## Coming Events

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Dear Parents

Last Thursday’s Reconciliation Assembly was an outstanding culmination of rich learning activities that had taken place in classrooms for the last few weeks. Our students embraced the theme of Reconciliation wholeheartedly. There are a large number of photos of the Assembly on the school website now that capture the atmosphere of Reconciliation at Vaucluse Public School. As part of the teaching and learning activities of the Reconciliation process, Assistant Principal David Todd will be visiting each class and teaching our students about the Tiwi Islands. David spent a year teaching at a remote school in the Top End and the Tiwi islands and has established a relationship with a sister school called Milikapiti School in the Islands. Work is continuing with the Mural Project and Aunty Kathy Farrawell. This work will also be part of Term 3 teaching and learning and NAIDOC Week Celebrations in Week 1 of Term 3.

Next week it is Rare Chromosome Disorder Awareness Week. There are only eleven people in the world who are part of this exceptional group and we are privileged to have one of them at Vaucluse Public School. We will also be acknowledging Jeans for Genes Day on August 1 2014 with a fundraiser and donating to Support Network - Unique (www.rarechrom.org) as part of this awareness raising. We are also preparing for World Refugee Day on June 20.

Students are very excited about the Walkathon next week and we are looking forward to enjoying our Local Area . We are encouraging students to get their sponsorship forms in early. Please ensure you return the Permission Slip to school as soon as possible as we will not be able to let students leave the school grounds unless we have a signed note.

Ton Wednesday afternoon Miriam Weiss took a very excited bunch of students better known as the Junior Choir to the opening of Woolies Double bay. They will be singing as part of the opening celebrations. Woolies has kindly donated $1000 to the school. This money is going towards purchasing more ipads for the Library. We very much appreciate Woolies for their support of our school.

Thank you to all those parents who have kept off the grass in the K-2 playground after school. There are signs of new life. This rain will hopefully help. The playground will have a rest until the end of term and we would ask that everyone keeps off it especially after school.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
Gardening classes at Vaucluse Public School were very productive this week.
Vegetable Garden News

Mondays classes enjoyed a beautiful Winter day in the garden looking at the role mulch plays in our garden.

Children moved about a tonne of mulch onto our Bush Tucker Garden beds, an effort I was dubious about at first however when not one child complained about pushing wheelbarrows and rakes around, and then asked if they could keep working through their lunch breaks I was extremely impressed with their work ethic. A gargantuan effort by children and staff.

We discussed the function of mulch and why it is important for using in our vegetable garden as well as most landscapes from agriculture to your garden at home.

The role of mulch is not just to make your garden look nice but provides other benefits such as:

- Stopping weeds from growing
- Retaining moisture in your soil
- Providing nutrients via compost as it decays
- Recycling of materials such as woodchip and sugarcane that would normally go to landfill.

Children talked bout the different types of mulches. They include:

- Woodchip
- Hay, straw and sugarcane
- Pebbles
- Nut shells and husks
- Coconut fibre
- Plastic.

Rudi Kitchen Garden Specialist
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Making Payments through the Website

We have had a few parents telling us that the “Payment through our Website” is not working. We have made enquiries as to why this is happening and have been told the following:

*If you are using a Mac computer and you are using Safari as your browser please ensure that you have updated Safari to the latest version and if this still does not solve the issue then please use another browser eg. FireFox.*

If you are still having an issue please do not hesitate to call the office and we will let Westpac know that this has not solved the problem.

My Magic Egg

One day deep in a forest lay a nest made of glass. It was so high you couldn’t see it. In it was a tiny and delicate egg, neon blue, glowing in the darkness of the forest. Strangely it was star shaped not round like a normal egg. It was smooth as silk and impossible to break. Suddenly a crack ran down the side of the egg. Out came the rarest creature ever. The blue chick never grew old or died. It did not even turn into a chicken.

by Olivia Palmer 2H.
The date for the 3-6 School Athletics Carnival has changed.

It will now be held on Tuesday 29th July 2014 (Term 3 Week 3)

Interschools Skiing

Parents of children who would like to compete at Interschools this year should contact James Falkiner (6T Rebecca’s Dad) on 0418 413 056.

Northern Interschools is being held at Thredbo on 2-4 July 2014. Races include Alpine (GS, SX and Moguls) and Snowboard GS/SX.

Please respond by 10 June 2014.

Entries close 17 June 2014.


Thanks

James Falkiner
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Movement
R&B Hip hop, Zumba dancing, Salsa, Capoira, Box Step, Aerobics, Circus equipment – Hoola hooping, Diablo, Spinning tops, Juggling and making juggling balls, Limbo, Box Step, Aerobics.

Sport
Soccer, Oz tag, Netball, Skipping games, tug of war, Handball competitions, Basketball, Bike riding, Tunnel ball.

Cooking
Vegetarian Pizza, Mocktail Classes, Challah/Bread baking Pastry art, Decorating creative cookies with jellies & sprinkles.

Social Interactive Games-
Mummy game (roll paper), Musical Chairs/statues, Talent Shows, Caterpillar Game, Human conveyor belt, Fruit salad, Human naughts and crosses, Romeo & Juliet, Chicken Game.

Kool Kizz Canteen
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Contact Details-
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intamiscare@gmail.com

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**Group Lesson**

**Adult Lesson**

**In-studio Lesson**

**Private Lesson**

**Children Lesson**

**In-home Lesson**

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**Group Lesson Timetable Term 2 2014**

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<td>9:30am Kindermusik® (1.5-3 year old)</td>
<td>4:00 pm Creative Art</td>
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<td>4:00 pm Creative Art</td>
<td>4:00 pm Music Theory</td>
<td>11:30 am Creative Art</td>
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<td>5:00 pm Creative Art</td>
<td>5:00 pm Art (13 year old and above)</td>
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<td>5:00 pm Guitar</td>
<td>12:00 pm Choose your instrument workshop</td>
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**Call now for more details!**

**PH:** (02) 8040 0900


**Address:** Level 1, 8 Manning Rd Double Bay NSW 2028
It is time to enrol for Kindergarten 2015.
We require an indication of our numbers to assist with class organisation 2015.
Enrolment forms can be found on the school's website.

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Primary school

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them.
School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk
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