

# 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

I cannot believe it is already the end of Term 3! On one hand it feels like I only started yesterday at Vaucluse Public School...but on the other hand it is a place that feels like home to me now. Thanks to all members of the school community for your warm welcome and support over the last term. I have recorded a short video reflection of the term which you can watch by scanning the QR code (or copy and paste the link into your browser).



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_NggqJ2qOWY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NggqJ2qOWY)

You will perhaps be surprised to know that I temporarily relinquished my Principal position for a day – on Wednesday we had a special guest Principal: Izzy Farhy in 3J! Izzy did a fabulous job on what was a very busy day that included an important meeting with the P&C president, handing out awards, visits to classrooms, participation in outdoor sports lessons and providing teachers with valuable feedback...and of course taking over the iPad controls in 1/2L. I believe 3J may have had just a few minutes extra recess play as well...

During our afternoon de-brief, I asked Izzy to reflect on some of the things he had learnt about being a principal. He told me that principals needed to be 'active, confident, kind and fair'. Very true words that uphold the principles of our school. Thanks Izzy!



In other staffing news, a merit selection process for the position of Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction (APCI) at Vacluse Public School recently concluded. This is a new position that has been created by the Department of Education in NSW public schools. APCIs support strong instructional leadership by coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and working with families as partners in student learning. I am pleased to announce that the successful applicant is Ms Riza Lagado, currently a classroom teacher and relieving Assistant Principal at Vacluse Public School. Congratulations to Ms Lagado! She will start in the new APCI position in 2023.

Have a safe and happy holiday. We'll see you back at school on Monday 10th October, ready for Term 4!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT VPS?

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## AN UPDATE OF CURRENT BUILDING WORKS AT SCHOOL

### **Enhancement projects:**

- Solar panels have been installed! This is very exciting as it has been quite a wait. Thanks so much to members of our school community who worked tirelessly to make this happen. The solar panels will offset some of our electricity usage and support our commitment to the environment.

### **Maintenance projects:**

- Tree roots: An architect arranged by the Asset Management Unit (AMU) has visited the school for an initial consult and will be sending through some draft plans soon. The aim is to make the space safe and functional, while also being a beautiful place for our children to learn and play.

### **For your information:**

- The final stage of work on our fitness hub is due to start in the second week of the school holidays – Tuesday 4th October. It should be completed in 3-4 weeks

# PBL NEWS!!



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

## CONGRATULATIONS PATYEGARANG!

This term we celebrate PATYEGARANG (green house) for winning the largest number of PBL points



Pizza lunch and mufti day celebration!

Well done, Patyegarang! We know you've worked hard to meet the PBL expectations!

### TERM 3 FOCUS



Keeping the playground clean!

Walking safely around the school!

Greeting people around the school, especially adults!



Walking safely in all areas of our school

# YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP

## Campaign Timeline

### WEEK 1

SELF NOMINATION: if you'd like to nominate yourself as a school leader for 2023, follow instructions from your teachers.

### WEEK 2

PEER VOTING: your peers will vote for who they think will make the best school leaders.

### WEEK 3

CAMPAIGNS BEGIN: the 14 students with the most votes will begin their leadership campaigns. Posters will be finalised and displayed around the school.

### WEEK 4

BADGES: nominees will receive their 'running for leadership' badges.

### WEEK 5

CLASS ROUNDS: students will introduce themselves to every class.

### WEEK 6

INTERVIEW: nominees will be interviewed by Ms Tainsh and Miss Schwartz to discuss their ideas and intentions as a leader.

### WEEK 7

SPEECHES DUE: teachers will check all speeches that students have prepared.

### WEEK 8

SPEECHES & VOTING: speeches filmed and presented to the whole school who will then vote in a secret ballot.

### WEEK 9

LEADERS ANNOUNCED: at a Whole School Assembly, CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED at Presentation Day.



