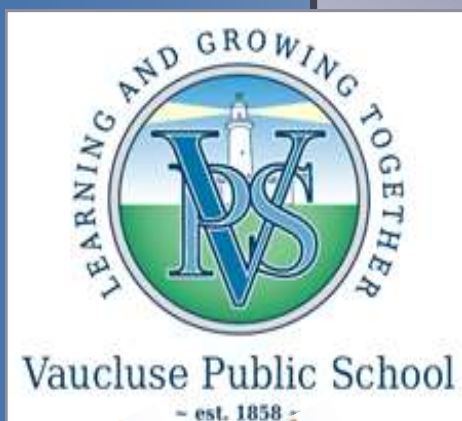


The Vacluse Weekly

Friday 7 April , 2017 Term 1 Weeks 10/11

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Calender

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

*The P & C and the Vacluse Public School Community would like to say thank you so much to Mads Anderson for the amazing job she did in organising the Country Carnival. The evening was a huge success thanks to her co-ordination and management of the event and we are all extremely grateful.
Thanks Mads!*



The Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who braved the weather on Friday night for the Welcome Fair. A very big thank you to Mads Anderson, Heather Vaughn, Martine Cassimiatis and all the committed parents who worked so very hard to make Friday night a huge success. Many parents have been working solidly in the weeks leading up to the Fair. This is such positive modelled behaviour for our students to see. It builds a strong sense of confidence in our students to know there are so many people working just to make their school a successful place. As I visited the stalls on Friday evening I was very impressed to see the effort everyone had put into dressing up, contributing to and manning the stalls. The quality of the produce was excellent. My family enjoyed one of the most delicious orange cakes I have ever eaten. In fact it disappeared on Friday night. I took home beautiful flowers, great bargains from *Trash and Treasure*, and my freezer is full with frozen meals purchased from the *Cooking with Miss Morgan* Stall. Everyone is extremely busy so we appreciate the effort that goes into these events. Thank you from all of us.

Harmony Day also took place last Friday and it was indeed harmonious in our school. We suspended our usual timetable and re-organised the school into house teams. It was a great opportunity for teachers and children to meet and mix with new people. It makes our school smaller and friendlier. Our students sang, danced, learnt new games, read books and made artworks all around the harmony theme. It was wonderful that the day culminated in the Welcome Fair and fitted right into our harmony Day activities.

This Thursday we will recognise two important dates. The school will have a belated *CleanUp Australia Day* activity and we will also be talking about *Earth Hour*. Teachers and students will decide how to recognize *Earth Hour* in each class. The playground has been organized into class areas and students and teachers will clean up their own patches.

On Friday work will commence on the installation of the lift that will give us access to the Assembly Hall. We are delighted this project is finally starting after much planning time. The fencing will go up and we will plan the usage of space once we are aware of how it will impact on us. At the commencement of Term 2 we will have different arrangements for the use of the main building and the middle playground. We imagine there will be some inconvenience but it will be worth it to finally have a lift. This will mean all areas of the school will be accessible. This will be a fantastic achievement.

We are looking forward to the last week of school. Our staff and students have worked extraordinarily hard this term to get all our programs established. We are all looking forward to a well deserved rest.

Maureen Hallahan

P.S Our apologies. Due to circumstances beyond our control, last week's newsletter did not go out. Please see my message above. Rather than make you read another long message from me, please accept the staff's good wishes for a happy holiday. We hope you enjoy spending time with those you love the most over Easter and Passover. We look forward to seeing everyone return to school on Wednesday 26 April 2017. Please remember Monday 24 April is a pupil free day. We will be acknowledging Anzac Day on Wednesday 26 April with a whole school assembly.

Happy Holidays!



Harmony Day Activities in 1W
&
Clean Up Australia Day with 3-6T
and Alexander.....



2014 & 2015



CLEAN UP



AUSTRALIA DAY

PIC COLLAGE

HARMONY

DAY



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HARMONY



DAY



ACTIVITIES



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Please come and volunteer.

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



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



Rudi
Kitchen gardener
rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
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Harmony Day



Miss Allen and Miss Hallahan are very proud of Kindergarten students.

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/login.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.



