Our Becks from 6T at the Interschools Australian Championships Alpine held at Perisher last Saturday. She came 11th in a field of 65 after earlier coming 6th in the NSW State Championships.
## Coming Events - Term Four

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Dear Parents

This week at Vaucluse Public School and in most schools across the state, teachers have been involved in Cooperative Planning. This takes place in the last week of each term and has been doing so at Vaucluse PS since the commencement of 2012. The purpose of these sessions is to plan a coordinated approach to teaching and learning for the following term. At these meetings units of work are planned, assessment timetables organised, individual learning plans developed, resources identified and excursions planned and booked. The Release from Face To Face Teaching (RFF) program is collapsed for the last week and reorganised to release Stage teachers. The teachers who deliver the RFF program participate in class programs. The teachers of each stage are released together for a block of time to plan teaching and learning programs. During this time the Librarian delivers her program in classrooms. This program takes place over four days with all teachers having the opportunity to work together for a block of time. The teachers give up their weekly planning time in order to implement this type of planning.

The opportunity to have a block of time with professional peers is most valued by our staff. Time before and after school is taken up by various staff, stage, Learning and Support, Mentoring and WH&S meetings. Recess and Lunchtimes are occupied by playground duty, staff meetings, extra curricular activities such as sport, drama and public speaking. This is a very effective Professional Learning strategy informed by a large body of research. It has had a positive influence on the effectiveness of Stage Teams with excellent and well documented pedagogical outcomes.

Cooperative Planning is a different process to the activities of the pupil free days held at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3. The activities that take place on the pupil free days have a Kindergarten to Year 6 perspective. These activities include whole school curriculum development, mandatory programs such as Child Protection, Anaphylaxis, Emergency Care and Student Welfare. At the Term 2 pupil free day we have joined for the last three years with all the schools in our local learning community for Professional Learning around the new Australian Curricula. Many of our staff come into school during the holidays to do additional planning and preparation for the coming term. This is voluntary and we encourage staff to rest and relax and be fresh for the upcoming term. We are most fortunate to have an extremely dedicated and hard - working team at Vaucluse PS.

A big thank you to Andrew Oakley – Josh’s dad in 3T who moved the tree blocks in preparation for the paving. Andrew came off nightshift and then to school to do this. We most appreciate your work Andrew. When we return to school the paving for the outdoor classroom will be completed. Thanks to a grant from Woollahra Council and additional funds from the P&C Miss Morgan’s dream and vision is about to become a reality.

The volunteers who run the uniform shop are concerned about the amount of stock that is going from the uniform shop. If you take things from the shop and there is no one there, Corinne in the admin office is happy to take your money.

You may have noticed the sad state of the grass in the K-2 playground. We are trying to rest it and recently new grass was sowed and fertiliser applied. One of the big issues we are having is the number of students and parents on the grass after school. Please do not use this area after school. We ask that all children leave the school as soon as possible once the 3.20 pm bell goes. The playgrounds and equipment are not supervised. Please do not encourage your child to use the equipment or the grass.

At yesterday’s K-6 Assembly everyone was given instructions to spend at least one day in their pyjamas and have a relaxing day at home doing nothing. As Einstein said – out of boredom comes creativity. Take advantage of the school holidays to have lots of down time doing nothing.

Keep safe and enjoy spending time with those you love most.

Maureen Hallahan
On Friday, 5th of September, 2014, 6T skyped Milikapiti.

As we waited for Milikapiti to Skype us Mr Todd showed us some of his Queen Concert pictures off his laptop.

We received a call shortly after from Milikapiti. A teacher named Melissa was standing in front of the camera. She introduced herself and a couple kids from her class.

I can fondly remember a student’s name, it was Joyce. Very quietly she said “I like playing with my friends”. We tried to reply but connectivity failed. We heard them but they couldn’t hear us. We planned to read them a 2014 short listed book called ‘Parachute’ and ask them questions about Milikapiti. We ended the chat and sent them a 20 second video of a couple kids in our class asking them the questions that we planned which were: 1. What bush tucker do you like? 2. What do you learn at school? And 3. What is the biggest animal in Milikapiti? We are excitedly awaiting for a response to our video message.

Report by Tom Sarran – 6T VPS
Last Friday 8 students and Miss Medhurst went to the Australian Garden Show at Centennial Park. We spent an hour learning about no dig garden boxes and made 3 of our own using soil, straw and small plantings, which bury nicely into the soil and straw (hence the no dig garden).

We then each made our own mosaic cone using blue tiles and following a very precise and complicated pattern.

The final product and the happy gardeners: Luciano, Miss Medhurst, Emma, Sebastian, Floyd, Christian, Madeleine, Olivia and Augusta.
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy, visiting Parliament House, the war Memorial and the electoral office. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Lost
Harry from Class 4A has lost navy leather plaited bracelet with silver fastener.
If found could it be returned to the office.

Dear Parents
The P&C is finalising plans for spending the funds we’ve raised through our various fundraising activities so your feedback has never been more important. To those parents who have responded to the P&C Parent Survey thank you. Your input has been extremely valuable. For those parents who have not replied, this is the last week to give feedback and be heard. The deadline for submitting your completed survey is Friday 19 September. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYDBZ82](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYDBZ82)

Regards
The P&C Executive.

link to book:

$10 from every ticket sold to Vaucluse Public School parents and children will be donated back to Vaucluse Public School by Watonsi Bay Boutique Hotel
VOOSC NEWS

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING VACATION CARE

Due to a poor response in bookings we are sadly unable to open on the following days.
Tuesday 23/09/14
Tuesday 30/09/14 and Friday 03/10/14.
It is very sad when so much thought and hard work is put toward creating fun and diverse programs for children to enjoy.
Thank you to the families who always show support , appreciation and loyalty throughout the year.
Farewell to our little friend Finn. We hope to hear from you after you have resettled in New Zealand and look forward to you sharing your new adventures with all of your friends at VOOSC !

VOOSC STARS

Olivia N

Congratulations Olivia , you have received your star for great listening skills during roll call and sport. You are a very responsible person who takes care of equipment and returns it after games.
Thank you Olivia !

Chloe R

Congratulation Chloe, your star will shine brightly on our wall of fame for participation in games and good sportsmanship during hockey.
Well done Chloe!

Caden H

Congratulations Caden you have received your star for looking out for your friends and being there for them when they need help.
Good job buddy !

OUTSTANDING FEES

Please bear in mind that we are a Not for Profit Service. With many outstanding fees it makes it very difficult to manage and meet our financial responsibilities.
We all have them !!!

As previously advised and in line with Centre Policy , unpaid fees will result in suspension of service until outstanding amounts are received . Late fines will apply.

Happy holidays to all.
Kind Regards
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