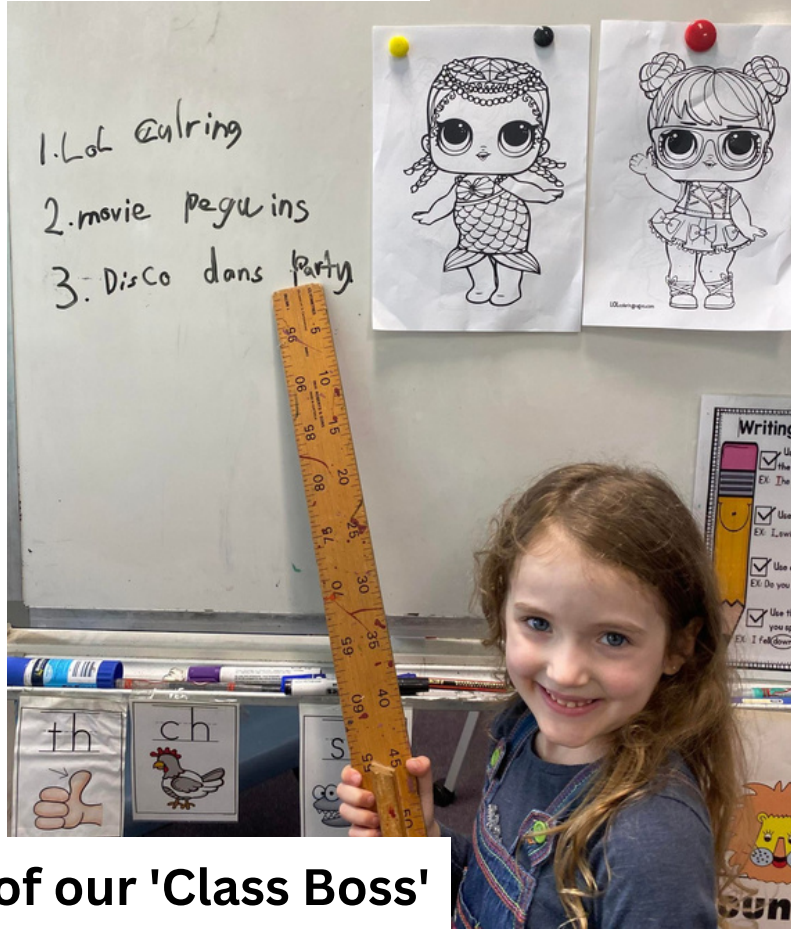
# PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY!