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

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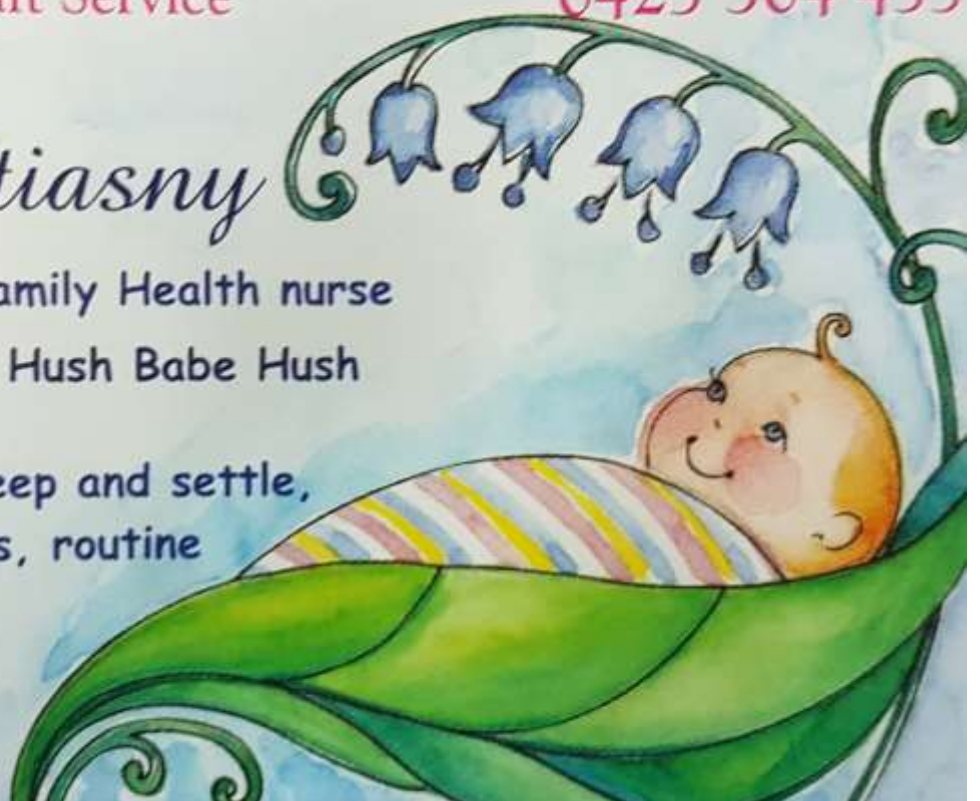
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Elke, Astrid and Lucy Raising money to sponsor a child by selling hand made goodies.

Dear Parents

Thank you for your wonderful support of book club.

There were 276 books ordered to the value of \$3,086.

This is a fantastic result and means Ms Caesar, the librarian, has \$600 to spend on books for the library.

Thanks again for your support

Angela

Earth Hour presented by KM





Each Hebrew class, this week, had their own Passover Seder. We used our own Haggadah (the book that tells us what to do at the Seder, it goes through the 15 steps of what needs to be done at the Seder). Seder means order.

We started by lighting the Festival candles, the table was set and the seder plate and matzah were on the table. We drank 4 cups of wine (well actually it was grape juice), we ate matzah, we ate parsley dipped in salt water, we ate charoset and marror – bitter herbs (well some of us did). We ate a dinner with an egg and a matzah ball on the menu, some had potato too. We went through the story of Passover. The best part was hiding and finding the afikoman, where each of us got a present.

Everything we do and eat at the Seder, remind us of something from the story of Passover. The Jews were slaves to a terrible Pharaoh in Egypt. Moses was chosen to save the Jewish People. He asked the Pharaoh to let the slaves go and when Pharaoh said no, 10 plagues rained down on the Egyptians until after the 10th plague they were let free. They were in such a hurry to go that they didn't even wait for their bread that was in the ovens, to rise. So the bread was flat and today we eat Matzah. Marror (horseradish) reminds of the bitter times in Egypt. Roasted egg reminds us of a new life, because out of an egg comes a new life. Roasted bone reminds us of the thank you sacrifice the Jews gave to G-d to thank Him for saving them. Parsley reminds us it is spring time in Israel. Charoset reminds us of the cement and clay that was used by the slaves. Salt water reminds us of tears and sweat of the slaves.

