As the last sunrise of Term 1 creeps up above the clouds, the teachers at Vaucluse Public School are hard at work.

Dear Parents

With great amazement and pleasure we realised on Monday morning that Kindergarten had suddenly completed their first term at big school. They are no longer the newbies and are walking around the school as if they own it. We always marvel at how quickly Kindergarten settles into the routine that is school life and once they do this, the maturity that comes with that confidence is a delight to see. We hope you are seeing evidence of this at home. It's about this time they start to get too big for their boots (as my mother used to say). We know from your feedback that the 3.00 pm finish has been extremely useful for your own settling in. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and Kindergarten will go to the 3.20 pm finish time commencing next term. This will put significant pressure on those few parking spots by the back gate. There is an abundance of available parking in the streets around school. Please get into the habit of parking and walking.

It is our collective responsibility to keep all our children safe. We are busy preparing for our school ANZAC ceremony which will take place on Thursday 2 May when we return to school. There are some excellent resources on ANZACDAY.org.au for explaining ANZAC Day in a child friendly way. Yesterday I had the great pleasure to accompany our School Captains – Coco Stallman and Matty Gitli to the RSL & Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration Service at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park. There is a photo of our captains in the newsletter before they laid flowers on the cenotaph. It was a great honour to be part of a ceremony that included schools from all over Sydney.

It is that time of year when we all need to be vigilant about head lice. Please take the opportunity to check your child’s hair over the holidays. From much experience I know that it is simply not enough to just wash your child’s hair with lice treatment. You need to comb out the eggs each day for at least a week to ensure all the eggs have been removed. Only when you think there are no eggs left is it time to stop. It is very easy to reinfect unless you have every single egg out. Everyone needs to have the same rigorous commitment to egg removal otherwise reinfection will just continue. It is the reinfection that is difficult for parents to understand and a source of much frustration. At school we try to keep children from sharing hats but it is extremely hard for us to manage. The solution lies at home with effective management. This means regular checks and thorough treatment.

Again we ask that parents do not park or walk through the staff car park. We need to keep all gates shut as we have some absconders. If you are coming or going from the school please make sure the gates are shut behind you. We have had a few scares of late when we have discovered the gates have been left open.

Yesterday we had a visit from the Daily Telegraph to photograph our school leaders in the garden for an article which we have reprinted for the newsletter. Unfortunately they did not use the photo but we are quoted in the article which is worth a read.

This morning in Assembly I have given the students strict orders that they must relax and spend some time doing nothing in the holidays. Einstein said that out of boredom comes creativity. Please make time to do nothing. We all lead such busy lives. It is really important to have time to reflect, daydream and try some of those ideas floating around in our heads. We all hope that you enjoy spending time with those you love the most. We look forward to seeing you in Term 2. Remember school does not commence for students until Wednesday 1 May.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
A very proud and rather serious award line up at last week’s assembly

Kindergarten KT show us their amazing ceramic Indian Diwali lamps

Coming Events

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Our school leaders Coco and Matty accompanied our principal into the city for a special Anzac Day Ceremony
Master Class in the Kitchen

In the kitchen with 5/6B

Class 5/6 B preparing delicious cupcakes for their Market Day Stall. Many thanks to The Grumpy Baker, yet again, who kindly supplied the cupcakes and all the ingredients, to make them look spectacular.

These boots are made for walking and that’s what I’m going to do….Mrs Weiss always ready to do sport on Friday.

Do you have a child’s car booster seat? Are you able to donate it to one of our new families starting next term?

please contact Corinne in the office – 93372672

VOOSC NEWS

ALL VACATION CARE BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSED.

Please understand that we do need to have a final booking day as all arrangements must be finalised for excursions and incursions, purchasing resources to cater for activities and organising staff for correct ratios in regard to supervision and safety. Thank you to the families who have booked children into our vacation care program.

We appreciate your ongoing support and as always look forward to providing your children with a fun holiday break.

