THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY
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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

On Easter Sunday I delivered a car full of Easter eggs (I really did feel like the Easter Bunny !!) to the Bread of Life Program in Surry Hills from the Vaucluse Public School Community. The Companions (as the homeless are called there) were amazed. Many came to me several times during the morning to confirm that our students had sent these for them. They went away thrilled and amazed that they had been thought of. Thank you for your overwhelming support of this project. It made a big difference to many people.

We had a very thoughtful and reflective ANZAC Day ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. Jan Noonan CMDR RAN, Executive Officer, HMAS Watson and mother of Olivia read a beautiful story to the Assembly that articulated the ANZAC spirit perfectly. Thank you Jan. Each class took a separate part of the ANZAC culture to explain to the rest of the school. Our school Leaders did an outstanding job coordinating the Assembly.

We are busy making preparations for our special Mothers’ Day Assembly on Friday 9 May at 9.30 am in the bottom playground (if the weather permits). A note will go home today with requests for the Mothers’ Day Stall. There will be an invitation also. All people who occupy that special space are most welcome to come next Friday.

We have noticed that dogs have begun to pad back into the playground. Apart from the obvious as to why dogs are not allowed on school grounds, there is another serious issue to consider when dogs are present in the playground. That is there are some children in our school who are extremely fearful of dogs and find it very stressful if they come into the playground and a dog is present. So if you are thinking about ‘just quickly’ bringing your dog in please consider these little ones.

We have many activities planned for this term. One area that has much planning activity at the moment is Aboriginal Education. We are organising a number of activities that will be showcased in Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.

On Monday Vaucluse Public School staff along with eleven other schools in our learning community participated in a Science and Creativity Conference. We were privileged to hear two very inspirational speakers – Todd Sampson (Gruen Transfer etc) and Adam Spenser (ex ABC 702 Presenter etc ) speak on Creativity, Science and Maths. The de-brief we held at school on Tuesday afternoon indicated that staff were inspired and motivated by what they had experienced on Monday. Watch this space for further updates.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
This week’s assembly.
ANZAC Day Assembly
Simpson and his Donkey

ANZAC Day

Why are Simpson and his donkey remembered today?

Simpson and his donkey are remembered because they helped wounded soldiers get safely to safety in the war.

ANZAC Day 2009

Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

by me
Eastern Suburbs Artistic School

Music: Piano, Guitar, Violin, Clarinet, Singing and more

Art: Creative Art, Drawing, Painting, Cartooning and more

Language: Chinese, French, Spanish, Italian and more

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Dear Parents

As Mothers’ Day approaches we are busy planning a number of activities to celebrate all the wonderful mums at Vaucluse PS. On **Friday 9 May** there will be a special **Mothers’ Day Assembly** followed by a morning tea.

After recess there will be a Mothers’ Day stall for the whole school. There will be a $2, $5 and $10 stall. (Money raised from the stall will go towards books and resources for the library). We are asking that every student bring in at least one or two gifts if possible (there are many students who like to buy two gifts). These gifts will need to be wrapped attractively in clear cellophane (so the children can see what they are buying and do not have to have their purchase gift wrapped) and left in the baskets outside the Admin Office.

*The following are suggestions for gifts:*

- Soap, perfume, bath oil, bath gel, candles, make up, nail polish, hair products
- Jewellery
- Picture frames, ornaments
- Chocolates, tea, biscuits, lollies
- Books, magazines
- Gift packs of toiletries, tea, coffee, sweets, etc
- Hats, gloves, scarves, hankies
- CDs, DVDs
- Movie tickets

Or anything that you think our children would love to buy for their mum. We are hoping through organizing these activities, that children will not have to visit the shops for Mothers’ Day rather they will be able to organize their gifts independently and make a card in their classroom. The performances at the Special Mothers’ Day Assembly will also be part of the children’s mothers’ day gift.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
1 May 2014
Vegetable Garden Dates Term 2 2014

I will be working these dates in the vegetable garden at Vaucluse Public.

Time: 9am to 4pm

Dates:
Monday 05-May
Monday 19-May
Monday 02-June
Monday 16-June

If you want to come and have a dig and plant, or help out in your child's class come and join us.

If you want any more information contact Rudi Adlmayer Kitchen Gardener on 0423 020 648 or email rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
Naplan Information Afternoon

Next Wednesday 8 May 2014 parents of students in Years 3 and 5 are invited to an information afternoon in which the processes and procedures around the upcoming Naplan tests will be discussed. Any questions you may have will be answered. If you have any concerns, please come and share this time with other parents in Mr Styles’ room at 3.30pm

Monday night 5th May and Tuesday 6th May we celebrate Israel's 66th birthday both in Israel and all around the world. For anyone interested, the Sydney community celebrations will be held at Randwick Racecourse from 4.00pm on Monday 5th May. There will be rides, stalls, food, singing and dancing.

Although for thousands of years so much Jewish history has taken place in the Land of Israel, the modern state of Israel was only established in 1948. Part of Palestine was returned to the Jewish Nation where they were now able to have a much needed country of their own to call home. Israel is also home to many Christians and Muslims and is also the only democratic and free country in its Middle East area.

The day before Israel's birthday is a commemoration day to remember the soldiers who died fighting for Israel. A siren is heard across the country where everyone stops, including public transport and card on highways, to have a minutes silence.

This week the Hebrew children have been learning about the State of Israel, it's map, it's anthem (Hatikvah), it's shield and flag.

Happy Birthday Israel, may you grow from strength to strength.
Wednesday is Fresh Produce Day at VPS

$40
for a mixed box of ORGANIC seasonal fruit and vegetables

FRESH, ORGANIC AND CHEMICAL FREE
Delivered Direct from Eco Farms
Four weeks $160
(or if you want to try it once just call Ilana)
Starting from Wednesday 7 May to Wednesday 28 May
Pick up from 3pm outside Clothing Pool
If you can help sort the vegies on a Wednesday afternoon we meet at 2.15
just let Ilana know via email/text.

Payments made by Cash
Please make payment of $160.00 and leave at VPS School office with your full name, email address and mobile details.

Payments made by Cheque:
Please make your cheque for $160.00 to Vaucluse Public School P&C Association and leave at VPS School office with your full name, email address and mobile details.

Payments made by Direct Debit
Bank: Westpac Rose Bay
Account Name: Vaucluse Public School P&C Association
BSB/Branch: 032 058
Account No: 26 8727
Amount: $160.00
Please put “box” and your surname (boxakres) as your payment description.
Please email confirmation of payment to akresfam@gmail.com with your full name and mobile details.

Payments made by Credit Card
Please contact Ilana on 0408854488 if you would like to pay by Credit Card. You will now need to swipe your card at the clothing pool on a dedicated morning

This is a P&C fundraiser with $5 per box per week going to help our P&C provide ongoing improvements to our school

For more info please contact Ilana akresfam@gmail.com 0408854488