



# The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 02 June , 2017 Term 2 Week 6

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## Reconcilliation week



Term 2 Week 8	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 12 June
Term 3 Week 6	Book Week	21 August—25 August

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE  
STAFF CAR PARK OR IN AND  
ACROSS THE  
DRIVEWAY OF OUR SCHOOL  
AT ANY TIME.

THE CAR PARK IS FOR THE STAFF,  
OUR SPECIAL TRANSPORT  
VEHICLES AND STUDENTS WHO  
REQUIRE ASSISTANCE.

IT IS ALSO OUR ONLY  
EMERGENY ENTERANCE/EXIT FOR  
AMBULANCES ETC.

PLEASE PARK LEGALLY  
AND WALK.  
BE SAFE

BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS

Remember that we are a  
community.



**Harrison from 4A  
being awarded  
Best and Fairest  
at  
PSSA AFL on  
Friday.**

**Well done,  
Harrison!**

## *The Principal's Report*

Dear Parents

Yesterday's Reconciliation Assembly was something quite special. Reconciliation Week comes after the historic gathering called Makarrata (a Yolngu word meaning coming together after a struggle) in Uluru last week. The Uluru convention was about asking Indigenous people from all over Australia to agree on the best way to get recognition. The recommendations from this historic meeting will be handed to Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten and it will be up to Parliament to determine how we will go forward together. Yesterday's Assembly is part of the Reconciliation process. By learning, understanding and celebrating our Indigenous culture we contribute to the Reconciliation process.

The NSW Department of Education's Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Aunty Fay was our special guest. Aunty Fay spoke warmly to our students and Acknowledged Country. A smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo, an Aboriginal Elder from inner Sydney was a highlight of the afternoon. We were delighted to have Year 6 Heidi Street address the assembly. Heidi's great grandmother was Jessie Street who was a social justice activist who was instrumental amongst many other things in supporting Faith Bandler and the success of the 1967 Referendum. The assembly took place on the top pitch and we imagined what would be happening in this special place two hundred and fifty years ago. Our children sang and danced and celebrated Indigenous culture in a respectful and important way.

Thank you to all those parents who supported the day by attending and participating in the assembly. Our students all wore their Reconciliation T shirts that were hand printed in each classroom this week. We are encouraging our students to wear these T Shirts next Tuesday for our Stomp Out the Gap fundraiser to support the Cathy Freeman Foundation. Julia Morgan who is our Aboriginal Education Coordinator will organise music at lunch time to support our Stomp Out the Gap initiative at VPS.

Teachers have been doing a great deal of work in classrooms this year to build our student's knowledge of Indigenous culture. This work will continue on throughout the year as we integrate this learning with other areas. Our aim is to ensure the work we are doing to develop an understanding of Reconciliation is not isolated.

A reminder to parents that toys in any shape or form should not be at school. We encourage our students to bring items of interest and photographs for news. When they bring things to school they are required to stay in their bag until news time occurs. Please note that Fidget Spinners are not to be brought to school. We love the idea of Fidget Spinners but what drives us to distraction is sorting out who owns what, unravelling the intricate trade deals behind the swapping of the toys, the black market trading in second hand fidget spinners and a myriad of other complicated activities around the wheeling and dealing of Fidget Spinners. In fact we are all praying for the next fad to start. Apparently each fad last approximately six weeks before the next one commences. Bring on YoYos. We would very much appreciate your support in ensuring Fidget Spinners stay at home.

*Maureen Hallahan*





## Reconciliation Week











# Some Important House Keeping

## ICAS Testing – years 3-6

Forms have to be returned by June 20 2017 and the cost of \$20 must be received by the school by June 20 2017 if the student is going to participate in the testing. Please note in the body of the newsletter that went home as a hard copy.

## School Fees

A gentle reminder that school fees are due. If parents have not received the invoice please contact Giselle in the Admin Office and a copy can be emailed to you

## Musica Viva

Payment for this incursion is due on Tuesday 6 June 2017 please see the Musical Viva note in the body of this newsletter.





