THE VAUCLUSE WEEKLY
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VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term three Week five

Coming Events

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Some of our champions at this year’s District Athletics Carnival.
Dear Parents

Spring is certainly in the air, but unfortunately the influenza season is still with us. Some classes have been affected more than others but it is vital that children who present with flu symptoms be kept at home until they are well. These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throats, chills or shortness of breath. At this time it is particularly important to remind children about good hygiene practices. This week, thanks to a small group of parents, the soap dispensers in the toilets have been filled and new dispensers purchased for K-2. Reminders about good hygiene are being placed in all toilet areas. As well, children were reminded at assembly yesterday about the sensible use of soap and paper towels and ensuring these items are not used for play.

It is wonderful to see the number of parents who attend Thursday afternoon assembly when class items are scheduled. Due to illness in 4A, with twelve students absent on one day, their class item was postponed until this week. As a result all classes have been “pushed back” one week. The class presenting the assembly item on August 21 is 2M. Please check with your class teacher to confirm new dates.

To celebrate Science Week, all classes attended a talk by Professor Vaughan Macefield. He is a neuro-scientist and fascinated students with interesting information about the parts and function of the brain. Staff were impressed by the thought-provoking questions asked by students of all ages.

The full day District Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday this week with some great performances from our students. Shai competed in the final and Aeron and Tomika now progress to represent the School at Regional level. On Monday, the half-day carnival will be held. Showers are predicted but this event will go ahead as scheduled unless there is a severe storm with lightning. If you are in doubt please ring the school, as this carnival does not begin until 11am.

Next week is Book Week and our librarian Laura Caesar is preparing a number of activities to celebrate and encourage a love reading. A separate note has been sent home and is also attached to this week’s newsletter.

Fathers’ Day is also approaching and our traditional Fathers’ Day Big Brekkie prepared and cooked by the staff will be happening on Friday September 5 in the staffroom environs. A note with further details should also arrive home today.

The staff look forward to seeing parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends of the school at our upcoming school events.

Lesley Abellitis

Relieving Principal.
Book Week!!!
Aug 18 – 22
‘Connect to Reading’
(Week 6)

Book Week 2014 is rapidly approaching, and it’s time to start thinking about costumes, competitions and best of all: BOOKS!

Please come and join us for our book parade on Thursday 21st August after recess on the soccer pitch. Students can dress up as their favourite book character but please don’t send them with toy weapons such as guns or swords etc. Students also need to wear closed, comfortable shoes for safety reasons.

Each class will be presenting an art work they have created in the theme of one of the shortlisted books, which will be pieced together and displayed in the library.

There will also be a book fair in the library before school, during recess and at lunch. We would love you to donate a book (or two) to the library which will have a book plate with your child’s name placed inside and the privilege of being first to borrow the book. At the same time, we would appreciate the purchase of a book suitable for a kindergarten child which will be donated to the SRC Indi Kindi Initiative which supports the education of indigenous children.

Find out more about the Indi Kindi project at http://www.nangalaproject.org.au/indi_kindi.html

Our traditional match-the-teacher-to-their-favourite-book competition will be on again with a new twist; you have to match the teacher to their favourite place to read! Who likes reading in the bath? On a plane? On a roof? Find out!

At our Monday assembly, the school drama ensemble will be performing their latest play fresh from their success at the Public Schools NSW drama festival.

Want to learn more about this year’s shortlisted books? Check them out at http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm
Congratulations! 

to the VPS Drama Ensemble

The Vaucluse Public School drama ensemble of 17 students from years 4-6 have been working together on a piece entitled 'The West Tree' at lunchtimes since midway through term one. The play is about a tree full of owls who are welcoming a new baby into the family only to find out that he hoots in the day rather than the night. The play explores themes of tolerance and accepting differences. In the last week of term two the students worked really hard to submit our successful audition tape to participate in the NSW Public Schools Drama Festival at the Parade Theatre at NIDA which took place on Wednesday night this week.

Our students represented our school wonderfully and performed with great enthusiasm and professionalism alongside drama ensembles from primary and secondary students from schools all over the greater Sydney region.

