Coming Events

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Almost there! Jamie and Aaron take a moment to give us a wave while they are finishing off our wonderful new Netball Court.
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

A big thank you to all those parents who came and supported our Mothers’ Day celebrations last Friday. We were particularly impressed and delighted with everyone’s patience in coping with the last minute changes due to weather conditions. We were most impressed with our students however. On the previous day we had a conversation in assembly with the whole school. We talked about the children’s performances being their gift to their mums. We discussed what a special gift it was because money could not buy their best effort. On Friday morning I was lucky enough to attend the K-2 performances and the 3-6 performances. What absolutely shone out from every member of our school was their best effort. Friday was one of those days that I would not do any other job no matter how much I was paid. All members of Vaucluse PS staff were full of pride for our students.

The rest of the organised Mothers’ Day activities followed in the same way as they had begun. The scones that were made in the kitchen at the beginning of the week tasted like they were made with an abundance of love. The Mothers’ Day portraits were charming and the Mothers’ Day stall was highly successful – everyone went home with a present and no one had to go anywhere near Bondi Junction. We very much appreciate your support of the Mothers’ day stall and we hope you were happy with the gift that was chosen with much love and consideration. Thank you to those parents who stayed on and assisted with the stall. We made approximately $1800 which will go towards science resources in preparation for the implementation of the new science syllabus.

This week has been quiet in comparison to last week’s preparation for Mothers’ Day. However yesterday the atmosphere was charged as the new Basketball/Netball court was completed. This has been a P&C funded initiative and our students are as delighted with it as they were with the multi-purpose sports field. I was very fortunate to be able to shoot the first goal and to still be able to do a reasonable lay-up especially as the school was watching. It has been wonderful to be able to see the work of the P&C have such a significant impact on our school. Thank you P&C and all those who have contributed to the new court. Next week another P&C funded initiative will be installed in the library and the new demountable classrooms. Portable electronic whiteboards will be installed and these have also been funded with your assistance. It is very good to be able to see concrete evidence of all your hard work. At the moment the P&C is on fire!!!

Last week we conducted a Merit Selection process for the Library position at Vaucluse PS. We are delighted to congratulate Laura Caesar into the permanent Library position and look forward to the magic she creates in that special space. Laura will be off to New York this weekend for a world Swing conference. Another one of Laura’s many talents is that of Swing (dance) instructor and she is going to indulge her passion at the World Swing Conference in New York for three weeks. Cheryl Truskett will take Laura’s place in the library while she is away. Many of you would have met Cheryl when she took Lesley Abellis’ class while Lesley was on leave.

Next Friday is Walk To School Day and we hope everyone will make an effort to do just this.

Our school is looking pretty fantastic at the moment and it also has a strong community feeling. This morning I had a visit from a local school principal and she commented on what a wonderful atmosphere there was. Thank you all for being a part of that wonderful feel.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
PN and PJ have been learning about Canoes as part of their Science and Technology Unit and in preparation for Reconciliation Week. This week we watched an online story of the Three Little Pigs and then built and tested (with wind and water spray) paper, paddle pop stick and Lego canoes to see which one was the strongest. As it turned out, it was Lego all the way!
Hello Vaucluse Public School

It is so nice to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Theo and I was born 12 May 2014. I have a sister at your school and her name is Nina. Nina is in KM and I love her so much. I hope to see you all very soon.

Friday 23 May is Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

So join a walking bus for the day or make your way to school using two feet and a heartbeat!
VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL WALKATHON 2014

It’s that time again: the annual VPS Walkathon is just around the corner on **Thursday 12th June**. This year we are pleased to announce that we will be taking the walkathon out into the streets. Rather than walking around the school playground, the children will be walking a short course around our lovely neighbourhood.

The walkathon is traditionally one of the P&C’s biggest fundraisers of the year, and we hope everyone participates to make this year’s event the most successful yet!

We would ask that all parents help our children in getting commitments from friends, grandparents, relatives, your work colleagues and neighbours. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with the children shortly. Please contact your class parent if you have not received a copy and they will arrange to get one to you.

This year the P & C are excited to announce that the proceeds from the Walkathon will be going towards purchasing a unique Comprehension Program. The cost of this package is $10,000. Last year the walkathon raised in excess of $12,000 and we would like to reach that target or better again in 2014.

As we are taking the children out of the school we will be looking for volunteers to assist on the course. A note will go out to parents shortly with details. If you are able to be involved in any way, it is a great event to enjoy with your children.
Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.
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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Call now for more details!


Address: Level 1, 8 Manning Rd Double Bay NSW 2028
PH: (02) 8040 0900
Email: Info@EasternSuburbsArtisticSchool.com.au
Free Chickens

Vaucluse Public School is getting new chickens. We are looking for a good home for our old girls. If you would like to have some new additions to your family. Some lovely old chooks are looking for a new home and a family that can give them some TLC.

Please call Rudi on 0423 020 648 or email him on rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com

bock,bock,bock,bock,bock,begowwwlk!

No more mulch please.

We have been very fortunate to receive free mulch for our school to help keep our gardens healthy and beautiful. We now have enough mulch to last us a very long time.
Stage 3 students working on activities from the new Maths curriculum.

Missing Pram

The Wallace family are missing their blue Vogue McLarens stroller.
Last seen just off Hopetoun Avenue near the school.
Please contact Corinne in the office if you have any leads.