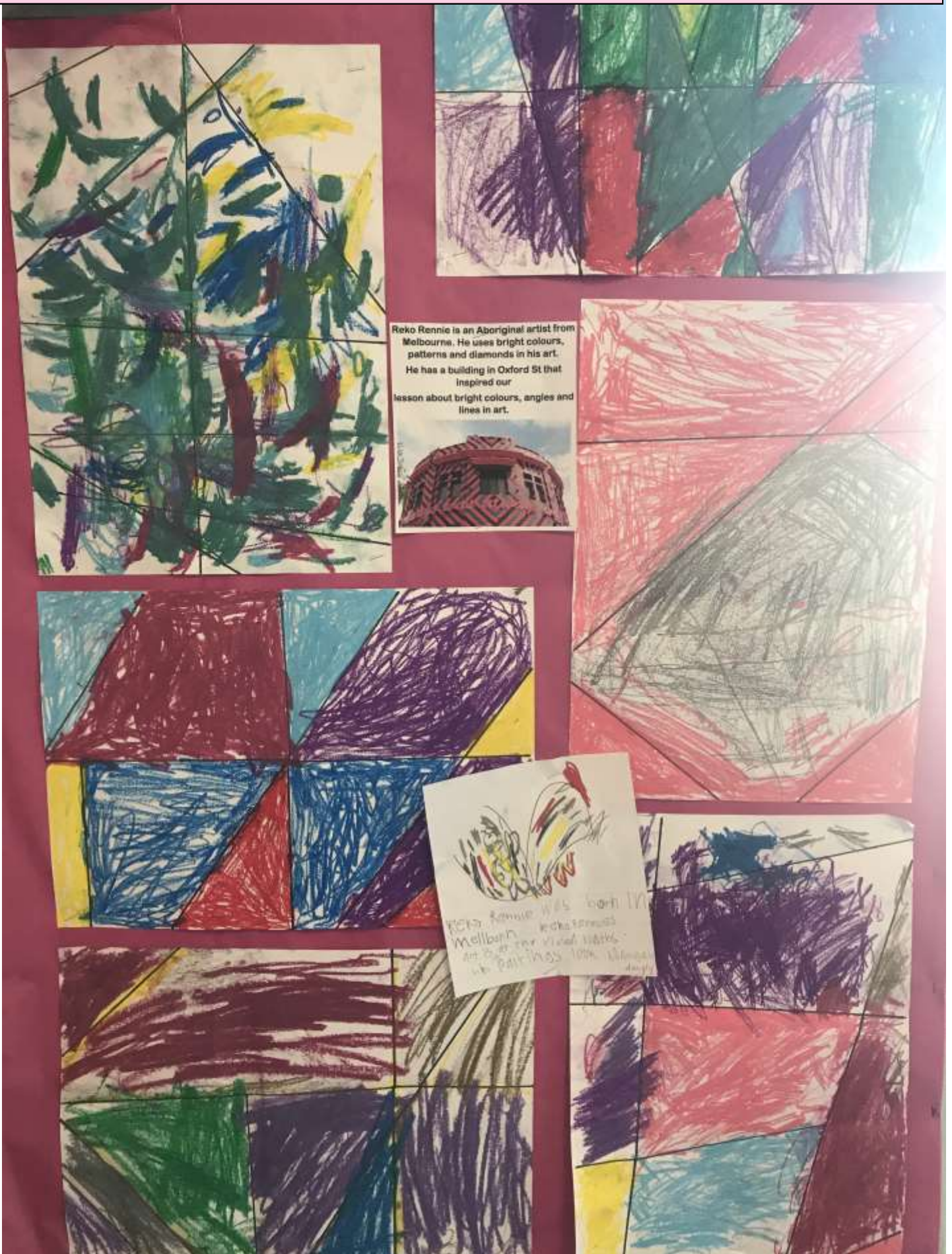
Reko Rennie was born in  
Melbourne. Reko Rennie's  
art is all the Vivid lights.  
his paintings look dangly.

Rachel from 3-6J  
wrote about Reko Rennie and drew a picture of when his art was on  
the Opera House during Vivid.



3-6T have been appreciating Reko Rennie's art  
for Reconciliation Week.

Our artwork was inspired by the lines and angles he uses in his art.



Reko Rennie is an Aboriginal artist from Melbourne. He uses bright colours, patterns and diamonds in his art. He has a building in Oxford St that inspired our lesson about bright colours, angles and lines in art.



Reko Rennie was born in 1951 in Melbourne. He is a traditional artist and a member of the Yindjibarndi people. He has a building in Oxford St that inspired our lesson about bright colours, angles and lines in art.





## The Biggest Morning Tea







What a wonderful community

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who came to support our Biggest Morning Tea for The Cancer Council. It was a lovely morning for a great cause. We raised just over \$1,500. A fantastic effort from VPS. Special thanks to VOOSC for a very generous donation and to Annabelle for her spectacular cupcakes which were enjoyed by all.









