guide dogs. I learnt that guide dogs in NSW are mostly Labradors. It is very interesting. Alan was blind. He told us that when guide dogs get used to areas they know where to go.

by marcus



On Tuesday Alan came to our school to talk about guide dogs. He brought his guide dog Archie. Alan told us that dogs are guide dogs for 10 years. Guide dogs start to be a guide dog when they are one year old. Most guide dogs in NSW are labradors. In other places there are different dogs. Some people who use a cane and not a guide dog can bump into things. Guide dogs

By Dusty

Yee haw!



*It's the
Annual ...*

4PM-7PM

FRI

MARCH

24

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Join us for loads of fun, including:

MECHANICAL BULL

**COUNTRY & WESTERN
ENTERTAINMENT**

PONY RIDES

PETTING FARM

FUN STALLS

**DELICIOUS COUNTRY
HOME COOKING**

BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE

**ON THE GROUNDS OF VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL
— ENTRY VIA VILLAGE HIGH ROAD —**



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 the information. Click "ADD" and the book is added to the reading record.



IT'S THE QUESTION EVERY MOTHER DREAMS...

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

.....

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



Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students within the school

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health

(<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>)

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/student-health/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
15 March 2017

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

Tell Them From Me.

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au> and http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12017.pdf

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Thursday 23rd March, 2017. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

VOOSC NEWS

Voosc Stars

Our VOOSC Wall of Fame will have four fantastic additions this week.

Congratulations to **Lachlan R**, **Chloe L.C**, **Leo R** and **Lola Mc**.

A star has been awarded to each of you for always being exceptionally well mannered, for kindness to others and great helpers around VOOSC.

VACATION CARE

We are taking bookings for Vacation Care. Be sure to get those permission slips signed along with full payment to secure your holiday fun! Don't miss out on

MY DANCE CREW
10/04/17, the best party in town!!

Permission slips only available from Voosc

Warm regards

VOOSC TEAM





Penguins
by
Dahlia
from class
2M

Belated Purim Article

PURIM 2017



Purim is a fun holiday for all, this year it falls on Saturday night March 11th and Sunday March 12th.

A wicked man Haman, in Persia, wanted to rid Persia of the Jews. But Queen Esther, who happened to be Jewish was married to King Achashverosh. She managed to save the Jews and instead of Purim being a sad day turned into one of the happiest days. But to remember the sadness, the day before Purim is a remembrance day – we Fast and thank G-d for being saved.

Things we do on Purim:

1. Dress up and listen twice to the story of Esther. Once at night and once again the next **day. When we hear Haman's name we make a lot of noise.**
2. Give food gifts to our friends and family and to those in need.
3. Give charity.
4. Eat a special meal with family and/or friends.



Food is always involved. We eat a biscuit called hamantash – it is filled usually with jam, but can also be with chocolate, poppyseed or even peanut butter.

Happy Purim everyone!!!

Morah Miriam



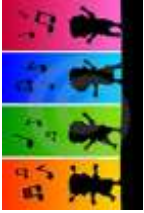








VOOSC VACATION CARE APRIL 2017

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

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

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>

The Catholic Communities of St Mary Magdalene Rose Bay & St Therese Dover Heights

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16 March 2017

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for children in Year 6 at the Church of St Mary Magdalene Rose Bay on Friday 26th May, 2017, at 7.00pm.

Children from local schools who have completed their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are invited to celebrate their Confirmation.

Please visit www.rosebaydoverheightscatholics.com.au to enrol your child. Enrolments close on 23rd April.