

# The Vacluse Weekly

Friday 24 March, 2017 Term 1 Week 9

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## Calender

Term 1 Week 9	Harmony Day	Friday 24 March
Term 1 Week 10	Earth Hour	Friday 30 March
Term 1 Week 11	Autism Awareness Day	Monday 3 April
Term Week 11	Last Day of Term	Friday 7 April
Term 2 Week 1	Students return to school	Wednesday 26 April
Term 2 Week 3	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5	Tuesday 9 May Wednesday 10 May Thursday 11 May
Term 2 Week 3	Year 4 Camp	Wednesday 10 May Thursday 11 May Friday 12 May
Term 2 Week 6	Reconciliation Week	29 May – 02 June
Term 2 Week 8	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 12 June
Term 3 Week 6	Book Week	21 August—25 August



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***Reporting Student Progress Program  
Parent / Teacher Interviews: Term 1 2017***

Dear Parents

As part of our *Reporting Student Progress to Parents Program*, interviews will take place in the last week of Term 1 2017. Each interview will be of ten minutes duration and in this interview teachers will discuss student's progress to date. Interviews will be booked online with [SchoolInterviews.com](http://SchoolInterviews.com). School Interviews The procedure for booking an interview time can be found on the back of this page.

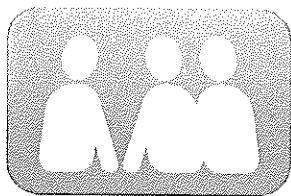
Those parents who are unable to find an appropriate time within the booking system will need to contact their class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. Please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Office if you are having any difficulty.

The *Reporting Student Progress to Parents Program* consists of a formal Parent / Teacher interview in Term 1. A Semester 1 (end of Term 2 ) Report to Parents and a Semester 2 ( end of Term 4 ) Report to Parents. If teachers are concerned about any issues they will contact parents directly and many of these interviews have already occurred this year. If parents are concerned at any time they may contact the Admin office to arrange an appointment to see the teacher, Support Staff, Assistant Principals or Principal.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss our favourite topics – our students.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Hallahan  
Principal  
23 March 2017



# THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from **Monday 3 April - Friday 7 April 2017**.

Bookings must be finalised before the **31 March 2017 at 4pm**, when bookings for this event will close:

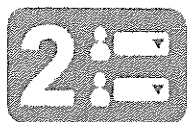
Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on **FRIDAY 31 March 2017 @ 4PM**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the Admin Office directly on: 9337 2672



## ***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](mailto:Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)







Parents from 3M  
cooking up a storm for  
The Country Carnival.

Beautiful house made  
meals will be available  
for sale on Friday night.





Gardening this week  
Class 4A and Miss Allen laying bricks, harvesting and making the very nutritious worm tea for our plants .









## This Week In The Garden



This weeks classes braved a wet day in the garden. A classic autumn's day not too hot but not to cold. My favourite time of year. The days are shorter the summer days are dropping off. Sadly , the basil , tomatoes and corn are all but gone.

Students had a big day in the garden today learning about the role worm farms have in our garden and winter fruit and vegetables.

Students made worm wee/tea, sowed broad beans, climbing peas, cabbages, broccoli, bok choi and won bok seeds.

Students also cut up a lot of lemon grass for tea as well.

We completed some paving with spirit levels and concrete. I am always amazed by what our students can do when they put their minds to something that they enjoy. In this case, brick paving. I have seen adults struggle with this type of work. Our students smashed it!

Cheers

Rudi

Kitchen gardener

[rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com](mailto:rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com)

0423020648



## Please come and volunteer.

### Rudi is in the garden every second Monday from 9AM -4PM

Term 1

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







Dear Parents

The first meeting of the P & C for 2017 was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

# 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.





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# 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](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 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

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



***School Assemblies***

*Even weeks classes K-2 Thursday at  
2:05PM*

*Odd weeks classes Years 3-6 at 12:30PM*

*On this day there was no assembly.  
Clearly, Archie the cat did not read the  
newsletter.*