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/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

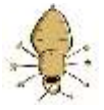
Maureen Hallahan  
Principal  
2 June 2017





## ..... Head lice..... The facts..... The Tips...

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.



We do not like them at all but we must remember that they cannot harm us.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments , so use cheap conditioner, olive or coconut oil instead.



### Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair. Long hair should be tied back for school at all times.
- keep several fine tooth head lice combs in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use them when they wash their hair. These combs can be sterilised naturally with a few drops of Teatree oil.
- **Cheap and thick conditioner can be generously massaged through child's hair.** Leave this in for as long as possible. Rinse out and then comb away until no more lice/eggs appear on the comb. Olive oil and coconut oil can be used in the same way.
- Parents, you can also make your own Teatree oil spray. Spray school hats **every few days and use the spray as part of your child's grooming.**







In the garden  
with Rudi  
this week





# Voosc NEWS

## Our Vacation Care Program is ready!

We have lots of exciting activities planned. Interactive Theatre and a Quest in the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens, Ice Skating, Putt Putt Golf, along with Featherdale Wildlife Park and more.

Get your copy from this week's newsletter for a full overview. Loads of fun to look forward to during the July Break!

## BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

All bookings are to be made in person at Voosc please. Bookings will only be accepted with full payment.

Our service provides Card facilities for your convenience.

**TERM 2 FEES** - Term fees need some attention please. Thank you to families who have consistently remained on top of this, we appreciate it greatly.

If you are experiencing difficulties please do not hesitate to discuss this with Lee, before the End of Term.

## THANKYOU.....

A big thank you to the Carson family for their very generous donation of a Keyboard. Our children have already been able to benefit from your kindness. Some of our children who had BIG NOTE Music lessons this week, were able to enjoy staying at Voosc instead of walking to the other end of the school. It also provides practice opportunities.

Warm Regards Voosc Team





**OPENING HOURS:**  
**8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP**  
**PHONE: 9337 3831**  
**EMAIL: [voosc@voosc.net.au](mailto:voosc@voosc.net.au)**  
**MOBILE: 0420 729 143**  
**VACATION CARE HOURS ONLY**

# VOOSC VACATION CARE JULY 2017

Please collect your detailed itinerary when making your booking

**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 2017**  
**1 Child: \$45**  
**Family: \$70**

<p><b>Monday 03/07/17</b>  <b>FISH AND CHIPS</b>  <b>AT</b>  <b>WATSONS BAY</b></p>  <p>Enjoy lunch and games with friends at the Park</p> <p>10:00AM - 3:30PM  See itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$16.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 04/07/17</b>  <b>INDIGENOUS ART</b>  <b>at Voosc</b></p>  <p>Celebrate NAIDOC by designing and painting a boomerang and canvases to take home.</p> <p>See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$17.00</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 05/07/17</b>  <b>Royal Botanic Gardens</b></p>  <p>Come with us to enjoy the King and Queen of Green, an interactive show, followed by Quest, with storyteller Jo Henwood through the gardens grounds</p> <p>8:45AM SHARP  RETURN 3:30PM  See itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$32.00</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 06/07/17</b>  <b>BUILT BY KIDZ</b></p>  <p>Build your own toolbox/ treasure box in a 2 hour interactive workshop.</p> <p>10:00AM – 12:00PM  See itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$18.00</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 07/07/17</b>  <b>MOVIE at the RITZ</b></p>  <p>Enjoy a day at the Ritz Cinema and watch the adventures of Gru, Lucy and the minions continue, comes with popcorn and a drink</p> <p>10:00AM SHARP  RETURN 3:30PM  See itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$18.00</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 10/07/17</b>  <b>PUTT-PUTT GOLF</b></p>  <p><b>At Voosc</b></p> <p>Show off your golf skills on this 9 hole course</p> <p>See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$16.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 11/07/17</b>  <b>FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK</b></p>  <p>8:45AM SHARP  RETURN 5:30PM  See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$30.00</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 12/07/17</b>  <b>ICE ZOO</b></p>  <p>Come and enjoy a great time on the ice with a day of skating</p> <p>10:00am SHARP  RETURN 3:00 PM  See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$23.00</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 13/07/17</b>  <b>PARTY DAY at VOOSC</b></p>  <p>Come party the day away with dancing, party games and a sausage sizzle lunch</p> <p>See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily fee</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 14/07/17</b>  <b>COOKING DAY</b>  <b>at Voosc</b></p>  <p>Come cook up a storm with us and make your own pizza for lunch</p> <p>See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$16.00</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 17/07/17</b>  <b>KITE DAY</b></p>  <p>Make your own kite and fly it at Christison Park</p> <p>See Itinerary for full requirements  <b>Daily Fee + \$15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 18/07/17</b>  <b>School Resumes</b></p>	<p><b>PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS</b></p> 	<p><b>BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 26/06/17</b></p>	<p><b>PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR DAYS CAREFULLY</b>  Bookings are non-refundable or transferable due to daily child/staff ratios, safety requirements and pre-booked activities</p>





