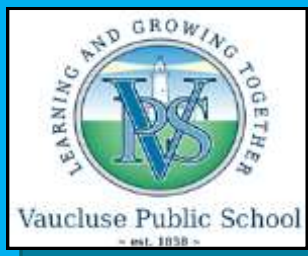


# The Vacluse Weekly

**Friday 8 September, 2017 Term 3 Week 8**



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Walkathon	Friday 8 September
The Friendship Walk	Sunday 10 September 09:30
P & C Cocktail Party	Friday 20 October.



A very special  
**Father's Day**  
Breakfast.



# *The Principal's Report*

Dear Parents

This week we successfully implemented the NAPLAN ONLINE trial. No doubt you have heard a lot about the implementation of the trial in the media but here at Vacluse Public School under the expert leadership of Tom Styles it went smoothly and calmly.

Thank you to the three parents who braved Wednesday night to attend the NAPLAN information evening. At one stage we thought staff might outnumber parents but the arrival of a third parent meant even numbers. Our 2017 NAPLAN results in Year 3 and Year 5 reflected the extensive and rigorous work that has been done in Literacy and Numeracy. Our results this year showed the following:

***In Year 3 we had the following percentage of our students in the top 2 NAPLAN bands compared to the rest of the state including Government and non - government schools.***

84.4% in Grammar and Punctuation *compared to 62.2% in the State*

53.3% in Numeracy *compared to 43.5% in the State*

73.3% in Reading *compared to 51.2% in the State*

64.4% in Spelling *compared to 52.4% in the State*

81.8% in Writing *compared to 53.1% in the State*

***In Year 5 we had the following percentage of our students in the top 2 NAPLAN bands compared to the rest of the state including Government and non - government schools.***

47.1% in Grammar and Punctuation *compared to 36.2% in the State*

38.2% in Numeracy *compared to 32.5% in the State*

52.9% in Reading *compared to 40.1% in the State*

50.0% in Spelling *compared to 37.9% in the State*

33.3% in Writing *compared to 18.1% in the State*

We think the results reflect the rigorous teaching and learning programs that are being implemented in every classroom at Vacluse Public School. The 2015-2017 School Plan has particularly focused on Literacy and Numeracy. In Term 4 we will begin the development of the 2018-2020 School Plan. We will be holding a number of consultation meetings to seek your input on the directions our school takes for the next three years. The External Validation process indicated some very clear directions. We will continue our focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Student Welfare is also an area where we will continue to work. We are also very keen to develop a stronger student voice in our teaching and learning programs. We are looking forward to working with you to make our school a place that fosters and develops every student's potential. Please look out for these meetings early in Term 4.

I will be on leave for the last two weeks of term. I will be taking the opportunity to travel overseas with my family to fulfil a long time promise to show my daughter Paris. During this period Philippa Allen will relieve as Principal. Julia Morgan will step into Philippa's shoes as Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3. Please do not hesitate to contact Philippa if you have any concerns.

Finally a very big thank you to all those parents who came to school today to support the Walkathon. No matter how many times we run this fundraiser our students never seem to tire of it. The atmosphere in the school today as everyone came dressed as their favourite Olympic and Sporting Heroes was infectious. As usual our teachers outshone themselves with their sporting attire. Our favourite was Rob Jackson as a Running back for the Cleveland Browns. You can see their outfits in the photos in the body of the newsletter. Our students had a wonderful time walking to Talia Butt's soundtrack and we very refreshed and hydrated by the fruit and water supplied by the parents. Please make sure you return the donations for the walkathon as soon as possible. We are hoping the fundraiser will help support the rejuvenation of the front grass.

I will look forward to seeing you all on my return in Term 4

*Maureen Hallahan*





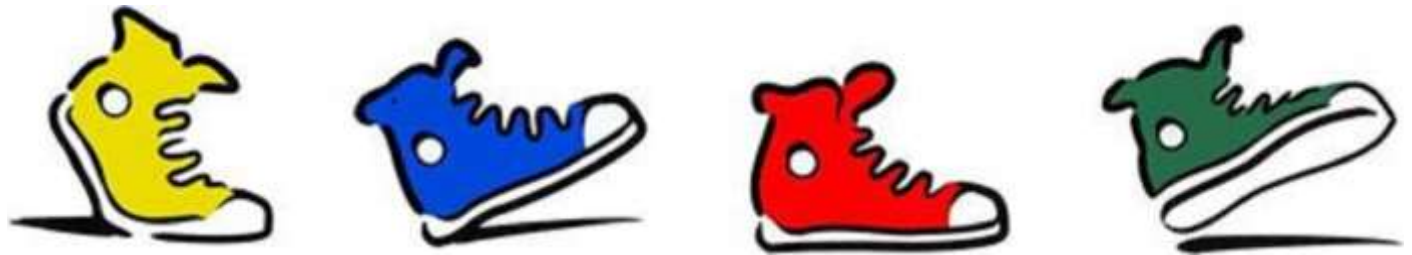
Walkathon Day Today!  
Our teachers dressed as their favourite sports person











And it's over for another year.....

