

The Vaocluse Newsletter

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL



Vaocluse Public School

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

The Principals Report

Dear Vaucluse Families,

Welcome to another year at Vaucluse Public School. We were thrilled to welcome your children back to school on Tuesday and we are looking forward to welcoming our kindergarten students next Monday for their first day of 'big school'! It has been wonderful to see children in their classes and absorbed in productive and engaging learning right from day 1 of term.

It is also my privilege to introduce some new staff members to Vaucluse Public School this year: Miss Sasha Ross (1R), Miss Emily Hill (2H), Ms Amy Brandon (3/4B), Miss Cagla Sanli (3/4S), Miss Alison Pinney (3/4P) and Ms Jess Palmer (5/6P). Next week, you are invited to our information sessions where you can look inside classrooms, meet your child's teacher and hear what's planned for your child's learning in 2023. We look forward to seeing you there:

Tuesday 7th February:

- 5 pm: Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) - come and see inside classrooms from 4.45pm (next to the sails)
- 5.30 pm: Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) – meet inside 5/6A classroom (near outdoor learning area) and see inside classrooms after the information session

Thursday 9th February:

- 5 pm: Year 1 - come at 4.45pm to see inside classrooms (in main office block)
- 5.30 pm: Year 2 - see inside classrooms after the information session (in main office block)

Friday 10th February:

- 2.30pm: Kindergarten (near Village High Rd gate)

We have, of course, been thinking about our former VPS students who started high school this week! Zara, the recipient of the Member for Vacluse Award for Community Service and Citizenship in 2022, officially received her award from the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP during the holidays. Congratulations Zara and to all our amazing Year 6 students from 2022. We know you will go far! Don't forget to keep in touch with us at Vacluse Public School – we love hearing from you.



Enjoy a safe and happy weekend

Nicole Tainsh

Back to school!

We were so excited to welcome VPS students years 1-6 back to school this week! They have had a great week settling into their new classes!



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Scholastic Book Club

Dear families,

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club again this year. Once a term, during the school year, we will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3). It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. PLEASE NOTE, I am waiting on class lists from school so wait to place your order until next week!

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. There's no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Kate

Book Club Organiser



*** SAVE THE DATE ***



NATIVE GARDEN WORKING BEE

and

Sausage Sizzle!

Sunday 12 February 2023

11am - 2pm

Please come and help the P & C weed and replant
the school's Native Garden.

Get the new school year off to a great start.

Meet other parents in person and
help to beautify our kids' learning environment.

For students who are starting Kindy, it will be a great opportunity to
help your kids become more familiar with the school campus.

**This will be the school's first working Bee since 2020 and
there is lots to be done.**

Pease bring:

- **Safety:** a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and gardening gloves.
- **Tools:** weeding forks, trowels, spades
(If you live nearby and have a wheelbarrow, please bring it along too,
as we hope to move a truckload of mulch!)

*If you don't have tools or gloves, don't worry, there will be plenty of other jobs
and fun to be had on the day.*

There's no pressure to come for the whole time,
feel free to pop in for 30 minutes or whatever time you have spare.

Many hands make light work!

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

VPS P & C



CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Vaucluse Public School is held on Tuesdays from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, starting on 7 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Music Program 2023

Happy new year and welcome back!

The music suite are so excited to be launching our music program again next week and can't wait to welcome all new students to our music classes this year. It's still not too late to join, you can find out more below.

Why Music?

It's not just about music..there are many benefits to learning music at such a young age, here are some key reasons your child should be learning music this year.

- Music helps with all aspects of school learning. It is a tool for cognitive enhancement, improving literacy skills and enables the brain to work faster.
- Music is a social tool, bringing like minded students together, working together and becoming a team of students together in an educational but fun way
- Music training in the younger years contributes to the development of phonological processing
- Did you know 10 minutes of music a week for 10 weeks can improve readings skills for poor readers
- The list goes on...

Which Instrument?

This is always the biggest question. At VPS we offer two categories of choices:

Years K-6: **Strings**; Violin, Viola, Piano and Guitar for years K-6

Year 3-6: **Band instruments**; Drums/Percussion, Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone

Taking expressions of interest for Vocal lessons for 2023

To learn more about what is on offer please take a look at our “which instrument should I choose video” and find all sign up info below:
https://youtu.be/F_dOLu5NzJU

Can I join a group?

