Corinne and Giselle in the office never miss out on celebrations. Adia and Olivia offer some delicious Birthday Cake made by Miri to celebrate Olivia O’s Birthday this week.
Dear Parents

The term has galloped !!! Kindergarten have completed their very first term at school and we can see they have undergone enormous changes in a very short time. They now walk around the school as if they have been here all their lives. In term 2 Kindergarten pick up time goes to 3.20 pm along with the rest of the school. Please be aware that there will be more traffic around the school and we recommend you park and walk. There is a great deal of parking in the streets surrounding our school. We very much appreciate those parents who thoughtfully park and walk and contribute to the safety of all our students.

On Wednesday I had great pleasure and much pride in accompanying the School Captains to the Cenotaph at Hyde Park South for the RSL & Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration Service. Bodhi and Georgie were part of a large group of schools – government and independent who gathered to acknowledge ANZAC Day. They laid a beautiful bunch of flowers on the Cenotaph on behalf of the Vaucluse Public School Community. Many students spoke about their ANZAC experiences. They shared wonderful stories of great grandparents and grandparents. What was a very clear message was how much these students respected and valued their family history. It was very impressive to see so many young people valuing our history. It was a great opportunity for our School Leaders to be a part of something so significant.

Thank you to parents for so generously supporting Ellaine Cohen’s farewell from the students. For those of you who attended yesterday’s special assembly to farewell Ellaine you would have been incredibly moved by our student’s outpouring of love for Ellaine. The performances were straight from their hearts and absolutely delightful. Ellaine was surprised and thrilled. Our students were delighted to show her how much they appreciated her. The students presented her with a gift voucher. The P&C will plant a tree in her honour with a plaque under the window of Ellaine’s office. We wish her much enjoyment in her retirement.

Last night’s P&C gathering at the Watsons Bay Hotel was fabulous. There was a great turn out for a Thursday night and a great atmosphere. There was a wonderful sense of community. The parents of Vaucluse Public School are well and truly behind our students and we so appreciate your support. This term we have been able to purchase books for the library, install an electronic audio and visual system in the hall, employ a Learning and Support Teacher for an extra day, order Interactive Whiteboards for the library and new classrooms and order additional guided reading texts. All this has been achieved through parent support. The same community support that was so evident at the Country Fair was also felt very strongly last night. Thank you to P&C President Stephanie Atkinson and her team for organising such a great night.

At the beginning of next term we will be implementing an online payment system. You will receive your invoices for School costs in the first week back. We have been waiting for this system to be implemented before sending invoices home. We will publish procedures and a guide in the first newsletter of Term 2 to assist you.

On behalf of all the staff at Vaucluse Public School thank you for your support of our unique and wonderful school. We hope you all enjoy your holiday. School commences for students on Tuesday 29 April 2014. Staff will be attending a Professional Learning conference on the new Science Syllabus on Monday 28 April.

Enjoy your time with those you love the most. Happy holidays.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
The end of an era and the beginning of a new adventure for Mrs Cohen.
The students of Vaucluse Public School put on a spectacular show.
Mrs Cowen’s daughter, Amanda, looks on proudly.
1/2G and PJ have been joining together on Wednesday afternoons to do Creative and Practical Arts. The students created these gorgeous chickens after a discussion about Sustainability, waste and Nude Food.

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Gardening News

Unfortunately I was stricken down with a lovely case of food poisoning last Monday it is amazing what bad bacteria can do you.

Ironically lessons would have focused on the history and role of garlic not just for its culinary delights but for its medicinal and antibacterial properties.

I am preparing beds to be planted with garlic, as they prefer the cooler months to grow and develop in. To grow just leave garlic bulbs in the light until they grow then separate into cloves and plant in a friable soil high in organic matter.

I will be working over school holidays in the garden so if you are interested in coming down to plant some veggies let me know on contacts below.

Cheers Rudi Kitchen Gardener

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rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
ANZAC DAY
Dear Dancers and Parents,

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.

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
School holiday kids and family camps
It's not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBl fsmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Dance News Flash......
There will be a performance of all Dance classes at the Mothers Day morning tea Friday 9 May.

Dance classes commence the first week of Term 2 so for Kindy's the first day back which is Tuesday 29th April.
Always Remember

I’ll always remember the lights on the liner,
They signalled the start of a thousand goodbyes,
And I’ll not forget the cheers of the crowd
Or the tears in my grandmother’s eye.

There was Charley and George, Thomas and Joseph, Patrick McGee and James,
And many more as we marched into the flames,

I’ll always remember the thrill and excitement,
Adventures galore from the very first day,
And I’ll not forget defending the line
Or the friendships we made on the way.

There was Charley and George, Thomas and Joseph, Patrick McGee and James,
And many more as we marched into the flames.

We shared jokes and tobacco,
We gambled and swore. We sang.
The sun rises each day but for some it has already set,
We’ll never forget...

I’ll always remember the roar of the trenches,
We fought to survive and we’d never say, “die”,
And I’ll not forget the rollcall at dawn
When a soldier’s name brought no reply.

There was Charley and George, Thomas and Joseph, Patrick McGee and James,
And many more whose names I never learned,
Our comrades forever,
The fallen who never returned.
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