TERM 1 FEES

All fees should have now been received in full. Please be aware that there are waiting lists for sessions and non-payment of fees will result in suspension of positions until all fees have been received in full.
There will be no guarantees of a position being available after suspension. Please speak to the Lee ASAP if you are experiencing difficulties so that arrangements can be discussed.

BOOKINGS FOR TERM 2
Thank you to all of the families who have communicated their booking schedules for Term 2. If you have not done this, please forward your confirmation via email: voosc@people.net.au

VOOSC STARS
For our last week of Term 1, we have selected six children for outstanding manners, responsible behaviour and always being kind and respectful to all. Congratulations to the following children

Olivia L. KH
We are so glad that you have joined us at our centre and that your star is on our wall of Fame. You have made lots of friends at school with a sunny smile and kind heart.

Isla H. KA
Isla is such a good friend to everyone. Thank you for making sensible choices, always packing away your games and being a fabulous sharer who likes to include others. Although quiet, you never go unnoticed! Well done Isla.

Jamie N. 4/5A
What a great leader! Thank you for helping all of the little children to settle into school this term and understanding what it’s like to start somewhere new. We appreciate your generous and kind nature Jamia and are so happy that you are part of the VOOSC family. We also thought the dance moves whilst playing handball this week were pretty cool!

Paul G. 1M
Paul, thank you for always trying your hardest at sport, getting in and having a go is what it is all about. You are always a great person to have on any team and thanks for the German lessons on the side. Wir dranken Ihnen, unseren kleinen Freund!!

Harry B. 3S
A great big thank you to Harry for always greeting people with manners, respect and a genuine interest in how they are. It may seem small and unimportant but it is enough to make those around you feel special. This makes you a star not only for this week, but for always! Well done Harry.

Shai 1/2/G
Shai is always eager to participate in a good game of anything! Thanks for being a team player who understands about sharing, following rules and fair play. You always make the most of your time with your friends at Voosc.

Welcome to the wall of fame

Safe and happy holidays to all

Kind Regards

VOOSC TEAM

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VAUCLUSE LITTLE SCHOOL
LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

Dear Parents, Staff and Families,

We are a small privately owned centre just around the corner from Vaucluse Public School.

The Centre is opened from 8.30am to 5.00pm per day 51 weeks per year and caters for 24 children from 2-5 years.

We have two small groups:
Frogs Room 2-3 years 14 children with 2 educators.
Bears Room 3-5 years 10 children with 1 educator.

We implement an interest based program, school readiness music and movement, letter, number and shape recognition.

We are committed to the care and overall development of each and every child at our centre.

We have some days available in both rooms to start as soon as possible or put your name on the wait list for the future.

Please don’t hesitate in contacting me for further information.

Kind Regards

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A very colourful assembly last Friday
NEW iPad MAGAZINE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS!

PACKED FULL OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY READING AND ACTIVITIES!

Check out the great new monthly magazine app for primary school kids called Bright Kids Magazine. It's full of fantastic articles, competitions, reviews, recipes, craft and more!

We are also looking for kids to contribute to upcoming issues - so if you want to send in your art, short story, book review - whatever it may be, you could get published and win a prize for your work! Details are on the website www.brightkidsclub.com.au (make sure you check out our blog while you're there!), and the magazine itself can be purchased from the iPad App Store.

Issue 1 OUT NOW and Issue 2 will be out late April!
Fighting Obesity

Healthy food lesson failure

SUE HAGE
WASHINGTON POST

HEALTHY food lessons for kids have been scaled back in the proposed national curriculum, despite successes during the previous decade.

Health experts say food reform has been a "shameful" failure.

"We looked at what it was," said Tessa Campion, a dietitian.

"We know from the kitchen reform program that dietary advice is not based on evidence or scientific research but on the belief that children can improve their health through education."

"We don't have enough information on the long-term effects of healthy eating."

"It's not providing students with the knowledge they need."

"We need to rethink our approach to nutrition education."