Pesach lasts 8 days, this year it starts Monday night 10th April.

Happy Passover and happy holidays.

Morah Miriam





The Country Carnival





VOOSC NEWS

VACATION CARE

There are several days that are currently booked (closed). If you have not made your bookings as yet, do not delay!

We still have places open on a few of the activities, but all bookings must be submitted and paid for in full by **03.04.17**.

Please understand for required Educator/child ratios, resources and safety, there needs to be a cut of date so that correct procedures can be put into place prior to the break.

Term 1 Fees

There are a number of outstanding fees which require immediate attention please.

Failure to pay before the end of term which is a Centre Policy will result in late fines and a possible suspension of positions until payment is received.

VOOSC STARS

Our stars for this week have been awarded to children who always shine! Spectacular people who always bring sunshine and friendship to all.
Matilda T, Otis B, Orlando C, Tom F, Lia G, Chiara M, Willow F, Jessica H, George S

Committee meeting 03/04/17

6:00 PM at Voosc

Warm Regards **VOOSC TEAM**



3-6T get some extra help this week

It was so wonderful to have *a Norman* back at the school this week. As we can see from this photograph, the students of Class 3-6T were thrilled to have Alexander lend a helping hand in the classroom. They also appreciated all his hard work during Clean Up Australia Day.

One more Norman to go and we can't wait !

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the following local business that donated prizes to the book launch and fundraiser last Thursday. We are so grateful for your generosity!



A big thank you to Glenn and Karen Wright.

We would like to say a big thank you to Glenn and Karen for the amazing fishing adventure they donated to the 2016 Cocktail Party auction which raised \$1150 for the school. Gareth Mozley, Leo Holmes and friends were taken 30 nautical miles off the coast on Sunday for a fantastic day of fishing. A brilliant day was had by all.

Country Carnival 2017 -Big Thanks

The Country Carnival was a great success again this year, despite some challenges with the weather. But how lucky were we, that the weather held out!

Everyone pulled together to make it a great afternoon and the kids had a ball. We took around \$20,000 in 3 hours and made approx \$13,000. How the the money will be spent will be decided at the next P&C meeting, so come along and have your say.

There are many, many people to thank. I've attempted to list all of you, below but if I have missed anyone, please know that we are grateful to everyone who contributed.

Big Thanks to:-

- P&C Presidents, Heather Vaughan and Martine Brenac, as well as Krista Kelser, P&C Head of Fund Raising, who organised and cooked the delicious Ranch Food. The jacket potatoes sold out!
- Sam Peters and Ian Manovel for taking care of all the money.
- ***All class parents*** who ran fabulous stalls with the help of all the parent volunteers.
- The Done family for designing the graphics for the posters/flyers and banners and for kindly covering the cost of them.
- Karen, Glen and Terry Wright for donating all the sausages for the BBQ and heading up the BBQ for the afternoon. And for putting up the banner at The Fishing Club.
- As well as all the dads who volunteered and cooked some great sangas.

- Carisa Wells and Phil Abram from The Char for donating all the sauces and napkins.
- Joshua from Millenium Pizza for donating the chopped onions for the BBQ.
- Andrew Oakley who was instrumental in getting the SES there. The SES volunteered their time and gave us much needed light at the end of the Carnival.
- Bakers Delight for providing bread rolls at cost.
- Ruthie Chapman for her insightful Tarot card readings.
- Nhat Vo for her amazing balloon twisting skills as well as her support, particularly with putting up the banner at Lyne Park.
- The volunteers on the Ticket Booth & Ranch Food stall
- David Satchell and Paul Attard who ran the Bucking Bull.
- Kata Bayer for her fabulous photos, see below.
- Kelly Wilson who ran the cash raffle and Rachel Zener who ran and donated the Cicada & Co hamper raffle.
- Richard Hall for putting up the banner on Old South Head Rd.
- Everyone who distributed flyers and posters.
- All the P&C members for your help.
- Maureen, Corrine and Giselle for your support.
- AND TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG.

But really, thank you to all of you. I know what a huge effort it is, and that there are many people involved in making it happen. Big pat on the back. Not only do we raise money but we have fun, come together as a school community and the kids so look forward to it. With some kids saying it is their favourite afternoon of the year!

I hope you all enjoyed it. Many Thanks, Mads xxx