Miss Hallahan, Mrs Weiss and Mrs Abellitis received many postcards from Julian from 1W and Claire from 4/5B while they were on their vacation in Europe. This one was one of our favourites!
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

If you have been at school on a Monday morning and been able to be a part of our Monday morning assembly you would have been able to witness the superb job our Year 6 students are doing leading this assembly. We also enjoy holding the assembly on the multi-purpose sports field and often silently thank the P&C for this wonderful asset to our school.

Last Monday we had the great pleasure of a presentation from James Agostini – Arabella and Charlie’s dad. James and McGrath Partners very kindly donated six ipads to our school. These ipads are going into the library for our students to use for a variety of learning purposes. We have installed WIFI in the library and hope to add to this very generous donation. Laura Caesar – the school librarian is currently researching the best way to establish this program. Our plan is to have a class set of ipads and charging trolley in the library. We are most appreciative of James who has enabled us to start this program. A big thank you to James and McGrath Partners from all of us at Vaucluse PS.

We are looking forward to seeing many families here on Sunday for our first working bee of the year. The P&C Environment Committee has a long list of jobs so we are looking for many hands to come along. There are jobs to do in the SAKG Garden, the Bush Track, the Bush Tucker Garden, the area around the new demountables and the playground in general. If you are unable to commit to the whole morning I know the P&C would be grateful for people with only short amounts of time as there is an abundance of jobs. There is a BBQ planned and lots of opportunities for children to get involved. Our regular working bees are one of the reasons we enjoy such beautiful grounds.

We are acknowledging Earth Hour today between recess and lunch. This week in classrooms there have been a number of activities on Earth Hour. Earth Hour is an Australian movement for the planet organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). It was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide, and the one-hour event continues to remain the key driver of the now larger movement. The event is held worldwide and held towards the end of March annually, encouraging individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol for their commitment to the planet. Earth Hour 2013 was celebrated on March 23, 2013. Earth Hour 2014 is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. We will be turning off our lights and all non-essential power. There will be an Earth Hour documentary screened on Channel Ten at 4.30 pm on Saturday. We will be watching this at school next week.

This morning I visited the Uniform Shop. The team running the Uniform shop are on fire!! An enormous amount of work has gone into organising stock. The team are also looking at some excellent new additions to the school uniform. They have also organised uniforms that have the old school logo on them to be donated to charitable causes. The P&C will be funding the postage costs of these donations. A big thank you to the Uniform Shop Team. It is a great facility to have in our school and a wonderful service for parents. We very much appreciate the amount of time you give in order to make this service available.

Next Wednesday 2 April we are celebrating Autism Awareness Week at Vaucluse Public School by asking everyone to wear something blue on the day. Teachers will be conducting activities in their classrooms throughout the week to promote understanding and support for Autism.

Next week Parent / Teacher Interviews will commence and will run over the last two weeks of school. If you have not made an appointment with your child’s class teacher please do so. Teachers have been sending out appointment letters for the last few weeks. If you missed out contact your teacher directly to arrange a convenient time.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
It’s that time again!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started!

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

What do we need to do?

Students read books from the PRC booklist and record their progress on their online reading record, accessible at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html

When the challenge finishes for the year, the school will be sent certificates for successful participants.

When does the Challenge start and finish?

The 2014 Challenge runs from 3 March to 29 August (11:59 pm). Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 22 August (11:59 pm).

Your child’s log in details will be the same as their school computer log in. Normally, this will take the form of;

Username: firstname.lastname eg, joe.bloggs
Password: class eg, KT

If this does not work, it may be because there are multiple students in NSW with the same name. Please feel free to contact Laura in the library for confirmation of your child’s username and password.

HAPPY READING!!!
James Agostini, Charlie and Arabella’s father with our school leaders Georgie and Bodhi.

Poetry from 4/5A

Autumn Breeze
When the wind blows the leaves fall
Of the tree. And tumble and turn in the air.
I jump in the puddles and fly through the air.
I fall in leaves.
It’s like falling through a cloud.
They feel like “little cushions.”
I love the leaves and breeze.
Because I think the leaves and breeze love me.

by claudia

Very Hairy Horse met a happy
whale in a hurricane. Then they spotted a
hippopotamus trying to
jump back into a hostile
human computer while eating a hamburger.
Here are some fabulous photos of the 'Cultural Beats' group from Harmony Day students participated in Indian, Israeli and Country/Line dancing.
This week children looked at the role chickens play in our garden and how they not only provide us with eggs but with fertiliser, and pest control.