## Vaucluse Public School KINDERGARTEN Orientation Day for 2018

Wednesday 09:00am, 23 August, 2017

In a tranquil, low-traffic area with beautiful gardens, our children enjoy the perfect environment for learning and growing together. Building on a **150 year history**, **Vaucluse Public School's** creative and inspiring learning environment is the perfect start to your child's educational journey.

Under the leadership of our Principal, Maureen Hallahan, Vaucluse Public School will nurture and encourage your child to achieve his or her true potential.

Our community invites you and your child to join us on Open Day 2017. **We'd love to show you around our beautiful school.** Please meet under the tree in our Kindergarten area, just off Village High Road, Vaucluse at 09:00am. Your precious little ones will be settled into classrooms with our Kindergarten teachers. Parents will then be guided by our school leaders **in Year 6 to the school's hall for an information session.**

*We are so excited!*

### **At Vaucluse Public School....**

*Students create new friendships and support each other from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our students experience integrated learning with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Our students grow, harvest, prepare and share their delicious produce, building a lasting and respectful relationship with food and the environment. Our students participate in public speaking and debating.*

*Extra-curricular activities include: Art classes, dance, drama, gymnastics, computer, coding, chess, tennis and more.*

*Outstanding before and after school care and Vacation Care.*

*Hebrew taught from Kindergarten to Year 6.*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Musica Viva brings quality live music to Australian Schools. They specialise in presenting a culturally diverse groups that perform a wide range of music styles. As part of our schools learning program this term we will feature Makukuhan. The performance will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.



Makukuhan are a dynamic mini-Gamelan orchestra, whose performances are a riot of colour and rhythm, including pitch-bending drums, mesmerising masked dance and unbelievably rapid Javanese clapping. Gamelan features a series of bronze gongs and metallaphones that are integral to Indonesian culture. Students will be mesmerised by the pattern-based sequences that make the gamelan one of the world's most influential musical exports in the 20th century.

**The Cost of the Musica Viva Performance is: \$ 10.00**

The school has become a cashless school. Please make payment through the school website using the *Make a Payment button*. Please log into the school website: [Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and click on the *Make a Payment button*. This takes you to the Westpac Site and you can follow the prompts to make the payment by credit card. Alternatively you can pay by credit card in person at the Admin Office.

Please make payment by no later than Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

If you are unable to pay, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

If you choose not to pay, an alternative program will be provided for your child.

Kara McMenemy  
Organising Teacher

*Maureen Hallahan*  
Maureen Hallahan  
Principal

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**Please return this section to your class teacher by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

I consent to .....in class.....to attend the Musica Viva performance by Mukukuhan at Vaucluse Public School on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....





Vaucluse Public School  
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Dear Parents

## ICAS TESTING 2017

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Each test is sat at school and is invigilated by classroom teachers under normal examination conditions.

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

ICAS tests are designed to challenge students and have historically only been offered to students in the top 10% their grade. The tests offer practice in formal assessments and provide exposure to a national test in each year of school. More information can be found at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Vaucluse will be offering ICAS Tests in English and Mathematics in Term 3. Parents will need to send back the attached form and pay online before Tuesday 20 June.

**NB** We are unable to accept applications after this date.

The cost of the two tests is \$20.00. Please pay via the school website.

Test Dates:

English - Tuesday 1 August 2017  
Mathematics - Tuesday 15 August 2017

Yours sincerely

Tom Styles  
R/ Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Maureen Hallahan  
Principal

18 May 2017

Please return this section to your classroom teacher

## ICAS TESTING 2017

I would like my child: ..... from class..... to sit the ICAS English and Mathematics tests.

The cost of the two tests is \$20.00

The school's preferred method of payment for ICAS is online. This is through our school's website. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call the Admin office.

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Online : ☐ Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_