Yes, this year there will be a guitar ensemble for those already learning, a string ensemble and of course our famous concert band. We are currently seeking new students for the training band, this is available to students in years 3 and up who would like to learn a band instrument. Please note all drum positions are currently filled.

For more info please contact our office at info@themusicsuite.com.au

Creative Kids Vouchers?

We absolutely accept creative kids vouchers, please note this year they expire in June, so now is a really good time to use them and give music a go!

Sign up for 2023

To sign up for music in 2023 please contact our office at info@themusicsuite.com.au they will assist with helping you choose an instrument and also send over a google doc from to till in. You can also call us on 0450 168 064.

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“My child loved every aspect of this well organised and enthusiastically delivered program. She has felt accepted and inspired by the students, tutors and conductors. Music is now a big part of her life.”

CONCERT BAND (OPEN TO YEARS 3-6)

The school music program aims to give students the opportunity to experience music learning in a nurturing group environment. All students regardless of their ability will learn to:

- Play a musical instrument
- Develop an appreciation of music
- Improve their aural and rhythmic skills
- Express themselves through music

Commitment to band also means there are certain expectations throughout the year, both from students and conductor. These include:

- Training Band Rehearsals (Beginner)
- Senior Band Rehearsals (Intermediate and Advanced)
- Weekly lessons
- Assembly performances
- Workshops
- Concerts

STRING ENSEMBLES (OPEN TO YEARS K-6)

The string ensembles are broken up into two categories, String Orchestra and Guitar Ensemble. Students who play Violin, Viola or Cello will be able to be a part of the String Orchestra whilst our Guitar Ensemble will be open to our advanced guitarists.

Commitment to these ensembles include:

- Beginner String Orchestra rehearsals
- Senior String Orchestra rehearsals
- Guitar Ensemble
- Weekly lessons
- Assembly performances
- Workshops
- Concerts

CHOOSING AN INSTRUMENT

When joining the band, we ask students to nominate 3 instruments, in order, that they are interested in learning. Instrument allocation is determined by the conductor based on what is required to have a balanced band. We always try our best to allocate each child their preferred instrument, but on some occasions children may be allocated their second or third choice - we will be in contact before confirming the decision to make sure everyone is happy.

INSTRUMENTS

All instruments are available to hire and for purchase through the Music Suite. Please contact our office for further information.

The instruments that are available in the band program are outlined below:

- Clarinet
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Saxophone
- Euphonium
- Baritone
- French Horn*
- Oboe*
- Percussion

*Available on request may require tuition outside of school.

The instruments available in the strings program are outlined below:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Guitar
- Ukulele

Private piano lessons and a group Piano Club are also available.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

Being part of the band is a calendar year commitment. We expect all students to be dedicated and to attend scheduled rehearsals and lessons. Learning an instrument takes time and patience. Some will find it easier than others, but we expect all students to practice for 10-20 minutes per day.

FEES

We can offer band, group lessons and private tuition.

There will be an annual admin fee of \$44, which will include a band book, folder and other music.

Package	Description	Total
Band Only	Participation in the band, with no other tuition at school	\$110/term
String/guitar ensemble only	Participation in the ensemble, with no other tuition at school	\$110/term
Group lessons inc. band	Yr 3-6 / only band instruments	\$300/term
Group lessons not inc. band	K-2 / non-band instruments	\$260/term
Private lessons	Weekly private tuition	\$490/term
Private lessons inc. band	Weekly private tuition and participation in the band	\$550/term
Piano Club	Weekly group piano lessons inc. music theory and games	\$300/term

Lesson prices are based on a 10 week term, inclusive of GST. The price for lessons will adjust pro-rata for any terms that are shorter or longer than 10 weeks. The adjustment of irregular terms and addition of performances has been factored into the band cost and prices for this remain the same, regardless of the amount of weeks.

We are a certified creative kids provider and all students are eligible to receive a \$100 voucher from Service NSW to put towards their music fees.

