Mielle singing up a storm at V factor.
A message from the Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is in need of a volunteer Book Keeper

Please contact—Sasha 0417215145
Dear Parents

The last week of school has been packed with outstanding activities.

Last Friday’s Presentation Day at Rose Bay Secondary College was a celebration of achievement for all our school. Our students were either delighted to be awarded prizes or delighted for their friends who received prizes. Thank you to the many parents who attended and shared this joy. I have included in this week’s newsletter a copy of the Principal’s speech for those who were unable to attend.

On Tuesday evening we celebrated and farewelled 2014 Year 6 students in our unique Vaucluse way. The evening commenced at the Fisherman’s club on the wharf at Watsons Bay with Thank You speeches. It concluded with a Graduation Ceremony that featured a wonderful farewell movie. We will put this film on our website for everyone to share. Special thanks goes to the Year 6 parents who put an enormous amount of work into ensuring the evening went smoothly.

Finally on Wednesday we had a special assembly for the whole school to farewell our Year 6. You will see a wonderful photo in the body of the newsletter. The Tunnel of Love as we call it is a guard of honour created by the rest of the school and Year 6 walk through it as we send our best wishes and congratulations to each student. It was an emotional but heartfelt way to end the school year but it was also one that everyone enjoyed.

School will recommence for staff only on Tuesday 27 January 2015. Students will return on Wednesday 28 January 2015. Kindergarten will commence on Monday 2 February 2015. Classes will be formed on Tuesday 3 February 2015. For the first four days of Term 1 2015 students will return to their 2014 class teacher. We implement this organisation to ensure a calm start to school. Students return to familiar faces and familiar organisation and when settled, classes are formed. Staff have spent a great deal of time with class organisation this term. Much thought has gone into the placement of each child. It is not until all our Kindergarten enrolments have arrived are we able to form classes. Schools are staffed on a total number of students. Until we have confirmed our total number of enrolments we do not form classes.

In 2015 we welcome Targeted Graduate – Franchesca Halford. We farewell Nicole Gabbani, Nicki Steevens and Sally Medhurst. We wish them much success in their next adventure.

On behalf of all Vaucluse staff we wish you a happy and safe holiday. Enjoy your time with those you love the most.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS FOR STUDENTS IN 2015

The School will not be purchasing textbooks in 2015, it will be the responsibility of the parents to go online and purchase the required textbooks for their children.

Please follow the instructions below to order the textbooks your child will need for school in 2015

How to Order Online

The closing date for ordering the textbooks is FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2015. LJ Harper will then deliver all the books that have been ordered and we will distribute them to each student.

1. Go to: www.ljharper.com.au
2. In the Left Hand Menu select Booklist Schools.
3. Choose your School’s Name from the list of schools.
4. Click Add to Cart on the Pack for the Grades you wish to purchase.
5. You will be taken to the Pack description. Enter your Child’s Name in the Text Box at the bottom of the product description, choose the quantity you would like to order and click “Add to Cart”.
   You can complete these steps again for any additional packs you wish to purchase.
6. Once you have selected all of the packs you require, in the Right Hand Menu click the Checkout button.
7. Login using your existing account details or Register a New Account.
8. Complete the Billing Information section and click Continue.
   All booklist orders will be shipped to the school regardless of the shipping address you enter.
9. In the Shipping Method section, select Student Booklist ONLY and click Continue.
10. Enter your payment details for Credit Card Payment (Visa / Mastercard).
11. Review your order and Continue

You have now completed your order and should receive a receipt to the email address you entered in your registration.
Good afternoon everyone.

Thank you for being here to witness the celebration of outstanding achievement for our students today. I would like to thank our distinguished guests for also making time in busy schedules to participate in this celebration today. I acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Cadigal People. The Cadigal are the traditional custodians of this land and are part of the oldest surviving continuous culture in the world. I pay my respects to them.

This year has been rich with experiences and activities for our students. It has been another year of tremendous growth at Vaucluse Public School. Our school has changed physically, academically and spiritually. This positive change has been noticed and acknowledged by the wider community and is evidenced by our continued growth. Anecdotally there is much discussion in the community about the positive culture at Vaucluse Public School. This is regularly affirmed by visitors to our school who comment on the wonderful feel of the school. They talk about a consistency of friendliness and warmth from staff and students that is shown to all who come to the school.