Thank you to all the parents and staff for helping out this morning.  
The VPS students had a great time.

Please return your money with sponsorship booklet asap next week, by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept would be great so we can count up the money and organise the winning class party for the last week of term!

Thank you again

VPS P&C



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  
04 September 2017



## Lettuce soup with herbed croutons

### Equipment

- Large Saucepan
- Wooden spoon
- Measuring spoon and cups
- Colander
- Chopping board
- Chef knives
- Baking tray
- Baking paper
- Immersion blender

### What to do

1. Wash, drain lettuce and roughly chop lettuce. Peel and cut (pre-cooked) potatoes. Chop onions and garlic.
2. Heat coconut oil in a large saucepot over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring frequently, until beginning to soften.
3. Add garlic, peas and ground coriander. Cook, stirring frequently, another minute, until fragrant.
4. Add lettuce. Stir constantly for 2-3 minutes to wilt the lettuce.
5. Add stock and potato. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to maintain a simmer, uncovered, for 10-15 minutes.
6. Puree the soup with an immersion blender.
7. To make the croutons: in a bowl toss the bread cut in cubes with the oil, herbs, garlic, salt and pepper. Bake in the oven (180°C) for 5 to 10 minutes.
8. Swirl a spoonful of coconut cream into each bowl of soup before serving. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Add croutons.

### Ingredients

#### Soup:

- 5 tbsp coconut oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 garlic clove, chopped
- 2 tsp ground coriander
- 1 large potato
- 250g frozen peas
- 3 large heads of lettuce, roughly chopped
- 6 cups vegetable stock
- salt and pepper, to taste

#### Croutons:

- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 tsp dried herbs
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 loaf toast bread
- coconut cream and chopped parsley for garnish

#### From The Garden

- lettuce
- parsley





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# PRESS RELEASE



Sunday, 17th September 11-4pm      Cost: Free  
The Plaza, Rose Bay Secondary College, 34A Hardy Street, Dover Heights.  
Students, friends, family, neighbours, community. All welcome!

BayFest is a free music festival held at the Rose Bay Secondary College in Bondi. Now in its second year, BayFest is a day of music, performance, food and fun organised by the Rose Bay Music Ensemble Program students, teachers and tutors. **Held in the school's plaza with** panoramic views of the harbour, BayFest is a great opportunity to visit our terrific school and **hear what the school's band program has to offer.**

Come for the day, enjoy the music and see what the students can do!

**This year's** BayFest line-up includes twenty-four rock bands, two concert bands, two stage bands, two percussion groups, a string ensemble, jazz ensemble and a choir. With fresh food, coffee, second-hand music stall, table tennis tables and much, much more, this family-friendly festival will feature student MCs and a surprise celebrity guest.

BayFest 2017 will feature:

- All day music stage showcasing 35 different music performances
- Second-hand music stall with vinyl, CDs, sheet music, instruments
- Vintage and second-hand clothes stall





Happy snippets of last week's Fathers Day Breakfast.  
There is a photo album on our website as well., for you  
to enjoy.







# Friendship Circle WALK

#wewalktogether

- Free Entertainment ● Family Fun Day
- Raising charity for a good cause

**10 September 2017**

**9:30am Start**

Register online:

[sydneyfriendshipcircle.org.au/walk](http://sydneyfriendshipcircle.org.au/walk)

More info call:

0430 093 670

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# VOOSC NEWS

**Applications for Enrolment in 2018 opened on the 23/08/17.**

There are many families who have not rushed to return forms and are of the belief that their needs will be higher than others therefore giving them priority regardless of whether their forms are returned on time.

As previously advised, no currently held positions will roll over for the following year.

We can't show favouritism no matter how much we like you!!!

Each family has a responsibility to organise care for the following year if they require it. We can't do this for you and ask that you please understand that all forms will be dated when we receive them and this will determine your placement.

If you are uncertain of Government Guidelines please ask for a copy from Voosc.

We have waiting list options for late enrolment requests.

**Vacation Care Bookings are currently open. Card facilities available for easy payment options.**

**Bookings forms from Voosc only. Full payment is required at the time of booking please.**

Warm regards

**VOOSC TEAM**





OPENING HOURS:  
8:00AM – 6:00PM SHARP  
PHONE: 9337 3031  
EMAIL: [voosc@voosc.co.uk](mailto:voosc@voosc.co.uk)  
MOBILE: 0420 729 143  
VACATION CARE HOURS ONLY

# VOOSC VACATION CARE SEPT/OCTOBER 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 2017  
1 Child: \$45  
Family: \$70