Check out the website to see all the photos from the performance.
Debating

On Wednesday 13 August 2014 Vaucluse Public School went to Rose Bay Public School to debate against Clovelly Public School. Both teams did well and we won! The senior topic was *We should put the environment first.* The junior topic was *The internet is a good thing.* Both teams were affirmative.
Before School Soccer

If the weather is inclement on the morning of training, please call Lloyd to make sure Soccer Club is going ahead: 0450 677 627

ST MICHAEL'S ANNUAL VINTAGE AND PRE LOVED CLOTHING AND BOOK SALE
> PLEASE SEND YOUR PRE LOVED CLOTHES TO ST MICHAEL'S FOR OUR BIG VINTAGE CLOTHING SALE TO BE HELD 22-24 AUGUST
> DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. DON'T FORGET TO COME ALONG! BARGAINS FOR EVERYONE.

Science Day at Vaucluse Public School
VPS AND 'LOVE NETBALL' are excited to introduce AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL to our exciting and growing list of extra curricular activities for our kids!

**Where:** Our VPS Netball courts

**Who:** All VPS students in grades 3-6 (male and female) who would like to learn/develop netball skills.

Head coach will be Jacquee Saunders of Love Netball, who is also one of our VPS mums. We also need 1-2 parent volunteers to assist Jacquee each session and wanted to establish a roster - please contact Kelly Jowell if you can help out – I'm sure we have some former champion netballers amongst us!

If your child attends aftercare on a Monday and wants to attend please ensure you contact Lee to discuss permission and your logistics

**When:** Monday afternoons at 3.30pm. For the rest of this term coaching will only be for 3-6 students.

Once Term 4 commences and we have warmer weather and more daylight hours, we will commence coaching for years K-2 at 3.30pm and 3-6 from 4.30pm.

**Netball will commence on MONDAY 18th AUGUST**

The cost is $18 per session per child i.e $90 (plus $2 admin - credit card fee of $1.70 and 30 cents try booking fee) for the remaining 5 weeks of this term

The **ONLY** way to pay is via try booking [http://www.trybooking.com/98606](http://www.trybooking.com/98606)

Don't forget to bring your runners/sports gear to school with you.

Contact – Kelly Jowell (0402) 470 570 or kelly@jowell.com.au
We are very excited about Kindergarten Orientation Day. Please hand in applications to enrol to Corinne in the office as soon as possible and RSVP to the invitation below. We would like to be well prepared for a delicious morning tea Vaucluse Public School style.

KINDERGARTEN Orientation Day 2014
Wednesday 3 September 2014 - Commencing at 9:30 am
Let Vaucluse Public School take your child on an exciting journey......

In a tranquil, low-traffic area with beautiful gardens, our children enjoy the perfect environment for learning and growing together. Building on a 150 year history, Vaucluse Public School’s creative and inspiring learning environment is the perfect start to your child’s educational journey.

Under the leadership of our Principal, Maureen Hala, Vaucluse Public School will nurture and encourage your child to achieve his or her true potential.

Vaucluse Public School students perform exceptionally well in all facets of the curriculum - academic tests, the sporting field, in community and cultural activities, in debating, gardening, music and choir. Vaucluse Public School students are outstanding. Our community invites you and your child to join us on Open Day 2014. We’d love to show you around our beautiful school.

Where children come first......

- Creating new friendships and supporting each other – friends from Kindy to Year 6.
- Discovering the environment through working in our award-winning vegetable garden.
- Integrated learning with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Children will grow, harvest, prepare and share their delicious produce, building a lasting and respectful relationship with food.
- Stimulating creativity; after school art, dance and drama classes, band, choir, debating, public-speaking.
- Outstanding Before and After School and vacation care program.
- Mandarin and Hebrew taught from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- IRTS program before school.
Stewart House.

It's time to go through your cupboards and drawers. Stewart House bags will be going home this week. Please donate any unwanted, outgrown children's clothes. Please note that items donated are to be clean and in good order.

Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

Please return by Tuesday 19 August 2014.

A hard day's work at Elizabeth Farm
VAUCLEUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th AUGUST 2014, 7.30-9.30PM

Present:

Stephanie Atkinson (President)
Sarah Still (Vice President)
Zara Curtis (Secretary on behalf of husband Cameron Curtis)
Ali Satchell (Fundraising)
David Satchell (Building)
Ian Manovel (Non-Portfolio)
Maureen Hallahan (Principal)
Lesley Abelitis (Assistant Principal)

Approximately 6 parents attended

Apologies

Mads Anderson (Fundraising), Peter Moulds (Education), Kersten Kolsch (Non Portfolio), Kelly Jowell (Class Parent / Communications), Deb Grunfield (SAKG), George Palmer (Environment), Karla Aspden (AP K-2)

Review of minutes from previous meeting.

