# Coming Events

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*Vaucluse Under the Stars.*
Dear Parents

We recently sent to all Vaucluse PS families a Student Medical Details and Health Conditions form. Each year we update student information to ensure we are providing the best possible care. We use this information when planning excursions and other extra curricular activities. It is important this information is current. If you have not returned the form to your class teacher would you please make it a priority. If you have lost the form we have included one in this newsletter.

This week we received the news that because we have grown to just over three hundred pupils we gain an additional day for our Library. We are thrilled to now have Laura Caesar operating the Library for four days a week. It does not need to be said that Laura is over the moon the library will have an additional day to shine. A big thank you to those parents who donated books from the wishing tree at the Country Fair. These books will be going into the Library as soon as possible. If you have not visited the Library recently – drop in either before or after school and have a wander around our beautiful library.

This week Harmony Day units of work have taken over classrooms. Everyone has been busily working towards our culminating events. This year we chose a different program. We have included a copy of the program in the newsletter. We will rotate through a variety of activities and we are very happy the weather is with us.

Next week we will begin working towards activities around Earthhour. Here at Vaucluse we are working hard in reducing our footprints. We have asked all students to observe Nudefood Wednesday. On Wednesday’s we are asking that children bring their morning tea and lunches in as little packaging as possible. We have also begun to ask children on other days to return their packaging to their lunch boxes to take home. We are doing this to raise awareness of the amount of pre-packaged food children bring to school and how it contributes to litter in the playground. We will be discussing these sustainable issues in class. We do not plan to increase parent’s workload and hope you will support us in helping to reduce our footprints on this earth.

We are still marvelling at what a wonderful night our Welcome Country Fair was. Many parents have come and commented to me and other staff on what a wonderful night it was. For the staff it was wonderful to see such strong community support for the school. We never cease to be grateful for the magical physical location that our school is in. As the sun set through the trees on Thursday evening we could not help but think how fortunate we are. It is a great privilege to lead this school.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
A very new addition to our Vaucluse Family!
Amy is very proud to be a big sister to Steven.
Congratulations to Mr Liu our Mandarin teacher and his family on the birth of their son.
Harmony Day

Harmony day is a student centred celebration of cultural diversity and how multiculturalism enriches our lives in Australia. Students participate in a Round Robin of 4 learning centres.

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<td>Focus: Students will learn about how masks are used in different cultures for celebrations and traditional customs. They will then choose their either a Venetian Masquerade, Chinese New Year or Mexican Dia De Los Muertos Candy Skull mask template and use art supplies to create their own mask.</td>
<td>Focus: Students will discover and learn to play traditional Aboriginal games and Maori games.</td>
<td>Focus: Students will listen to music from around the world and learn about and practice various dances and movements.</td>
<td>Focus: Students will learn how harmony is celebrated through quality texts by reading Whoever You Are and singing and dancing to Absolutely Everybody. Students will all contribute to a whole school artwork representing harmony at Vaucluse Public School.</td>
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The sessions went for 35 minutes. Please see the timetable below.

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Mrs Weiss and 1W had a beautiful party last week to say farewell to Isabel.

The children in KS have been doing some exciting work in maths. They explored patterns using beads. Then they learnt about graphs by making a graph showing the different types of shoes they had in the class.

Kneading, mixing, measuring and distributing. A busy day in the kitchen for 4/5B
4/5B and Alexander from PN were busy in the kitchen this week making flat bread with cumin seeds to accompany green vegetable dips and roasted vegetables freshly picked from our garden.

Karate gets off to a great start
Harmony Day at Vaucluse Public School

Miss Butt, Miss Nicki, Mr Roberts, Miss Wendy and Mrs Truskett. Dancing, drawing, moving and reading as part of Harmony Day.
Mr Styles and the students played traditional games while the students in the school hall explored cultural beats. These were some of the activities during Harmony Day
From the cheeky and delightful to the classic and elegant, we create party memories to last a lifetime

WIN a signature Barny and Moo party valued at $599
Put on your flippy floppy thinking hats and give this dingly dangly scarecrow a name. Competition details:
facebook.com/barnyandmoo

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**Vacation Care**

Our vacation care program is ready for parents to collect from the centre. All bookings are to be made in person and paid for in full at the time of booking.

For this vacation Care break, we will be temporarily relocating to the Infants end of VPS (Village High Road entry).

The playground outside of Voosc and surrounding areas has been scheduled for resurfacing during the Easter Break.

For obvious safety reasons, there will be no pedestrian access at any time. All drop-off and collection of children during Vacation Care must be made from the Infants end of the school please.

We will advise families when we can return to the Voosc Building.

**Term 2 bookings**

Could all families who have permanent bookings Term 1 please advise your term 2 bookings by next week please 24/03/14.

Please be aware that any changes to bookings may result in being placed on a waiting list until we are able to accommodate changes.

**Term 1 Fees**

Term fees are due to be finalised by the end of next week please.

If you have already discussed a payment plan with the Nominated Supervisor, then please continue as discussed. Non-payment of fees will result in late fines until received (as per policy)

As well as places being suspended and offered to families on the waiting list.

**VOOSC STARS**

Congratulations to the following people who we have chosen as stars this week

**Coco M - KM**

Thanks for being a fabulous friend Coco and a responsible Voosc kid!

It’s a huge help when everyone pitches in to tidy up and put away sport equipment and games. You are always there Coco, well done!  

**Bodhi F - 1J**

Thank you Bodhi for all of you entertaining stories, remembering to put away your belongings and trying your very best at sport.

We are very pleased to also see your star on the wall of fame! Keep up the great effort Bodhi!

Warm Regards Voosc Team

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**Head Lice**

We don't like them but they are not a health risk and they cannot harm us in any way. Please refer to the website below for some handy hints on how to treat your children.


If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php)