All the hay that is swept out in monthly cleaning is composted and ends up in our garden beds and eventually as nutrients in the food we create in the kitchen. Chickens also consume weeds and snails that they forage for when free ranging and when fed. Therefore, they are handy animals to have around.

Classes also looked at a procedure that hypothesised why eggs float in salt water but sink in fresh. (See photo) Students in their journals prepared aims, methods, results and conclusions regarding this subject. Do you know why this happens? (Answer below)

Classes sowed peas, broad beans and planted broad bean seedlings in the garden.

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.

We are looking for some parent volunteers to assist in garden classes every two weeks when we break into groups to help plant seedlings and water, collect snails, and weed. Let me know if you can help out.

A shout out goes to Saori, Andrew, Amy, and Nick (school parents) who weeded, mulched and toiled in the garden this week. Without this assistance, we would not have the garden we have.

Answer. Salt water is denser than an egg so therefore it floats to the top over the water. An example of this is how we float in the Dead Sea.

Cheers
Rudi Kitchen Gardener
0423020 648
rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
This Week’s Library Stars

One of this week’s gardening lessons.
Class KM hard at work in their classroom
P&C News

Working Bee THIS SUNDAY 30TH MARCH:
We invite all families to join in the Bush Track Working Bee this Sunday from 9am - 12noon followed by a free sausage sizzle. The Bush Track runs up the side of the school and is overgrown and needs our attention to ensure the children can enjoy it safely and continue to learn about the environment. Children welcome to bring bikes / scooter. Whether you can spare just one hour or three any assistance is welcome!

Uniform Shop:
Thanks to a handful of mums who volunteered their time last Friday to do a stocktake and clean up our Uniform Shop. Thank you Brenda Wallace, Bridget Palmer, Lizzi Muir, Sasha Irvine, Sally Cowper and Deborah Krimotat.

Country Fair 'Class' Results:
Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the Vaucluse Under the Stars ’ A Country Fair'.
The event raised over $5,000 for the VPS library and equipment to improve the school grounds.
This is a tremendous achievement. Below are the results of what each stall raised.

Vaucluse Public School Fundraiser:
KA $638  Old Fashion Lollies
2M $480 Homemade Lemonade
1W $ 481 Dutch Pancakes
KM $458 Cupcakes and Anzac Biscuits
1/2G $455 Lucky Dip
3S $355 Scones and Cream
4A $203 Popcorn
4S $200 Fruit Skewers
4/5B $183 Bead Bar
1J $88.50 Bobbin Apples / Horse Shoe throwing
2H $87 Hair Spray/Face Painting/Balloons

Thank you again!

Regards
Stephanie Atkinson
P&C President
VOOSC NEWS

VACATION CARE

Don’t forget to pick up your Vacation Care program, itinerary and permission slip from Voosc.

All bookings are to be made in person please. Full payment is required at the time of booking.

Please note that all Term 1 fees are to be finalised before Vacation Care bookings can be accepted.

We need to finalise numbers shortly to ensure we have the correct staff/child ratio’s as well as ample resources for all children attending.

Bookings close 07/04/14

TERM 2 PERMANENT BOOKINGS

All Families who currently have permanent bookings for their children for Term 1 and wish to continue with the same bookings or make changes, need to email through their booking details now please.

Please be aware that there are several families on waiting lists for all days am/pm, any changes to Term 1 bookings may need to be placed on waiting lists.

Relinquished days will be offered to families who are currently on waiting lists.

VOOSC GARDEN NEWS

Our new garden box is being built and should be completed over the next few weeks. The kids are looking forward to planting a fresh, new garden.

A huge thank you to Dave Graham, Olivia’s dad, who has given up the last few weekends to make this possible for us.

VOOSC STARS

Our stars for this week are:

Paige B - 6T

Welcome to the wall of fame Paige!

You have received a Voosc star for kindness, showing respect for others and being a responsible member of Voosc.

Annabelle M - 4/5 B

Welcome to the wall of fame Annabelle!

Thank you for helping out in the Voosc kitchen, we appreciate it.

Great to see that you have settled into Voosc and enjoy your time here with your friends.

Kind Regards

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