Welcome and acknowledgment from President
Minutes second by Sarah Still
President highlighted the P&C will spend term 3 & 4 implementing funds raised from term 1 & 2 as agreed by P&C.
President highlighted Term 2 major fundraiser – the Walkathon - was a great success thanks to the leadership from parent Katy Lloyd Jones. $10,000 was raised which will enable school to purchase K-6 Comprehension Program. Principal advised cost is $12,000 including gst.

ACTION: Principal has ordered the comprehension program. Program will be distributed into classes Term 3.

Principal’s Report from Maureen Hallahan

Merit Selection Process for Senior Admin Assistant: Ian Manovel is the P&C Executive Representative. Interviews are in process.

Financial Audit: Completed successful financial audit and WHS process within the school.

School Classification: School is currently being re-classified from P4 to a P3 – benefits of reclassification include extra day in the library and extra day admin
confirmed by Principal. Current school numbers are at 307.

**Ipads:** Professional learning / training commenced at beginning of the term. Ipads donated by McGraths have been received well and implemented.

**Mural project:** Auntie Cathy to design the mural that will reflect the local area and significance for the school – parents have covered the cost for this.

**Department money:** Handball courts and hopscotch has gone in as part of money from the DEC.

**Parking Cambridge Ave:** Principal, Teachers and Parents of the P&C, agree this is a continued problem and danger to all children. Concern is a fatality, given the risks parents keep taking with disobeying parking rules. Discussed potential actions eg teacher/parent policing, name and shame of offenders, approach council to police. This was logged as a very serious concern of both teachers and parents in terms of children safety.

**ACTION:** P&C discussed producing orange flags ‘SLOW DOWN children’s’ crossing.’ President to schedule meeting with Gabrielle Upton – Member for Vaucluse.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Scheduled for Wednesday 3 September. Principal has invited P&C President to speak and Catherine Ross to talk on behalf of parent experience. Principal requested that all siblings register to assist with working out class levels for 2015.

**Kindergarten Morning Tea:** Principal has requested Kelly Jowell assist with organizing 2014 Kindy parents to assist. Currently 30 children enrolled not including siblings. Sept 3 confirmed for initial orientation and 3 x play and stay in Term 3. Loosing 28 Year 6 students and need to replace. Maureen confirmed the status of total school numbers and impact, if over 15 classes for the school, a new demountable will be required if the school goes up to 16 classes total. This will not be known till the new year with all Kindergarten enrollments complete.

**Fathers day:** Breakfast and stall planned for Friday 5th September. Money raised from this event to cover the cost of the breakfast and the purchase of books and ipads for library. Principal will arrange note to be sent home to request parents donate gift for stall and assist with breakfast / stall.

**External Painting:** Painting of Main building to be complete in August complete

**Athletics carnival:** 3-6 years athletics carnival took place and was a great success. Regional contestants to be announced at assembly

**Year 6 trip to the snow:** Snowys’ trip for year 6 to be confirmed

**Online payment:** Disappointing only 50% take up of new online payment system. Some parents with Apple computers have experienced problems. A reminder note for school fees went out early term 3. Parents are encouraged to use this to save school admin and make it all easier for all. Issues with people using macs to be investigated **ACTION:** Treasurer to investigate this and look at the booking system to improve the user experience for all.

**P&C Minutes:** The P&C Executive requested that the minutes are attached to the School newsletter and website. Principal agreed.

**ACTION:** President to distribute minutes to David Todd (website) and Corinne (newsletter)

**Treasurers Report**

President acknowledged the great work Sam Peters (Treasurer) and Brenda Walker (Clothing Pool Accounts) have done since appointment in May 2014 to develop good financial governance and procedures.

President raised that the P&C are aiming to improve the payment system for
Fundraising and have implemented Try Booking. So far this has worked well eg Trivia Night, Karate and Dance. Aim is to encourage all parents to try it out.

