A taste of Halloween.

Who says teachers are scary?
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Dear Parents

Last Friday we were most fortunate to have local state member – Gabrielle Upton and Port Jackson Director – Dr Sylvia Corish meet with members of the P&C and myself. It was a very productive visit. We discussed our growing population and ways of improving our infrastructure. We came away with many ideas for the future. Dr Corish also attended Tuesday night’s P&C meeting and spoke to the P&C members about current change and future directions in the DEC.

This week Stage 3 visited Sculpture By the Sea and were fortunate to be able to participate in a number of workshops with the artists. These workshops have added so much more to the sculptures and our students have come away with a wonderful learning experience.

Also this week the teacher’s took advantage of another of our rich diverse local areas. Stage 2 walked to Parsley Bay and surrounds with their teachers, Rudi our gardener and a Woollahra Council Ranger. The Stage 2 classes are studying a unit of work on National Parks and immersed themselves in the fauna and flora of our closest national park.

Today all over the country school students participated in Music Count Us In. This was a national project that thousands of students and their teachers participated in. Our teachers attended a workshop and taught our students a song written especially for this purpose. At 12.30 pm today we gathered in the library and sang the song with the rest of Australia. Our students loved the song and you may have heard them singing it at the top of their lungs. It was a great experience to be singing simultaneously with thousands of other young Australians.

You will see some photos in the newsletter of the Thank you Morning Tea that the Bahai Scripture group put on this morning for the staff. It was delightful!! The students sang a beautiful song about love and hope and then presented each staff member with a long stemmed rose. They also read out their hopes for us. We then enjoyed a delicious morning tea. We were thrilled by their generosity and good wishes. We were also moved by their heartfelt expressions of goodwill. Needless to say there were few dry eyes in the staff room this morning. A big thank you to the Bahais for thinking of us.

We are all looking forward to the Halloween Disco tomorrow. Our gold coins are going to the Bread of Life Program for homeless people in Surry Hills. Our Year 6 leaders have organised the music and will be DJs for the day. The disco will take place on the top field at lunchtime. Last year it was a great day and we are hoping tomorrow will be as much fun. Watch this space next week for photos of the day.

A reminder as the weather is getting warmer to make sure our students have a school hat. We would like to encourage our students to wear their hats to and from school. We would also like to ensure all students wear the sun safe school hat with the wide brim.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
Our Excursion to Sculptures by the Sea

On Thursday morning we caught a bus at 10 o’clock. We went to Bondi, my partner was Stella.

We went there because we were on an excursion to see some sculptures. My favourite sculpture was shaped like an octopus made with bottle tops.

We kept walking until we got to Tamarama Beach. At Tamarama Beach we saw a mammoth frying pan. Later we caught the bus back to school.

By Mia 1J

Sculptures by the Sea

On Thursday morning we caught a bus at 10 to go to Sculptures by the Sea.

My favourite sculpture was the giant frying pan. You could fit a giant in it. It was amazing! I also saw a medium size metal man and he was walking. He was brown and fantastic!

When we finished looking we caught the bus back to school.

By Bodhi 1J

Excursion to Sculptures by the Sea

On Thursday morning I went on a bus to Sculptures by the sea at 10 o’clock.

My favourite was the one that had enormous metal sticks and there were three of them and they were piled up. My second favourite was the one that was made of colourful lids. My third favourite was the frying pan that could cook a whale! I also liked the tree house thing. I kind of liked the whale by not that much.

After Sculptures by the Sea we caught a bus back to school.

By Lilly 1J
On Wednesday 29th October we went on a fantastic excursion with Rudi to The Sydney Harbour National Park at Neilson Park. We learnt that native species are threatened by feral animals and went on a great bush walk through the park. We visited Greycliffe House and met a National Parks ranger called Chad. I never knew how interesting our parks were! Edana 3S

On Wednesday we went on an amazing bushwalk in Neilson Park full of wildlife. I saw a currawong. It was hard to believe we were in the city. Before the walk we met Chad, a park ranger, who asked us many questions about the role of national parks in Australia. Adam L
On Monday PJ, PN and PK went to the Museum of Contemporary Art to take part in the Fantastic Bella Program. We worked together to create an artwork for our unit of work Let's Party! We got the ferry from Watson's Bay to Circular Quay and enjoyed lunch near the Harbour Bridge.

Having fun with art!

Classes PJ, PK and PN at the Museum of Contemporary Art.
Bahai Students and Shideh spoil the teachers and staff on Teacher appreciation Day.
JOIN THE SCHOOL BAND!

Students in years 1-5 at Vaucluse PS School now have the opportunity to sign up for the 2015 School band!
*Do you like music?
*Do you like being part of a team?
*Would you like to learn an instrument?

We have vacancies on the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Alto Saxophone, French Horn, Oboe, Drums, Bass guitar and Keyboard.
No experience is necessary except for keyboard where one year’s experience is required.

**Years 1-4 will take part in a “Band Try out Session” on Thursday 13th November from 9.20am-11.20am.** They will have the opportunity to see, hear and even blow some of the instruments in a concert band.
If you are interested in finding out more about joining the band please visit our website: [www.musicpartnership.com.au](http://www.musicpartnership.com.au)
The password for the Vaucluse PS schools page is “vaucluse”

To enrol in band please fill out our online enrolment form and we will email you back!
Voosc news

What's happening at VOOSC………..

Lots of excitement at Voosc this week with the discovery of pineapple number 10!

We are ready to pick and enjoy number nine and also make preparations for repotting all of the plants on our balcony into large terracotta pots.

We have also made a major change to the Voosc environment with the installation of a fantastic wardrobe/storage area across the back wall of our room.

It has really given the room a huge lift, provided us with more space and the ability to store all of our resources, games and odds and ends in a very orderly and accessible way.

It feels like heaven and has already made a huge difference.

For the height challenged on our team, thank you to Adam Elford for kindly finding us the best ladder ever!

Give Aways

We have a storage cabinet/bench to give away (a little bit retro). If anyone is interested please come along to Voosc to check it out. We need to make some more space inside asap, so can only hold onto it for a week before we make other arrangements. A very easy piece to brighten up with a fresh lick of paint!

Thank you to our wonderful Committee for helping to make these changes possible and of course, Ms Hallahan for giving us permission to make improvements to our centre, we really appreciate it!

Registrations for 2015

Please remember to collect your new registration forms. We are not holding positions for anyone so if you neglect to do this, you will not have a place for next year.

VOOSC STARS

Stars for this week are:

Eliza S

Thank you Eliza for being a great leader, big sister, friend and role model to others.

You are always a wonderful helper at Voosc.

Congratulations!

Mia W

We are so happy to give you this star Mia!

You are a kind hearted person who offers friendship to everyone. This is very comforting to those who are a little bit shy.

Congratulations Mia, keep on shining!

Lucea

Well done Lucea for keeping on top of homework tasks, returning equipment to the correct places after games and being enthusiastic during sport. You are also a kind and caring friend to all.

Welcome to the wall of fame Lucea.

Cheers

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