Term one Week ten

Coming Events

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Dear Parents

Thank you to the many parents who gave up a precious Sunday morning to come to school and participate in the working bee last weekend. Our school looks very well loved. With the beautiful weather of the last week, it has been a delightful place to be. Our children receive a very strong message when their parents participate in the life of their school. They see how much you value and support their education. I have great memories of my parents working at my school. A great deal of work was done and much achieved. This week the lawns were also mowed. The combination of work has ensured the school is looking fabulous. Thank you again, we very much appreciate all your efforts.

We are busily preparing for a Farewell Assembly for Ellaine Cohen. Yesterday you would have received a note inviting you to Ellaine’s last Assembly next Thursday 10 April at 2 pm. In this note we have asked for a gold coin donation. This is to go towards a gift for Ellaine from our students. Each class will present an item for Ellaine and the School Leaders will present her with a gift. The Assembly will take place in the bottom playground however in the event of rain it will take place in the Assembly Hall. Ellaine has been a wonderful friend to Vaucluse Public School. She is the keeper of much of our history. Her compassion and kindness is going to be greatly missed. Parents are most welcome to join us in farewelling Ellaine.

There have been a number of notes to go home this week. One was the Bilby Picnic at Parsley Bay next Friday and another was from the SRC for the Easter Egg Drive. The SRC is asking students to bring in an Easter Egg before next Wednesday. These eggs will be distributed to the homeless of Surry Hills on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

By the end of next week Parent / Teacher Interviews will have concluded. If you have not had an interview please contact your class teacher directly or Corinne Montano. If you are unable to attend your allocated meeting please contact the school admin office so that teachers can be informed. Many teachers have organised interviews after school and into the evening. If you cannot attend your interview please advise us in a timely way. I know that the teachers would really appreciate this consideration.

Thank you for supporting Nude Food Wednesday and reducing the amount of packaging that is coming to school. We are beginning to notice a difference in the playground. Next term we will introduce a class award at Monday Assembly for the class with the least amount of food packaging each week. The School Sustainability Committee will appoint SRC members to assist with this.

On Monday 31 March the 2013 Annual School Report was loaded onto our school website. The Report documents the school’s activities for 2013. Please go to www.vaucluse-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au/ to view this report.

As I read through the Principal’s report I have noticed it is filled with much thanks. I think we are very fortunate to have such great support. This is what makes Vaucluse Public school such a great place to be.

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](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!!!
Passover

is just around the corner (Monday night 14th April until nightfall Tuesday 22nd April). The Hebrew children enjoyed an interactive workshop by the mobile Matzah bakery. We learnt about the story of Passover, how to make Matzah and we even made a piece of Matzah too.

Passover is the story of the Jewish People’s Exodus from Egypt. The Jews were slaves to a cruel Pharaoh, but eventually when G-d sent 10 plagues to the Egyptians, Moses became the Jewish leader and led them out from Egypt. They were in such a hurry to leave, that they didn’t even wait for their bread to rise which is why we eat a flat bread today called Matzah. In fact, everything we eat at the Passover dinner relates to something from the story. For example we dip a vegetable into salt water – the salt water reminds us of the tears of the Jewish slaves. We eat a bitter herb to remind us of the bitter times, we eat charoset (a mixture of apple, wine and nuts) to remind us of the cement the Jews had to make to use with the bricks. The Passover dinner is a time to “relive” and remember the times of Egypt, but to be grateful that we were freed and still are free. We lean while we eat the Matzah as a sign of freedom and we sing praises to G-d to thank Him for freeing us.

Passover is a very family orientated time, and it is also a time to invite those that need a place, into our homes.

Happy Passover to those that celebrate.

Miriam (Hebrew teacher K-6)
Dear Dancers and Parents,

We wish to invite you to our Open Week Dance Classes for Week 11. Please come along and enjoy watching the dance class in progress. Term 1 is all about skill acquisition and the dancers are doing a superb job of focusing, applying and learning. We would love for you to see the remarkable growth in only one term.

We also welcome any students and parents who might be interested in joining us in Term 2 and would like to view the class prior to signing up.