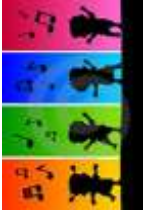








# VOOSC VACATION CARE APRIL 2017

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](mailto: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><b>My Dance Crew</b></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 <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>INCURSION</b> Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 11/04/17</u></p> <p><b>Picnic At Parsley Bay</b></p>  <p>DEPART: 11:00AM RETURN: 3:00 PM <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> EXCURSION Daily Fee</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 12/04/17</u></p> <p><b>Fun Sports</b></p>  <p>2 hrs of fun filled games and activities developing confidence, strength, rhythm, coordination and balance 1:30 -3:30pm <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> INCURSION Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Thursday 13/04/17</u></p> <p><b>LEO BONNE</b></p>  <p>FRENCH MIIME</p> <p>1.5 hours of Juggling, ballooning, Uni-cycling, comedy and interactive magical fun! 9:30AM SHARP <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>INCURSION</b> Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Friday 14/04/17</u></p> <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY</b></p>
<p><u>Monday 17/04/17</u></p>  <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 18/04/17</u></p> <p><b>BOLLYWOOD workshop</b></p>  <p>Enjoy the full Bollywood experience in this fun 2hr dance workshop ! Dress up, play games and learn a Bollywood dance routine <b>9:30am Sharp</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> INCURSION Daily Fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 19/04/17</u></p> <p><b>Webers Circus Manly</b></p>  <p>DEPART FROM VOOSC 9:00am SHARP RETURN 3:00 PM <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> EXCURSION Daily Fee + \$23.00</p>	<p><u>Thursday 20/04/17</u></p> <p><b>Built By Kidz</b></p>  <p>Build your own treasure box, jewellery box or treasure box in a 2 hour interactive workshop <b>10:00am 12:00pm</b> <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> INCURSION Daily fee + \$18.00</p>	<p><u>Friday 21/04/17</u></p> <p><b>Art and Craft Day</b></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! <a href="#">See Itinerary for full requirements</a> <b>INCURSION</b> Daily Fee + \$17.00</p>







## VOOSC NEWS



### VACATION CARE

Don't forget to get those Vacation Care bookings in soon!

Due to lots of required organisation for a safe and fantastic experience for your children we need to have

Confirmation by 03/04/17.

Permission notes are available at VOOSC and **full payment must be received before bookings can be accepted.** Credit card facilities are available.

### TERM 2 BOOKINGS AM/PM

Re confirmation of all current bookings is required please.

If you will be making any changes to your current bookings a written notice is also required before the end of Term 1 please.

### TERM 1 FEES

All fees are due in full please.



### VOOSC STARS

Our stars for this week have been chosen for Inclusion, Kindness and Respect. Congratulations to

Harry J.W, Aliyah R, Panla G, Rex C, Olivia L.

### VOOSC COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 03/04/17

6:00PM VOOSC Building.

All welcome.

Warm Regards

VOOSC Team







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## #FUTUREPROOF

Dear parents and carers-

You might not be aware that we have been running Coding sessions at VPS for almost 1 year! We have had 100 students participating – the majority of them doing more than 2 terms of coding.

Why is Coding offered as an extra-curricular activity?

8 out of the top 10 most sought-after job skills in Australia right now involve coding.  
<http://www.smh.com.au/business/workplace-relations/the-10-most-soughtafter-job-skills-in-australia-20161021-gs7hje.html>

The implementation of coding into the Australian Curriculum is ongoing – you can give your child a head start and ignite their passion by enrolling them into the VPS coding sessions starting again in Term 2 2017.

All VPS sessions are run by teachers from Code Camp – they have already taught more than 13,000 students in Australia in years K-7, teaching them important skills such as computational thinking, logic, creativity, user experience, app development and game building in a fun and engaging way. Code Camp teachers and staff all have backgrounds in teaching and/or computer programming/coding, and are selected based on their training and their years of experience working in the teaching field.

### **Quote from Code Camp: What will my child learn?**

Children will learn the use of Stencyl, a drag and drop programming style very similar to Scratch. Through this we are able to introduce them to many of the concepts that are relevant to coding at any level, without having to spend too much time battling with syntax and, for some, their typing skills.

The process involves walking the class through a common game type, allowing the kids to include customisations along the way, and then spending time to really tweak things so they're happy with the results. Kids are able to design the characters, themes, backgrounds, sounds and music to their own taste, which leaves them with a real sense of ownership over what they've created.

In short our philosophy is to make this as fun as possible. Our sessions are designed so the kids see a tangible result as soon as possible, which encourages them to do more and motivates them to choose coding or technology subjects at school in future when they are offered the choice.

For Term 2 enrolment, please use this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/189948>

For any further questions please contact Katrin [Katrin@graebner.org](mailto:Katrin@graebner.org) or Xanthe [xanthe.lenior@yahoo.com.au](mailto:xanthe.lenior@yahoo.com.au)

Best regards,

Katrin & Xanthe