President raised the P&C Executive will not be distributing a request for ‘donations’ as discussed earlier in the year as the focus is on parents paying the minimal school fee’s of approx. $500 per year.

**Financial statements:** Sam distributed financial statements and went through in detail with all present.

**Fundraising Summary:** Sam suggested these numbers are a best estimate Try Booking will increase visibility and transparency of spend.

**ACTION:** The P&C Exec have recommended a ‘how to guide for fundraising’ to be developed. This will assist any parent that takes on a fundraising activity.

**Principal Maureen** suggested that different classes could take responsibility for a fundraising action.

### PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

#### Fundraising: (Ali Satchell)
- **Trivia Night:** Raised approx. $5,000. A good effort. Approx. 60 people attended
- **Kids dinners:** Increasing in popularity. Currently 50% donated back to school however P&C discussing with WBH a 100% to be donated from kids dinners.
- **Walkathon:** Katy Lloyd Jones acknowledged for her work with organising the Walkathon. Event was a great success.
- **Grandparents Day:** Increased turnout from previous year. Great job by teachers in the classrooms. P&C asked to be involved in 2015 to assist with the lunch and overall experience for grandparents.

**ACTION:** Principal suggested even better improvement for grand parent engagement with a shared class lunch and more interaction, to be decided by teachers going forward, acknowledged P&C keen to assist.

**Fathers Day stall:** Friday 5th Sept Fathers Day stall confirmed to be run by teachers, BBQ breakfast cooked by staff and pay for this.

**VPS Christmas Carols:** Will be discussed end of term 3. Considering HMAS event or Watsons Bay Carols in the Park.

**Halloween disco:** Will take place at lunchtime on Friday 31st October. This is not a fundraiser.

**Out of school curricular activities:** New initiatives suggested – though overall discussed a calendar needs to be coordinated for parents to understand what is going on and to make all effective – perhaps for 2015 as the goal to initiate.

**ACTIONS:** Suggested to investigate and consult with Principal on other schools plans and replicate where appropriate

**2015 Book List:** An external company presented a ‘stationery list / fundraising’ concept for all students to the P&C. This was raised with the Principal however Principal advised she has already ordered stationery for 2015.

**Parent Survey:** Presented by Sarah Stills and aimed to ensure that the P&C is doing what that parents want to ensure VPS P&C is representative of the school needs. More parents encouraged to be vocal and ensure they contribute to the survey.

**ACTION:** Digital survey to be distributed via School office.
Environment: (George Palmer)

Elaine’s Tree: George has purchased the tree on behalf of the P&C. Tree to be planted by the orchard garden with plaque.

**ACTION:** G. Palmer to advise timing of planting. P&C to reimburse G.Palmer. Date to be set to invite Elaine to visit the tree.

Working bee: Scheduled for Sunday 31st August to do weeding around school.

**ACTION:** Notice to be put in school newsletter

SAKG: Deb Grunfeld to brief President and Treasurer on the running of the SAKG program.

**ACTION:** Maureen and P&C to discuss the appointment of a new project leader for 2015 to ensure program continues to run smoothly as all agreed the SAKG is a terrific program.

Outdoor Classroom: At last meeting Teacher Ms Julia Morgan presented concept for outdoor classroom and has applied for grant from Woollahra Council. P&C will consider supporting financially if additional money is required.

Education (Sarah Still)

Student Reports: President raised that many parents are keen to learn more about the ‘marking process for student reports’. President reinforced that the P&C direct parents to discuss individual student queries directly with students teacher. Principal explained how the syllabus works and encouraged parents with any concern to discuss this with their teacher.

**SUGGESTION:** P&C Executive suggested there be an information night at the beginning of each year whereby the Principal presents to all parents ‘the syllabus’.

Class planning 2015: Parents are interested in the class planning procedure for 2015. Principal explained how this works and that it could only be done at the end of 4th Term to look at who enrolled. Teachers group children and request friendship groups then numbers are looked at to represent groups and class planning for a mix of students. Post the new year the first week dictates the class structure and sets the classes, hence why children are in there old class for the first week to settle in and get the numbers sorted. This also really helps children integrate back into school and feel comfortable.

