THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY
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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term one Week seven

Coming Events

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Clean Up Australia Day!
We read all about the biggest specimen of snake, shark, crocodile and alligator ever found. We then measured these lengths using a tape measure, rulers and trundle wheels. Then we drew the outline of each animal and coloured them in. It was interesting to see how huge these animals are. Augusta 3S
Dear Parents

It has been a really interesting week at Vaucluse PS. The week started with the P&C, Miri from the canteen and myself meeting to plan more delicious and healthy menus for our students. If you were lucky enough to buy dinner from the canteen at last night’s Country Fair before it ran out you would know Miri is a superb cook. She goes to a great deal of effort to cook all meals daily from fresh ingredients. Our students are very fortunate to have delicious meals, prepared daily on offer at the canteen. Miri has just introduced homemade sausage rolls to the menu and they are proving to be extremely popular. Miri is happy to work out weekly orders with parents. Unfortunately we do not have online facilities (yet!!) in the canteen. But if you pop down to the canteen any day at 8.30 am you can organise ordering with Miri. In the meantime the daily canteen ordering system is working well. Thank you Miri !!! A short reminder that the canteen will be closed Monday 17 March and reopen on Tuesday 18 March.

On Tuesday we had a film crew here to photograph an advertisement for the Smith Family. The production company have done a number of commercials here and keep returning because they love our school. Our students were fascinated with the work of the chalk artist and it has inspired them to create their own playground drawings. We will be using the fee paid to the school to purchase Science materials as we begin to implement the new Science Curriculum.

We have all been very excited about the preparations that have gone on all week for last night’s Country Fair. It was a fabulous night with so many school families and members of our local community participating. A very big thank you to Ali Satchell, Mads Anderson and all the parents who have been working tirelessly to make the night the success it was. It was wonderful to see so many parents involved in this welcome night. It was a great opportunity for old and new friendships and our students had a ball. The choice of activities brought a great sense of fun to the night. We know the bucking bull was a fabulous success in the middle playground and Ruth Chapman’s Tarot card reading in the bottom playground had a long queue for most of the night. We were thrilled that Eden, Harry and Lily from 4A collected $238.65 for the RSPCA and the No Kill Cat Shelter. We were also thrilled with the efforts of Bodhi and Max from 6T and Saskia from 4/5B who spent most of the night pushing little ones around the playground in Bodhi’s homemade gokart. We are not sure how much they made but we were very impressed with their efforts. There were many, many people who worked silently in the background. Kellie Jowell did a wonderful job coordinating all these helpers. A big thank you to all of these people who worked to make the night a huge success.

The night was a great coming together for our school community. There was a wonderful positive energy to the evening. We were able to see the amount of support behind our students and our school and be grateful to be a part of something quite powerful. As the sun began to go down we were also able to appreciate what a beautiful setting the school is located in and what a bonus it is to be surrounded by such tranquillity. I say it often but the beauty of our school never ceases to surprise me. I am reminded on a daily basis what the harmony of our physical surroundings does for the wellbeing of our students. We are lucky !!!

So we will spend the weekend resting and recovering and be ready for next Thursday when we will celebrate Harmony Day. Information about Harmony Day has already gone home and there is a copy of the note in the body of the newsletter. Enjoy your weekend.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
## Class Awards Term One Week Seven

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All Hands on deck for Clean-up Australia Day
Clean Up Australia Day
Vaucluse Public School Staff......

Margaret Nay

David Todd

Miriam Marks

Laura Caesar, Anne McKenzie and Margaret Nay

Miss Wendy

Miss Medhurst

....... To be continued next week.......
Today’s classes began in the garden focusing on soil, a repetitive but pertinent point as it the whole basis of a healthy vegetable garden. Without soil, we have nothing to grow our plants in.

As our soil is healthy and has an average pH of about 6.5 to 7.5, we planted and sowed some vegetables. All classes sowed beetroot, and broad bean seeds, and planted carrots, leeks, parsley, beans and lettuce. There was a lot of weeding, digging and sticking handouts in journals too (note to self, less handouts next time!).

Thankyou to Saori for helping in the garden assisting children planting parsley and lettuce and maintaining beds. And to Sascha for helping me sow a green manure crop out front. It all helps.

I have attached a link to the ABC gardening website with information on green manure crops, tips on how to grow and plant vegetables, and some photos of today’s lesson see if you can spot the second chicken. Enjoy.

http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s3711036.htm
http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s3165538.htm
http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s3421740.htm
http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s3274511.htm

If you want to volunteer any time in the garden give me a ring or text on the number below and I can put you on the reminder text I send out when I am working in the garden.

Cheers
Rudi Kitchen Gardener
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rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
2M students are learning how they can reduce waste and reduce their eco-footprint. This week we examined what were in our lunchboxes to work out if our lunch containers were reusable, non-reusable or a combination of both. We tallied the results and then created a column graph to display the data. Here are two examples by Leah Goldberg and Olivia Noonan.

from the cheeky and delightful to the classic and elegant, we create party memories to last a lifetime

Sharing is caring... "like and share" our page on Facebook for 10% discount on our signature Barny and Moo party (inclusive of 20 bonboneirs)
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The fun Jewish Holiday of Purim falls this year on Saturday night and Sunday 15th/16th March. The Jewish people were saved from a wicked man, Haman, so of course a celebration takes place and of course some food is involved!! We dress up in fun costumes and go to Synagogue to listen to the story of Purim, we give charity, we give food parcels to our friends and of course we eat a festive meal.

Thank you Ilana for coming in especially to make hamantashen, a triangle jam biscuit in the shape of Haman's ears.

Morah Miriam

P.S. I Forgot to mention, the jam is homemade by Michelle, Shai's mum!!
A Message from the clothing pool

We are looking for a new volunteer who loves numbers to help out with doing the books for the clothing pool:

· Managing the financials/books
· Doing the banking and reconciling the bank account
· Ordering stock and managing regular stocktakes

It can be done by someone at a time that suits them, they don’t need to come to the clothing pool every week. It would be great for someone who wants to help out and has a spare few hours a month.

Is it OK to call out in the newsletter, or is there another way we should consider or someone I should talk to?

Corinne thanks for advising me!

Sally
Sally Cowper
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A taste of Vaucluse Under the Stars

Ruthi (Chaii Ki and Tekiyah’s mum reading Tarot Cards while Mr Todd from 6T leads the line dancing.

Ms Hallahan with the line dancers and Nicki Veal, Stella’s mum, slices up the dance floor.
VOOSEC NEWS
VOOSEC GARDEN
Work will start on the new garden bed over the weekend so our fingers are crossed for fine weather over the next few weeks. We will hopefully be planting by the end of Term 1.

TERM 1 FEES
This is a gentle reminder that fees need urgent attention!
Non payment of fees will sadly result in service being withdrawn and offered to waiting list families.
If you are experiencing difficulties, please make an appointment with the Nominated Supervisor of Vooosc (Lee White), to discuss payment options.

VOOSEC STARS
JOCELYN R. KS
Jocelyn has been awarded a star for participating in all activities with enthusiasm and also taking responsibility in getting herself ready for school after dance.
Congratulations, we think you are a true star!
Welcome to the Wall of Fame Jocie

TAHLIA H. KM
Thank you for trying your very best to be a GREAT listener, remembering your manners and being a kind friend to others.
Congratulations and welcome to the Wall of Fame Tahlia!

NOAH F. 2H
Thanks Noah, for being a kind person and assisting others who need a helping hand.
Great participation during sport and a top team leader has put your star on the Wall of Fame!
Well done to everyone!

Kind Regards,

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