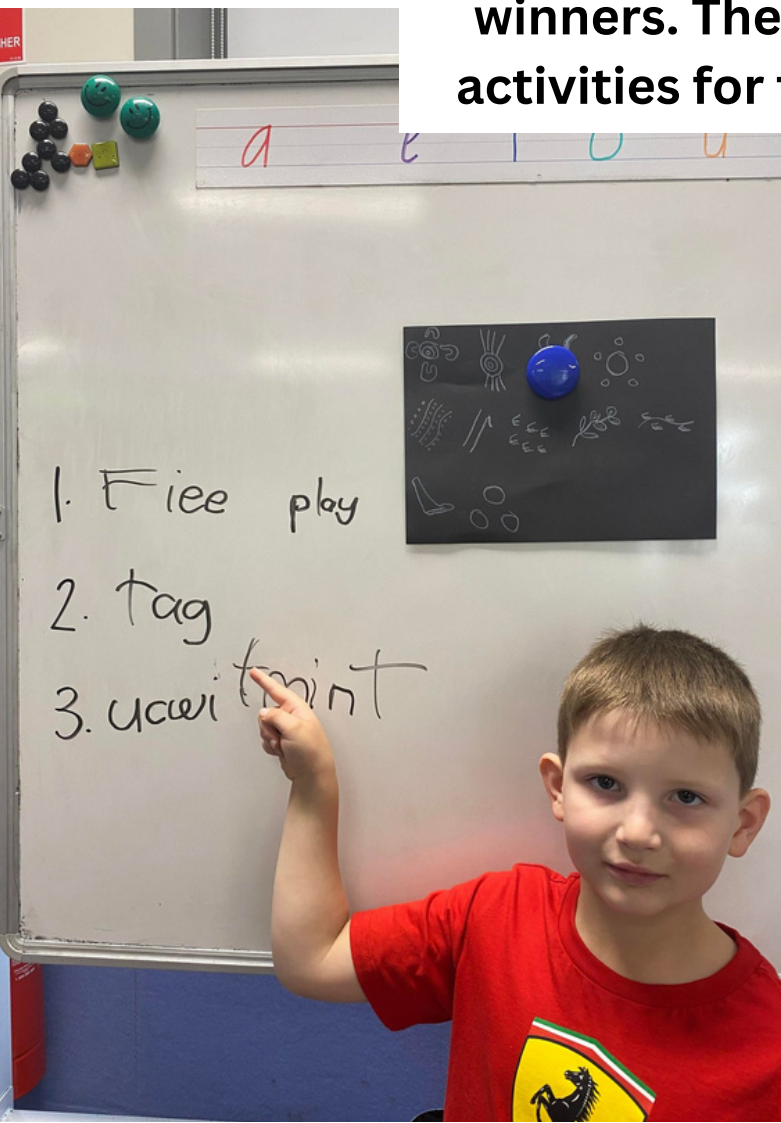
Principal Farhy had a great day leading our school.



# CLASS BOSS



Here are some of our 'Class Boss' winners. They got to pick fun activities for their class to do.





**Last week VPS had 5 students represent our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. Our representing students were Sophie, Zara, Maya-Jade, Dane and Lila**



**All students competed exceptionally well on the day and Sophie qualified for the NSW State Championships next term. Sophie jumped a personal best of 132cm in the high jump and placed second in her age group. Dane and Lila also jumped phenomenal personal best heights in the high jump and came 6th in their age group. Zara and Maya-Jade threw remarkably well and scored personal best distances in the discus. Congratulations to all our students and good luck to Sophie at the State Championships next term!**



## Stage 3 were faced with a 'Water Worries' problem (see below) and they solved it brilliantly with their projects!

### Problem:

Due to 3 years of significant increase of rainfall in our local area, our land is suffering! Our soil is too moist, the table water has risen and the soil quality is deteriorating by being washed into our river systems. This is being observed in our very own backyard (the school playground)!

Resolution! It is your responsibility to help reverse this by designing and then building a drainage system in a replica environment. This environment will be tested by simulated rainfall on the land. Think of the many different methods of dealing with rainfall and decide which methods you will use.





**Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. This year it falls on Sunday night 25th September for 2 days. It is a serious time of year, a time of reflection and a time to look at how we can better ourselves. But it is also a time to be with family and friends through festive meals. We eat sweet foods like apple dipped in honey and honey cake. Wishing the Vaucluse community, a happy and sweet New Year; may it be filled with health and happiness and peace in the world.**  
**Morah Miriam**



# SRC FUNDRAISER

**Congratulations to Violet**  
in 1/2L for her great problem-solving in guessing the  
number of lollies!

**Thank you to the SRC students for their hard work in  
promoting the fundraiser and to the community for their  
continued support of the SRC initiatives.**

**Thank you Year 5 helpers who made this a successful  
fundraising campaign, Eden, Esra, Alicia and Holly.**



*All SRC funds go towards improving our beautiful school  
and supporting school initiatives*



### What is an ARCO?

All forms of racism are unacceptable at VPS. No student, employee, parent, caregiver or community member should experience racism. As at all NSW public schools, VPS has a trained teaching member of staff (ARCO) to assist in mediation, procedures, education and monitoring of any form of racist behaviour - implicit, explicit or cyber.

