## Coming Events

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<td>Tuesday 27 May</td>
<td>P and C General Meeting at 7.30pm in the library — all are welcome!</td>
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<td>Monday 2 June</td>
<td>Dance Demonstration 3-6.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 4 June</td>
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<td>The Walkathon.</td>
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We are very happy to announce that our *old girls* have found a new home. Costa came to our school on Wednesday to collect the new members of his family. He promises to give them the tender loving care that they need.
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

This week we have all celebrated the new netball / basketball court. What a difference it has made to the middle playground. Many of you would have read this week in the local press, the research that identified 80% of Australian children not getting enough daily exercise. The students at Vaucluse Public school are certainly in the 20% that get more than enough exercise. Before school, recess, lunch time and after school our students are always participating in some form of exercise. If you also count the twenty minutes of fitness each class does daily and the class sports activity our students are well ahead on fitness levels and time. We are also thrilled with the number of students who walk to and from school on a regular basis. The wide open spaces that Vaucluse PS has to offer are very conducive to high level s of activity. We take every opportunity to be involved in as much physical activity as possible.

The P&C are currently organising this year’s Walkathon and we will be taking full advantage of our local area. The Walkathon information will go home next week. We are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a Reading Program that focuses on comprehension.

Next week is Reconciliation Week and the teachers and students have been working on a number of activities which will culminate at next week’s assembly. We have also planned an Aboriginal Artist in Residence Program that will go into Term 3 also. There will be a note going home next week with details of these activities.

Thank you to all those parents who participated in Walk Safely To School today. The program was very well supported. A reminder for those parents who drive their children to school to please not use the staff car park in Cambridge Ave. I am sure people think when they are running late that they will only do it just this once but our school is bigger and lots more parents have this idea regularly. So regularly that this is becoming a drop off zone. We have four Special Transport Taxis using this space throughout the day. We need to be able to ensure safe passage for these students. Please do not use the staff car park at any time during the day.

This week around Sydney schools there have been a number of accidents where students have been injured. This week I had a neighbour come to see me after morning drop off in Cambridge Ave. He was so shaken he felt compelled to do something. A parent had stopped her car on the pedestrian crossing to let her child out. As cars tried to weave around the illegally parked car the little girl was narrowly missed. It is timely that we are aware of our driving habits around the school and be very mindful of driving as safely as possible. I would hope that we all drive and park safely in the interests of all our students and not just our own children. Thank you to all those parents who do this on a daily basis.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal

KS performing at this week’s assembly.
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 www.vaucluse-p.schools.nsw.edu.au 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.
Class Awards Term 2 Week 4

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Some more funky moves from Class KS
This week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday five of our finest dramatists from year six went along to the Seymour Centre for three days of workshops as part of the Sydney Public Schools Drama Camp. Ollie, Yoav, Shayna, Cassius and Davy got to study with twelve different tutors who led them in workshops such as mask, clowning, stage combat, theatresports, improvisation, puppetry, script work, voice, movement and audition techniques. The camp included students from over 30 Public Schools across Sydney. Our students stood out with their talent, enthusiasm and manners and did Vaucluse Public School proud.
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.
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 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

Dance demonstrations

Monday 26 May top oval K-2 at 9.30
Monday 2 June top oval 3-6 ay 9.30

Everyone is welcome!

Reschedule if there is wet weather
Consultation on strengthening public secondary education in the inner Sydney area

The Department of Education and Communities is looking for community ideas and feedback as it considers how best to strengthen the provision of public secondary schooling in inner Sydney, especially from 2018 when projections indicate there will be a need for additional teaching and learning spaces in the area.

You are invited to visit http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation to find out more about the consultation, participate in online forums, RSVP to attend a community workshop and find out how to host your own "Kitchen Table Discussion" to gather opinions and feed them back into the consultation process.

**Community workshops** are being conducted from **6:30 - 8:30pm** on:
- Thursday, 29 May at Sydney Girls High School - Campbell Hall - Cleveland Street, Moore Park
- Tuesday, 3 June at Alexandria Park Community School - The Denzel - school hall - Park Road Campus, Alexandria
- Thursday 5 June at Sydney Secondary College—school hall—Blackwattle Campus, Taylor Street, Glebe


If you are unable to attend one of the community workshops there are multiple other opportunities to participate and have your say. Visit the Department’s website at [www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation) to find out more.

The consultation period is from Friday 16 May – Friday 27 June 2014.

All members of the school community are encouraged to participate in and support this exciting initiative to help shape the future of public secondary school education in our area.
Your Lost Property is growing.

Could you please take the time to have a rummage through the ever growing lost property. Unclaimed clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes will be washed and rehomed at the end of the term if not claimed.
Eastern Suburbs Artistic School
- We Teach, We Care.

Music: Piano, Guitar, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, AMEB Preparation, Singing, and more

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

Group Lesson
Adult Lesson
In-studio Lesson

Private Lesson
Children Lesson
In-home Lesson

Group Lesson Timetable Term 2 2014

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| 4:30 pm Singing | 5:00 pm Creative Art | 5:00 pm Art (13 year old and above) | 5:00 pm Creative Art | 5:00 pm Guitar | 12:00 pm Choose your instrument workshop |

Call now for more details!

PH | (02) 8040 0900
Address | Level 1, 8 Manning Rd Double Bay NSW 2028
Email | Info@EasternSuburbsArtisticSchool.com.au
Vegetable Garden News

Mondays classes enjoyed a beautiful Autumn day in the garden looking at the role Biodiversity plays in our garden and life in general. We discussed food chains and what happens to species if another species is taken out of that chain. Biodiversity is all the living things around us. In our garden biodiversity includes our native bees which play a role in cross pollinating our fruit and vegetables.

If insects were not around to pollinate we would a lot less fruit around.

Speaking on the subject of native bees I managed to split our hive to show the children what they actually look like inside, (see photos), and explain how the social system of a beehive works.

The native bees in our garden are stingless and quite harmless and are great pollinators of plants.

The hive hold tens of thousands of bees from one queen bee, nurse bees, drone bees, and worker bees.

If you sit and watch the hive you will see the different roles each bee plays, some collect pollen and some dispose of rubbish and dead bodies. Inside nurse bees tend to eggs laid by the queen.

Classes also planted our garlic crop which will form bulbs in about ten to twelve months.

If you want to help in the garden ring, email or text me and I can put you on the text message services of when I am working, or set you up with a task you can do in your own time as we have plenty of large and small projects.

Rudi Kitchen Garden Specialist
0423 020 648
rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
New Chickens in the house!

Our new Chickens have arrived donated by Brett (Josie’s dad).
They are Isa Brown pullets and will begin to lay in about 4 to 5 weeks. They even have their own baby food to eat until they are old enough to lay eggs.
We have separated the older chickens from the pullets while we wait for a new home for them, and to protect the pullets from the chicken pecking order.

Please do not go into chicken shed without permission, as we want the pullets to settle into their new home. Once again thanks to Brett and his team for supplying healthy immunised chickens as well as all their food.

Cheers Rudi Kitchen Gardener
taste orange

AT WATSONS BAY

Food & Wine Festival

SUNDAY MAY 25

ROBERTSON PARK 11AM - 4PM
KIDS NIGHT

50% OF ALL KIDS MEALS

FROM 4PM GO TO RAISING FUNDS FOR VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL
THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

JOIN US ON: MAY 28TH JUNE 25TH JULY 30TH
AUG 27TH SEPT 17TH* OCT 29TH NOV 26TH
*DUE TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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