The teachers and staff of Vaucluse Public School treated our volunteers to our catering skills at The Helpers Morning tea this week.
Coming Events - Term Four

Tuesday 16 December
Year 6 farewell

A message from the Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is in need of a volunteer Book Keeper

Please contact—Sasha 0417215145

Chanukah begins the night of Tuesday 16th December for 8 days. We celebrate the miracle that when the enemy tried to fight against the Jewish people and tried to ruin the Temple, Judah Hamaccabi and his army managed to fight. A small jar of pure oil, enough to last 1 day, was found while cleaning up the Temple. It lasted 8 days, which is why Chanukah is celebrated for 8 days. We eat oily foods like donuts and potato pancakes. We light an extra candle each night, aiming to bring more light into the world.

Yoni, Shai and Jackson are playing the dreidel game.

Wishing everyone a happy Chanukah, happy holidays and a safe one.

Morah Miriam
Dear Parents

Yesterday we had the great pleasure of hosting a morning tea to thank the enormous number of people who help in our school. This help - often hidden and unnoticed is what makes our school a wonderful place to be. We had a group of our neighbours attend. Two of the neighbours came here to school in the forties. One of them remembered the Japanese submarine in the harbour. He told me property prices plummeted after this and his family were able to buy the family home in Hopetoun Ave for one thousand and eight hundred pounds !!! It was delightful to listen to anecdotal stories about our school. The sense of history that our community has of Vaucluse Public School adds another dimension for our students. It is such an asset to have living histories that can be shared with our students. We know this happens often as many parents and grandparents are also keepers of our history.

Our neighbours are valuable assets to the school. They keep a close eye on things over weekends, and during the holidays. They keep the garden watered, the chooks fed and they mow the nature strip – just to name a few of the jobs they do – because they want to help. Most importantly they keep a close eye on our students. They are also wonderful public relations machines for our school. We are very grateful of their support.

Thank you to all those who made an effort to attend and battle the weather yesterday morning. It was a great opportunity for individual teachers to thank those people who generously give of their time throughout the year and spend some time enjoying their company. Our staff excelled themselves in the catering department and put on a wonderful morning tea.

Last night’s weather call proved to be a good one. Yesterday afternoon saw the first of our sessions of performance and we were all highly entertained by the talent in our school. Performances will continue on Monday and Wednesday. We also hope you can attend the Assembly on Monday morning where everyone will be performing.

Next week reports go home and we complete all our activities for the year. We are hoping to have a calm week as our students are very tired. We look forward to seeing many of you at Presentation Day and celebrating the achievements of our school.

Next week’s newsletter will be the last for the year. In it will be information for the commencement of the school year. School finishes for students on Wednesday 17 December. School finishes on Friday 19 December for all staff. The uniform shop details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Maureen Hallahan
Gardening Stories

We were lucky enough to be given a garden bed to look after this year. Hugo, Luka and I love to spend half an hour after school, weeding, watering and tracking the progress of our vegies. It couldn’t be a lovelier way to finish off the school day and Hugo always manages to find a friend or two to rope in and pull out some weeds together. In our garden bed this year we grew a hearty crop of Thai basil which inspired many new dishes in our kitchen. Then we had heaps of fun growing cute little round carrots, that tasted amazing, rainbow beetroot, and we even cultivated some experiments from pumpkin seeds and garlic from an organic garlic farmer in Coffs Harbour. Rudi is a wise and patient mentor that has taught us all so much about kitchen gardens and endless adventures to be had in there. The kids love exploring the magical paths in the garden, ushering butterflies away from the strawberries, gazing at the tireless native bees or chatting to the new flock of lovely ladies in the chicken pen. Although Hugo maintains his favourite job in the garden is when Rudi lets him turn on the irrigation system.

Aimee Foster - Hugo’s mum 1W.

1/2g doing a team building activity using their cubes.
VOOSC NEWS

Vacation Care for the week commencing 19/01/15 sadly had to be cancelled due to lack of interest from families.
We hope this situation will improve moving forward into 2015.
We will be open for the Staff Development Day - 27/01/15.
8:00am - 6:00pm.
All bookings are to be made by 16/12/14 please so that correct ratios for carer/child can be adhered to.
This is an excursion day so essential that all safety requirements are in place, in advance.
Swim /Picnic/Play at Parsley Bay.

Term 4 Fees
All term fees are due in full please.
Thank you so much to all of our families who really have made an effort to keep on top of this situation.
We understand how difficult it can be at times, especially when life throws you a curve ball.
We appreciate your ongoing support for your centre and we look forward to providing care for your families in 2015.

Compliancy visit on the 16/12/14
In preparation for Accreditation in 2015, Voosc will be having a pre - accreditation /Compliancy visit from the DET.
These visits are a new incentive to assist services and ensure that all is ship shape and ready for the assessment period.

VOOSC STARS
Voosc stars for this week will be our final stars for 2014.
Our following children have been chosen for showing patience, fairness and respect toward others throughout 2014.
Your stars have made our wall complete and given it that extra bit of WOW!
Congratulations to all!
Genevieve Emily McG Otylia Ruby
Harry J George Olivia B Xavier
Asher Oscar W Isaiah Daisy
Emilivia Charlie K Charlotte L Aida Olivia F

To all of our families, VPS staff and broader community,
The Voosc Team would like to extend our many thanks and best wishes for a wonderfully happy, healthy and safe Christmas /Holiday Season.
Your support and friendship is treasured greatly.
We are all looking forward to a brilliant 2015 at VPS and catching up on your holiday adventures after a well-earned rest!
Kind Regards,
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