

# The Vaocluse Newsletter

*NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL*



Vaucluse Public School

~ est. 1858 ~

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

# It's the thoughts that count...

Thinking plays a critical role in learning. However, thinking is often seen as an internal activity. So how do teachers tune into student thinking – to uncover misconceptions and to assess understanding instead of just performance? Say hello to number talks!

Number talks are short, whole-class discussions that allow students to talk and share ideas about numbers, explore number relationships, develop flexibility with numbers, and consider strategies they may not be familiar with.

At Vaucluse Public School we use number talks as part of our quality teaching practice. Teachers plan and scaffold number talks to deepen students' mathematical reasoning skills and conceptual understandings.

How can you uncover your child's mathematical thinking at home? Ask questions such as:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you know?
- Can you prove it?
- Are there any other ways to solve this problem?

Enjoy a happy and safe weekend!

## **What's news at Vaucluse (PS)?**

### **This week (starting 6 March):**

Evacuation drill (practise) on Friday. Teachers will prepare students so they know what is happening.

### **School improvements:**

The top pitch is now open again with a fantastic new sports area and enhanced drainage system. A very popular place to be at recess and lunch!



I am also pleased to let you know about two new upgrades that will enhance student facilities at our school:

- a canteen upgrade. Work on this project should start within the next few weeks and will hopefully be ready to open by the start of Term 2. In the meantime, the canteen remains open and operating out of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
- A full upgrade of student bathrooms, which will commence soon. I will update the school community when I have the starting date confirmed.

### **For your information:**

· I have been advised that work on the new K-2 play area has been slightly delayed, but should be completed by the end of Term 2. The solution includes an extended garden/ play area, a concrete pathway, a sandstone retaining wall (which also provides student seating), access for emergency vehicles and additional drainage.



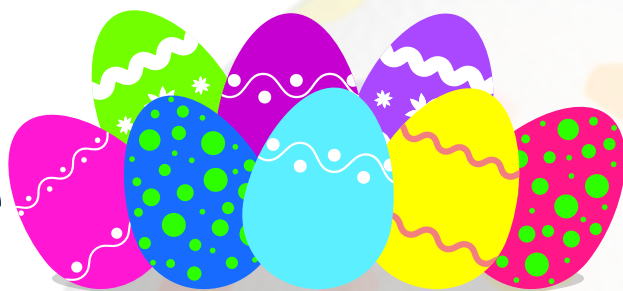
**VPS had a fantastic day at the annual school swimming carnival at Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool last week**





Vaucluse Public School SRC Initiative

# Easter Donations



PLEASE BRING IN  
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS  
BY  
4 April, 2023

Help give some chocolate treats to those struggling on the streets, or to those isolated in their homes.



All donations go to the Wayside chapel

Students can Drop off donations at  
the office





**On Wednesday, some of our students represented VPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival. They all swam their very best and we are so proud! Congratulations to all who competed!**





# **Fairy Floss-flavoured *ICEBLOCKS FOR SALE!***

**\$2**

***FROM KINDERGARTEN AND MIDDLE PLAYGROUND***

***Wednesday (March 8th) & Thursday (March 9th) lunchtime***



***SRC fundraiser to help improve our school***





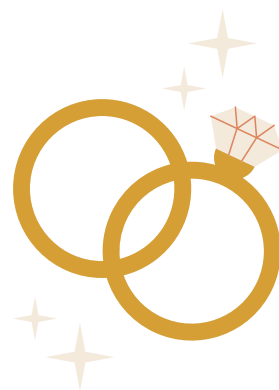
**3/4S in Dance for Term 1. They are enjoying learning how to represent things using their bodies. Here, they are interpreting Disco, we have disco balls, dance moves and dj decks. They are also learning a dance routine to a Jackson 5 melody and loving it.**

**Thank you Jess for bring us fun and movement each week!**





**Last week, Mr McDonald got married!  
Stage 3 worked together to make and  
present him with a beautiful  
congratulations card!**





# PBL NEWS!!



The token count has begun for Term 1 2023  
Look out for our brand new token box!



Playing together on the fabulous  
new soccer pitch!



Listening to the teacher !



## TERM 1 FOCUS

Wearing a hat to school each day !

Including others and respecting  
students' games on the  
playground

Following teacher instructions !



# HARMONY DAY

*Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity*

"EVERYONE BELONGS"

**SAVE THE DATE**  
TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH  
2023



**Celebrating diversity & differences, and valuing the  
importance of other cultures**





**Izzy 3/4P competed for Easts Rep Oztag in the NSW State Cup in Penrith.**

**His U/10 team reached the quarter finals and placed 6th overall in NSW.**

**He played so well scoring numerous trys throughout the tournament.**

**Well done Izzy!**





# SPONSORS! WE NEED YOU!

**FRIDAY**  
**MAR**  
4-7PM  
2023 **24**



## COUNTRY CARNIVAL

### SPONSOR A RIDE AT OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Country Carnival is a much-anticipated country-themed fair, with rides, animals and class-run stalls. This year we are raising funds for much needed educational essentials and upgrades to school infrastructure.

IT'S A WIN-WIN! Support your little local school, while gaining POSITIVE EXPOSURE for your business to the Vaucluse and wider community.

ALL SPONSORS will have their logos featured on our 5000+ letterbox-dropped flyers as well as on 300+ posters, the school newsletter and on social media. We need:

A MAJOR NAMING SPONSOR whose logo will be prominently displayed for at least 3 weeks in the lead up to the event on our 2m long VPS Country Carnival banners outside the school grounds and in a prominent location on Old South Head Road. Naming sponsorship is \$7000.

ATTRACTION SPONSORS to help us cover the hiring costs of our attractions. Attraction Sponsors can bring their advertising collateral including banners, flyers, balloons etc. to be displayed at their sponsored carnival attraction.

**\*\* All donations come with a tax-deductible receipt \*\***

So we have enough time to get your logo on all our posters and signs, **please contact** Gabby Lyons on [gabrielalyons@icloud.com](mailto:gabrielalyons@icloud.com) as soon as possible, if you would like to sponsor the VPS Country Carnival as a Major or Attraction Sponsor.

Thank you for your support, 2023 VPS P&C Association

# Vaucluse Public School

Works notification | 3 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We will be removing dead wood and leaf litter to prevent further blockage of the drain pit entry at Vaucluse Public School along the school boundary line adjacent to Cambridge Avenue.

This work will take place on the school site outside of school hours on the following days between 7 am and 1 pm:

- Saturday 4 March 2023
- Saturday 11 March 2023
- Saturday 18 March 2023
- Saturday 25 March 2023

The work will be completed in sections and there will be no disruptions to students and staff.

During these hours contractors on site will work in accordance with the Woollahra Municipal Council's noise level requirements. There will be no traffic impacts in surrounding streets and minimal dust impacts.

We are working closely with the school to minimise any disruptions on the community at every opportunity.

If you have any queries, please contact [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au) or call 1300 482 651.

Thank you for your patience.



# PLAYERS WANTED

## JOIN THE JUNIOR PURPLE HEARTS

### SMALL-SIDED FOOTBALL FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

For boys and girls aged  
7-13 years of age.

Training on Wednesdays:  
4.30 - 5.15pm at Matraville Sports  
High School, Anzac Pde, Chifley.

Free. Fully supervised and  
run by experienced coaches.

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