Please collect your detailed itinerary when making your booking

<p><b>Monday 25/09/17</b> <b>SPORT DAY</b> AT VOOSC</p>  <p>Lots of fun, sport and games! <b>+ SALISBURY SIXTH LUNCH</b> See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$8.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 26/09/17</b> <b>PJ + MOVIE DAY at VOOSC</b></p>  <p>Enjoy relaxing with your friends! Hot Popcorn included</p> <p>Movie to be advised on the day</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 27/09/17</b> <b>ATTRACTIVITY</b></p>  <p>Ten pin bowling, ropes climbing course, dodgem track, crypt shooting gallery, and laser frenzy &amp; amusement games 2 hours of fun!</p> <p><b>DEPART FROM VOOSC</b> <b>11:15am SHARP</b> <b>Return 3:30pm</b></p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$24.00</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 28/09/17</b></p>  <p><b>LAZER TAG</b> A 2 hour fun incursion at VOOSC 10:00AM – 12:00PM</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$21.00</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 29/09/17</b> <b>Art/Craft Day</b></p>  <p>Dress for mess and get ready to be creative!</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$17.00</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 02/10/17</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 03/10/17</b> <b>Gardening Day</b></p>  <p>Plant seedlings to take home and help out in the VOOSC Garden!</p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$8.00</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 04/10/17</b> <b>ICE ZOO</b></p>  <p>Come and enjoy a great time on the ice with a day of skating</p> <p><b>DEPART FROM VOOSC</b> <b>10:00am SHARP</b> <b>RETURN 3:00 PM</b></p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$23.00</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 05/10/17</b> <b>My Dance Crew</b></p>  <p>Enjoy a disco with our professional DJ Nathan and dance away at VOOSC. Get ready to party!!!</p> <p><b>DISCO STARTS AT</b> <b>1:30pm - 2:30pm</b></p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily fee + \$15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 06/10/17</b> Swimming at Cook &amp; Philip Pool</p>  <p><b>DEPART FROM VOOSC</b> <b>10:00am SHARP</b> <b>RETURN 4:00 PM</b></p> <p>See itinerary for full requirements <b>Daily Fee + \$15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 09/10/17</b> <b>School Resumes</b></p>	<p><b>WITH OUR CHILDRENS' SAFETY IN MIND</b> SCHOOL RULES REQUIRE NO CARS ENTER SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME TO DROP OFF OR COLLECT CHILDREN. THIS INCLUDES VACATION CARE.</p>	<p><b>BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 18/09/17</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 &amp; paid activities</p>
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Hi everyone!

**My name is Iain Mudie. I'm a Kindergarten teacher at Vaucluse Public School and about to do the NOOSA Triathlon race to raise money for the *Make-A-Wish Foundation*.**

**I'm very close to raising my goal of \$1500. If you are able to make any donation to this wonderful foundation it would be greatly appreciated.**

The link to my page is:

<https://noosatri2017.everydayhero.com/au/iain-s-fundrasing-for-make-a-wish-noosa-tri>

I have been doing triathlons for a long time. I have been given this opportunity to work with the *Make-A-Wish Foundation* to raise some money and change the life of a **person who doesn't have** the ability to do all the things we take for granted each day.

Thank you in advance. Any donation is greatly appreciated ☺



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Hi!

My name's Tamsin Colley and I'm a 14 year old from Randwick Girls High School who participated in the Rio 2016 Paralympics. I have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to participate in sport from a young age and I would like other kids with a disability to receive the same opportunity.

I am participating in a NSW Government Mentoring Program, Youth Frontiers which gives young people the opportunity to build life skills and self confidence by working collaboratively with an adult mentor and to undertake a project that makes a positive contribution and difference in their local community.

The aim of my project is to give kids with a disability an opportunity to get together and participate in a fun day of athletics. It would be great to have any kids with a disability from your school come along.

The athletics carnival will be a fantastically fun day with events for everyone with disabilities from 5-18 years of age, opened by our guest speaker. It will include running, throwing and walking events for all types of disabilities, whether you're in a wheelchair or ambulant.

Please bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy at the completion of the events. There will also be free face painting for the athletes. A free raffle will be drawn on the day, with awesome prizes to be won!

Every one of the athletes who come to this day is a winner so they will all come away with an award!

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2017

**Time:** 10:30am-2:00pm

**Where:** E.S Marks Athletics Field, Boronia Street & Anzac Parade, Kensington

**Parking:** Disabled parking available

**Toilets:** Available, including disabled

**Rain date:** In the event of rain, the carnival will be rescheduled

**RSVP:** Please get back to us about this ASAP so we can confirm numbers for this carnival.  
Angela MacGibbon 0415 719 278  
smacgibbon@bigpond.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,

Tamsin Colley  
Youth Frontiers





# CALLING ALL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY!

## **EASTERN SUBURBS SPECIAL NEEDS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Come along to a fun day of athletics with walking, running and throwing events for students (5-18 years) of all kinds of disabilities, wheelchair and ambulant!

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

**Time:** 10:30am-2:00pm

**Where:** E.S Marks Athletics Field, Kensington

***Free sausage sizzle on the day and great prizes to be won***

**Parking:** Disabled parking available

**Toilets:** Available, including disabled

**Rain date:** In the event of rain, the carnival will be rescheduled

**RSVP:** ASAP to Angela MacGibbon – [smacgibbon@bigpond.com](mailto:smacgibbon@bigpond.com)