Classes to view are:

- Tuesday 8 April - 8.15-9.05am - Kindy Ballet
- Thursday 10 April - 8.15-9.05am - Junior Jazz - Years 3-6
- Friday 11 April - 8.15-9.05am - Year 1 and 2 Ballet/Jazz

Open week is a very good chance to see how your child is progressing in their dance classes. It is important to note that in Term 2 Ms Dale and her teachers would like the parents to drop and go at the beginning of each class. The reason they request this is it is important for the dancers to learn independence and take time to explore growth through movement without having outside distractions. At the end of each class the children manage to get dressed into their school uniforms with minimal fuss and help each other out. Ms Dale's teachers are also there to lend a hand.

Dance classes will be the same format in Term 2.

**Tuesday: Kindergarten**
**Thursday: Years 3 to 6**
**Friday: Years 1 and 2**

Mixed boys and girls in all classes. All levels.
All classes start 8.15am in the school hall
Term 2 is a 9 week term so $180 per child
Loads of fun and learn great skills!

This term we require payment upfront for dance classes. The best way to make payment is for direct deposit in the P&C bank account. Payment can also be made via EFTPOS in last week Term 1 at parent viewing and the first week term 2 – Sam and Ali will be present to take payment at these times

$180 to P&C Account
- Account Name: VPS P&C Account
- BSB:032252
- A/C:930569

MUST include your "child’s name" and "dance" in description

All enquiries to SAM LAMBERT (0429) 925644 or ALI SATCHELL (0409)772942

Happy dancing!

Sam
Memories of the Vaucluse Public School Fair
6T working in the Bush Tucker Garden as part of Earth Hour activities at Vaucluse Public School.
6T Posters for Earth Hour

Fun for kids and great for parents

Tips to save money + games

Save them from the fridge being open too long

Why do we have Earth Hour? It can help our environment to save our planet

Save the animals in the ocean

Do you want to help save planet Earth? PH. 043668

Turn off lights

Help save power

A new fridge or freezer saves a lot of energy

The temperature is rising

Together we can achieve a better world for us all.

It starts with you!

Why do you think we have Earth Hour?

So call 1361808 or come to our website www.earthhour.com/ourplanet.org

Turning off power will protect us from the sun, but if we don’t turn off power the ozone layer will weaken and we will all burn to death. So turn off your lights and save our planet!
Years 4 and 5 with their Kindergarten Buddies
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.
This week PN have been looking at what makes a 'kind friend' in their Bounce Back program with Miss Wendy. PN have been studying the book the Rainbow Fish and created 'Friendship Gardens'.
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

 NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

Your family dentist; or

The Public Dental Service

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE

(02) 9293 3333
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.

Bookings close 07/04/14

VOOSC GARDEN NEWS

Any families who would like the recycle bins that we used for our old garden are very welcome to come and collect them at the end of the term.

Please pop up to the centre and let us know what you need. We are hoping a delivery of fresh soil will arrive early next week which will enable us to start planting our new garden before the end of the term.

TERM 2 PERMANENT BOOKINGS AND FEES

Thank you to all of the families who have reconfirmed bookings for next term. It makes all of our lives far easier if we are able to be organised before the new term commences.

Thank you also to the families who have kept on top of fees this term, we appreciate your efforts.

For families who are yet to do both of the above, please communicate your needs for next term NOW and make an appointment with the Nominated Supervisor of Voosc to discuss your account.

Policy procedures will be followed to recover unpaid fees.

VOOSC STARS

This week our star for the Voosc Wall of Fame is:

Sophie M - 3S

Sophie, you have been a great participant during sport each week and have truly earned your place on the wall of fame. Well done Sophie, we are really proud of you!!

Kind Regards,
Voosc Team
Vaucluse Out of School Care Centre Inc.
Ph/fax 02 9337 3031
voosc@people.net.au
Chai made this very interesting way of transport to school as part of the homework for this week. It’s by flying fox!!!

It had to be a way that doesn't impact on the environment.

Well done, Chai

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P&C News:

Working Bee:
Thank you to all the Families and Teachers who helped at the Bush Track Working Bee last Sunday. It was a glorious day and we had a wonderful attendance with more than 50 parents turning up through the morning to help remove dead branches, weed, sweep and help on the Sausage Sizzle. We now have the beginnings of a beautiful Bush Track. There is always plenty of work to be done and with the support of families our grounds will continue to be maintained. If you missed out this term, we look forward to seeing you at next terms Working Bee.

End of Term Drinks:
On behalf of the P&C, we look forward to seeing Parents, Carers and Teachers at End of Term drinks on Thursday 10 April 6.30pm at the Watsons Bay Hotel.

Warmest regards,

Stephanie Atkinson
P&C President
Last Sunday's Working Bee