

The Vaucluse Newsletter

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL



Vaucluse Public School

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***Please see the Sentral School Calendar for dates and information on all school events**

The Principal's Report



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Dear Vaucluse Families

Spring has sprung...or is starting to at least! Our Father's Day event last Thursday was a wonderful way to welcome spring...and families back to our school. Not even the little spring rain shower could dampen spirits! Thanks to dads and loved ones for attending – and celebrating Father's Day with your children at Vaucluse Public School. Thanks also to the wonderful staff at Vaucluse Public School for their work to make the breakfast a success!

NAPLAN results were also released last week for children in Years 3 and 5. Vaucluse Public School performed very well. Results showed an upward trend including 90% Year 3 students achieving in the top 2 bands for reading – above the results for state as well as statistically similar schools. Students scoring in the top 2 bands for Year 5 writing also exceeded state and statistically similar school results. This outcome reflects the strength of the Vaucluse PS community, where students are well known, well cared for and well taught.

I have had a number of enquiries about building works within the school. In this newsletter I have included a new section: 'What's happening at Vaucluse Public School?' In this section I will endeavour to keep parents up to date and informed.

Have a safe and happy weekend! Term 3 is flying by in a flurry of learning, lessons and lots of fun! I'm really looking forward to the next two weeks of teaching and learning!

Nicole Fairsh

What's happening at Vaocluse Public School?

An update of current building works at school

Enhancement projects:

- Our fitness hub (fenced off area next to VOOSC) is moving into the final phase and work on installing the equipment will be starting in the next month. I have been informed by the Department of Education Asset Management Unit (AMU) that the installation should take 3-4 weeks. Thanks very much to the Vaocluse School community and the P&C for their generous donation towards this project. I look forward to seeing students enjoy fun fitness circuits and table tennis action soon!
- Work on an outdoor learning area will also commence shortly (the space where the old sandpit is currently located next to the Stage 3 classrooms). This outdoor learning area will include tiered decking and landscaping. The project is funded through the Department of Education's metro renewal program. You can scan the QR code for more information on the Department of Education's program:



- Solar panels will be installed on our roof next week. This is co-funded by the Schools Infrastructure NSW. This will offset some of our electricity usage and also supports our commitment to the environment. The installation should take 3-4 days.

Maintenance projects:

- Drainage issues: work to improve drainage has included the installation of a retention pit a pump behind the clothing pool area. This phase is almost complete – a new concrete path will be laid and then we will be able to get back into the kitchen garden!
- Tree roots: I have also been working with AMU to develop a solution to the issue of tree roots near the K-2 area and Village High Rd gate. The AMU representatives will be coming to school next week. I will update the school community in the next newsletter.

For your information:

I have had many enquiries about the scaffolding and site office outside the Village High Rd gate. The site office was approved by Woollahra Council. Council required the hoarding (site office and scaffolding) to be designed by a structural engineer and they have received the design engineer's confirmation that the hoarding has been inspected and complies with the design. Council approval is time limited and will lapse on 6 December 2022.

2023 Kindergarten Orientation



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Session 1:

Twilight scavenger hunt at VPS
8th November 4.30-6pm

Session 2:

Stay and play session 1
Includes morning tea and school tour for
parents!
15th November 9.45-11.15am

Session 3:

Stay and session 2
Includes morning tea and information for parents!
29th November 9.45-11.15am

Optional zoom session for parents:

Starting school at VPS plus Q&A
22nd November 6-7pm

Please RSVP by emailing us:
vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



We look forward to seeing you
at 'big school' soon!

★ PBL NEWS!!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



THE PRIZE FOR THE TERM 3 PBL HOUSE POINTS WILL BE REWARDED TO THE WINNING HOUSE IN WEEK 10.

TERM 3 FOCUS



#1 Keeping the playground clean!

#2 Walking safely around the school!

#3 Greeting people around the school, especially adults!

2 weeks to get those PBL tokens in!



PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY & CLASS BOSS FOR THE AFTERNOON

Last term VPS P&C held an auction to raise funds for our school. Two of the special prizes they auctioned off for our students were:

'PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY'



The 'Principal' will get to make announcements, visit classrooms & find out about what the Principal *really* does everyday

&

'CLASS BOSS FOR THE AFTERNOON'



The 'Class Boss' will get to chose fun activities for their class to do

The time has come for the lucky winners of these prizes to have their special day!

***DATE:
TUESDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER
(WEEK 10)***



KB ART



Term 3 has seen KB create some wonderful artwork based on Alison Lester's book, 'Are We There Yet?'



LAST DAY OF TERM 3!

YEAR 6

MOVIE FUNDRAISER

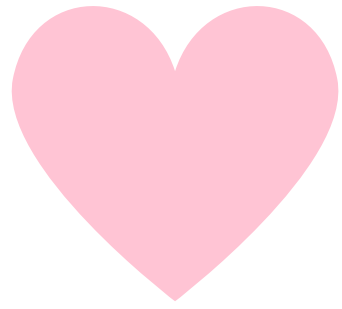
Friday, September 23

POPCORN & DRINK: \$5

To celebrate the last day of term, and to raise money for our Year 6 Farewell, we are selling popcorn and drinks to enjoy while you watch your class movies!



SASS Appreciation Week



At VPS we are so lucky to have an amazing team of School Administration & Support Staff (SASS). Last week, SASS had a special appreciation week to recognise all the behind the scenes work they do that keeps our school running smoothly and our students supported.





**Year 1 Merit
Award Recipients**



K-2 were lucky enough to have a special violin performance by Evelyn 1/2L at their assembly.



Last Friday VPS were treated to another super fun school music incursion with Ricky featuring Dave from the band Boy and Bear and Dan from Art Vs Science. The students got to learn their hit songs and jam along with Dave and Dan live in the classroom





Stage 3 Merit Award Recipients



FATHER'S DAY GINGERBREAD PEOPLE



INGREDIENTS

**MAKES 16 to 20 using
10-12cm gingerbread
people cutters**

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup softened butter
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup golden syrup
- 1 tsp bicarb soda
- 1 egg
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups plain flour
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground cloves

EQUIPMENT

- Large mixing bowl
- Large whisk
- Small mixing bowl
- Small whisk
- Small pot
- Small wooden spoon
- Spoon & butter knife
- Spatula
- Measuring cups and spoons

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PREHEAT** the oven to 180°C and **LINE** the baking tray.
2. **PREPARE BUTTER MIXTURE**
 - In the small pot **ADD** butter, sugar and golden syrup.
 - **HEAT** until the sugar and syrup have **DISSOLVED** and the butter is just **MELTED**.
 - **REMOVE** from the heat and let cool for a minute.
 - **ADD** bi-carb soda - Then witness a fizzy, frothy baking soda reaction! The mixture will go fluffy and rise as the bi-carb causes a chemical reaction with the mixture. Set aside.
3. **PREPARE EGG** - In the small mixing bowl, **WHISK** egg using the small hand whisk and set aside.
4. **PREPARE DRY INGREDIENTS** - In the large mixing bowl, **MEASURE** flour, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Using the large hand whisk, **WHISK** to combine well and set aside.
5. **COMBINE IT ALL TOGETHER** - **ADD** the whisked egg and butter mixture to the dry mixture. Using the spatula mix the ingredients until it starts to form a crumbly dough.
6. **STOP HERE!**
Check the consistency with Leeann and wait for further instructions.

SCIENCE FUN!

When bicarbonate of soda mixes with the melted butter and the golden syrup mixture, a chemical reaction occurs forming an unstable carbonic acid, which breaks down into carbon dioxide (CO₂). Carbon dioxide is a gas – the same gas that makes fizzy drinks all fizzy – and this is what causes our mixture to froth up and appear to grow in size. Heat speeds up the reaction.