



# The Vaucluse Newsletter



FORTNIGHTLY NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL



## HARMONY DAY

**Monday  
21st March**



### Celebrating our Diversity

A day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.



### Activities at School

Monday will be a whole school day of activities where we will celebrate through rotations of intercultural understanding activities, art, sport/dance and literature.



### Lunch on Monday 21st March

Following our activities, the students will eat a picnic lunch together. Please include a piece of healthy orange food in lunch boxes for either recess or lunch.

**CANTEEN:** There will be a canteen special on Harmony Day. The pack can be ordered on line through the special link on the canteen site. Due to the demand of this offer, please note the canteen will not be able to take any other orders on Harmony Day. Last orders will be 6pm on Friday 18th March.



### What to Wear

Students are requested to wear orange and their school hat on Harmony Day. Orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.



*We look forward to celebrating an eventful and exciting time of Harmony Day activities at Vaucluse Public School*





## THE PRINCIPALS REPORT

Week 7 done and dusted and what a week it was. School photos, Close the Gap, National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meetings and Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) Meetings made it a busy and productive week. The meetings were highly successful and allowed teachers and parents to discuss student needs and goals. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents in Week 9 to discuss your child's academic and social progress. We are also wanting to update our medical information and health care plans. Additionally, all cases of chicken pox, measles, whooping cough and shingles are to be reported immediately as we have a number of students across the school with low immune systems. We are being alerted of steady numbers of Covid-19 cases within the school community. As such our Parent-Teacher Meetings will be conducted via Zoom or on site. Our priority is to keep everyone safe. We truly appreciate your ongoing support.

On Monday we will acknowledge Harmony Day at school. Students will come to school wearing something orange and will participate in a range of activities relating to Australia's cultural diversity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Inclusiveness is at the heart of everything we do here at Vaocluse Public School. We look forward to celebrating this as a school.

Today was an example of the incredible community we have here at Vaocluse Public School. Water supply was affected due to a broken water main. Our incredible GA Mark identified the issue, our new School Administration Officer Gabriela communicated with our families to ensure students were prepared, and Jackie and Chloe in the canteen sourced enough water to guarantee lunch orders were still delivered. To make us even more proud of our community, Water Warriors Chaim Greenwald and Luis Lequerica came to our aid and delivered cases of bottled water for students. There was not ONE single complaint about the water issue. Everyone just got on with the job and trusted each other.

What a fabulous feeling heading into the weekend.

***Miss Allen***



## HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

2022 Theme: **Celebrating Harmony**

Entries close: **16th April 2022**

Specifications: **A3 drawing, painting or mixed media work**



### WHO CAN ENTER?

The Harmony Day Poster Competition is open to school students in all schools in Australia. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2022.

### PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

\*Primary (Year K – 6), Secondary (Year 7 – 12)

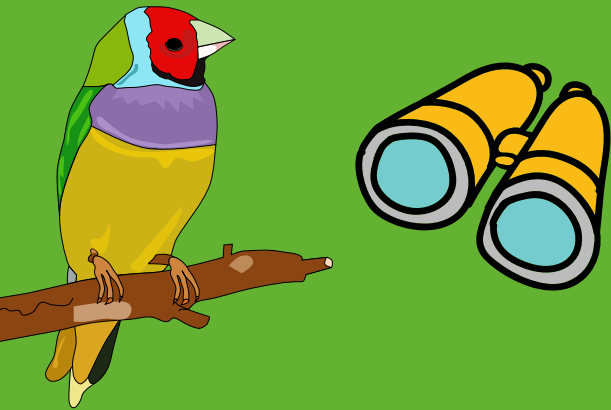
- Competition Winner: Primary & Secondary \$500 each
- Regional Winners: Primary & Secondary \$150 in each region
- Competition Winner's School: Primary & Secondary \$500 each



# Stage 2 Backyard Birds



The rain did not deter our backyard birds researchers last week. Under the shelter of our shade sails, Stage 2 were out watching and cataloging the many beautiful birds that live, feed and breed in our school grounds.





# 3/4B THE BIRD ART



FUN FACT: TIPPI HEDREN, FAMOUS 1960'S ACTRESS APPEARED IN MOVIE *THE BIRDS*, SHE IS THE MOTHER OF MELANIE GRIFFITH AND THE GRANDMOTHER OF DAKOTA JOHNSON AND STELLAS BANDERAS.







# SYDNEY'S MUST ATTEND DISABILITY EXPO

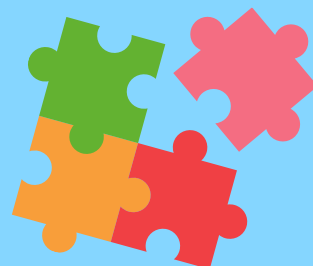
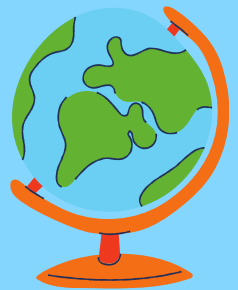
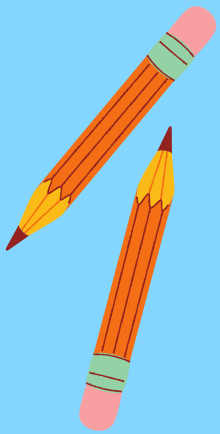
The Source Kids Disability Expo is coming back to Sydney! Focused on children, youth and young adults – this expo brings together the latest products, services and technology, along with some incredible performances under one roof for two days. Come along and find, test and talk with providers.



Find out more and register to attend online at  
**[sourcekids.com.au/disability-expo](https://sourcekids.com.au/disability-expo)**



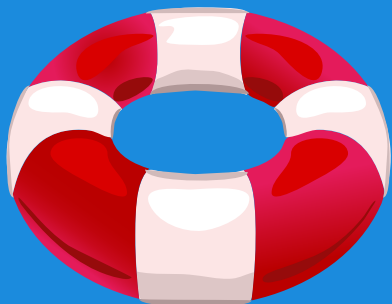
# KB are having a great time settling into school life!







This week, Vaucluse Public School had 4 students compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. Izzy, Jenson, Freddie and Flynn raced in the Junior Boys 50 m Relay and placed 4th in their heat! The boys swam against schools from across the entire Sydney region and all did exceptionally well. Izzy also competed in the 50 m individual freestyle and came 8th in his heat. Well done boys on your exceptional efforts at the regional carnival.







# Morah Miriam





FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES IN THE LIBRARY

# Calling All Rockers and Rollers!

## LESSONS BY RICKY!

Learn guitar at Vaocluse PS and be a part of the Guitar Ensemble band in 2022. Open to years K to 6, students will learn everything from Billy Eilish to The Weeknd, to Post Malone, to Imagine Dragons, to Guy Sebastian, to Tones and I, to AC/DC, all whilst learning acoustic and electric guitar skills, learning to perform as part of a group and enjoying the excitement and experience of being a real musician with skills that will last a lifetime. All lessons are conducted in small groups, based on age and skill level, but also with a big focus on jamming with their mates.

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