### The role of the ARCO

- to promote anti-racism education
- to support the handling of complaints
- to monitor any incidents of racism

### What you can do

VPS works to ensure culturally inclusive, cohesive, safe and engaging learning experiences for all our students. If, at any time, you find you have a concern about racism in our school, please let us know, so that your concern can be resolved.

### Your VPS ARCO

Ms Gail Murray is the Vacluse Public School ARCO, and can be found in the Languages Room, or be contacted by email: [Gail.Murray1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Gail.Murray1@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Useful websites:

<http://itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au>

<https://racismnoway.com.au>

**RACISM.  
IT STOPS  
WITH ME**

**RacismNoWay**

Anti-racism education for Australian schools

**K-6D Chefs making some delicious  
Corn Bread Muffins in SAKG this  
week! See recipe below.**



## INGREDIENTS

YIELDS 12

### WET INGREDIENTS

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter, melted  
unsalted
- 2 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup milk
- 1 cup canned creamed corn

### DRY INGREDIENTS

- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup polenta
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup white sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp salt

## EQUIPMENT

- Muffin tin
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Whisks
- Wooden spoon
- Metal spoons
- Cooling rack

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Oil spray, lightly a 12 hole standard muffin tin.
3. MEASURE dry ingredients into a mixing bowl and WHISK to COMBINE.
4. MEASURE wet ingredients into a separate mixing bowl and WHISK to COMBINE.
5. POUR wet ingredients into dry ingredients and MIX with a wooden spoon until combined.
6. Using a desert spoon, SPOON the batter into the greased muffin tray - *use it all up, fill the holes right up!*
7. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes or until the top is golden brown.
8. Remove muffin tray from the oven.  
*Optional: Brush tops with melted butter. Cool for 5 mins then remove muffins onto a rack.*



# 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](mailto:vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



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



# GONE FISHING DAY

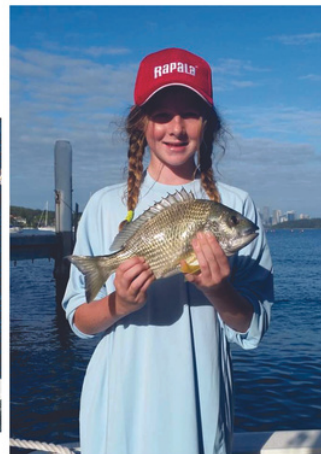
9TH OCT 2022

AN AUSTRALIAN RECREATIONAL FISHING FOUNDATION INITIATIVE



**YOUR LOCAL EVENT!**

**Fun kids fishing day**



**NEED HELP**  
SGFC Boats Needed for the Day if you can help please contact the club secretary Annita on 0402 615 814 before 6/10/22

**Date: Sunday, 9th October 2022**

**Time: 9am - 1pm**



Sydney Game Fishing Club  
[www.sgfc.com.au](http://www.sgfc.com.au)

**Booking's essential**  
Numbers are limited to 50.

Payments can be made directly to Annita Flannery 0402 615 814, prior to the event or on the day. BBQ sausage sizzle & a drink will be provided.

Find out the secrets on how to bait those hooks.....  
and find out some secret fishing spots from some of Sydney Game most famous boats skipper's.....

**Cost \$20 per child**

**GONEFISHING**



# KIDS WRESTLING/JIUJITSU CLASSES 10 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

## LEARN WRESTLING AND JIU JITSU

We offer a safe and fun way to work up a sweat with, learn new skills and equip your kids with the skills needed to defend themselves in unavoidable situations that they may face growing up.

**TERM: FROM  
\$200**

10% off for early bird registrations  
additional siblings 25%off



## BENEFITS

- Wrestling is incredibly fun
- Wrestling is a great work out
- Wrestling is an effective self defense method
- Wrestling is a good way to learn how to deal with adversity
- Wrestling is a great lesson in humility

## STARTS

Monday 10th October &  
Friday 14th October

**MONDAY & FRIDAY  
4PM-4:45PM**