Building: (David Satchell)

Toilets: Still a major issue with the parents in terms of basic hygiene. Principal stated she arranged an industrial clean in June/July 2014. Principal also noted that the school cleaner is extremely busy.

**ACTIONS:** Principal to ask cleaner to priorities refilling of the soap dispensers. President and Parent Joe Davids to inspect soap dispensers to ensure they are functioning and consider ongoing solution with parent/children participation. P&C Exec to install some ‘good hygiene’ posters in bathroom.

Bleechers: Priority is to build the bleachers off the teachers staffroom

**ACTION:** Quote to be obtained and goes to DEC for approval. Woollahra Council may need to be involved if it affects the tree.

Shading: Top soccer field.

**ACTION:** Ali/David to source quotes for shade, seating and finishing landscaping. Artist impression and costs will be provided. Same as the tree in the bottom playground for seating. Glen and Karen will quote and Ali will submit prior next P&C
for approval and action.

**Carpet in Main Hall:**

**ACTION** Principal confirmed she has a submission in to re-carpet and paint, timeline to be confirmed. Mads to provide quote to Principal on alternate option.

**Lift for Main Hall:** Maureen has submission in for a lift for disabled access. Principal to confirm if accepted and timeframe.

**Water Damage in the Hall:** Question raised by P&C, is their water damage? This has been repaired and the quote Maureen has been included to repair/fix this, though there is no claim on water damage that can be done due to past damage – Maureen confirmed.

**Clothing Pool**

The President acknowledge that Parents Sally and Sascha are doing a fantastic job volunteering their time Wed and Fri. The President raised if in the future it becomes difficult getting volunteers an option is to outsource to Wylies. Principal raised the mark up is significant when outsourced to Wylies. Ideally we want to keep on site.

New products include wet weather and black shoes...both being well received.

**Canteen**

Principal, President and Miri (Canteen Operator) will meet end of Term 3 to discuss 2015 arrangements

7. **P&C Minutes:** The P&C Executive requested that the minutes are attached to the School newsletter and website. Principal agreed.

**ACTION:** President to distribute minutes to David Todd (website) and Corinne (newsletter)

8. **Meeting closed at 9.35pm**

9. **Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 28th October, 2014 in the School Library.** This meeting will include voting for P&C Executive for 2014.
**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

**Language:** Chinese, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Hebrew, and more

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**Group Lesson**

**Adult Lesson**

**In-studio Lesson**

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**Private Lesson**

**Children Lesson**

**In-home Lesson**

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**Group Lesson Timetable Term 2 2014**

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Questions & Answers
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

BOP TILL YOU DROP - PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM @ RUSHCUTTER'S BAY!

This fun and interactive 2 day workshop incorporates a variety of activities including:

SINGING, DANCING & ACTING,
Craft, Science, Cooking and Team Fun.

Children perform in a SPECTACULAR CONCERT on the second day and are awarded with a CERTIFICATE.

VENUE: Rushcutters Bay
WHEN: Tues 30 Sept & Wed 1 October 2014
TIME: 9.00am – 3.00pm
COST: $115 early bird
(If booked and paid by 21 August)
$130 thereafter.

BOOK: info@boptillyoudrop.com.au
1300 130 313

For more info and bookings Call 1300 13 03 13
Or book online at www.boptillyoudrop.com.au
TERM FEES
Thank you to the families who have already attended to their fees for Term 3, we really appreciate it.
A gentle reminder … all fees are to be received in full before the end of week 9. Fees are to be kept in advance at all times please. Fees that are consistently late or left unpaid without explanation, will incur late fines and sadly the service will be withdrawn until fees are received.

2015 Registrations
Families currently using Voosc need to contact us now please regarding your booking requirements for 2015.
Registration forms are to be completed for siblings starting kindi please.

VOOSC STARS

LACHLAN R. KS
Thank you Lachlan for always having beautiful manners, playing nicely with your friends and showing kindness to others.
You are a true star!

EMILY H. KM
Emily, thank you for washing the dishes for us, they sparkle as much as your star on our wall of fame!
You are such a sensible girl who always has great advice for others. Well done Ems!

JUDE 4A
Jude, you have received this star for being a hands on guy in the kitchen. We appreciate the help you give during afternoon tea.
You have also shown responsibility during sport and have proven yourself to be a good team leader.
Well done!

Warm regards,
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