Today we have recognised academic achievement, those who have improved, those who have achieved in the area of creativity and sportsmanship and those who have demonstrated good citizenship.

The Melbourne Declaration of Educational goals – of which our new Australian curriculums are focused on states:

As well as knowledge and skills, a school’s legacy to young people should include national values of democracy, equity and justice, and personal values and attributes such as honesty, resilience and respect for others. We have worked hard to create a culture of respect. It is embedded in all that we do. We have high expectations of our students.

In 2014 we concentrated closely on the Values we Teach – Honesty, Respect, Tolerance, Fairness, friendliness and inclusiveness, Difference, Responsibility, kindness and compassion, cooperation, and self respect. NSW Public schools have always taught the values that are the basis of law, customs and care for others in our society. Values shape our attitudes to changing circumstance, events and issues we encounter every day. Schools in NSW share with their families and the community the responsibility for teaching values. The demonstration of these values in all areas of our school is both our aim and the measure of success at Vaucluse Public School. Each week our school leaders have discussed these values at assembly, teachers have explicitly taught them and our students have worked hard to exemplify them. The core values of respect and responsibility are a strong part of the Vaucluse Public School Culture.

Our School rules – Be safe, be respectful, be a learner have also supported these core values. Our School Motto – Learning and Growing Together is based on mutual respect.

We have talked about, described and recognised kindness. This has been a weekly activity at whole school assemblies and in classrooms. This has encouraged all our students to participate in daily acts of kindness both small and great.

We have recognised our abundance of good fortune and helped others not so lucky. We have tried to practise gratitude. Throughout the year our students have worked hard to raise funds to help others.

We have created and encouraged a density of leadership. We have seen a proliferation of leadership activities from Year 6 to Kindergarten. Each week our school leaders have modelled leadership. Within our classrooms our students have demonstrated leadership. In the Library, on the playground, in the garden, in the kitchen, on the sports field, in our creative activities such as drama, band, dance, public speaking and debating, during Kindergarten Orientation, and Bookweek to name a few. We have actively sought leadership opportunities for every student in our school.

We have worked hard on developing resilience. In classrooms we have practised risk taking, going out of our comfort zone, experiencing change and working through our anxieties together. We have learnt that we may not like everyone but we must always show respect. We have tried to create a culture that does not blame but maintains dignity and respect and seeks solutions that bring about positive change.

We have a community – teachers and parents who put students first. Your collective efforts – your kindness and caring has built this positive culture.

In 2014 social currency has developed significantly in our school. Our students experience a strong sense of wellbeing.

The complexity of strategies and activities we are implementing is working well.

Recently we had a demountable installed to cater for our growing numbers in 2015. The contractor came to see me after spending almost 2 weeks at our school. He wanted to give me some feedback on what he had noticed. He told me it was important. He told me that he spends a lot of time in schools and he has visited many schools throughout NSW. He told me our school was special, he said it had a great feel. He said it felt happy, calm and friendly. He told me I had great staff and great students. I asked him how he knew this. He told me he had watched our students and staff – how they had spoken and treated to each other. He’d watched students playing together and working together. His final words to me were – You’ve got a great school.

Thank you for all of your support. We are looking forward to making it an even better school in 2015.

Maureen Hallahan Principal
Dear parents

In 2015 Vaucluse Public School will schedule a timetable for visiting private therapists such as Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists. In addition to this timetable, Vaucluse Public School have developed a policy for visiting therapists to read and sign prior to commencing therapy.

Intervention by visiting therapists needs to be discussed with and approved by the Learning and Support Team and the school Principal prior to commencing therapy with individual students at Vaucluse Public School. This includes therapists who may have already been privately operating within Vaucluse Public School this year or in years past.

As part of the procedure for arranging therapy at school in 2015, parents will need to write a letter to the Classroom Teacher and school Principal that includes the name of the therapist, the nature of the proposed therapy and the times requested. Permission will not be granted for students to leave the school grounds during school hours to attend outside therapy sessions. If you wish for your child to participate in out of school therapy during school hours, you must apply for Partial Enrolment through the District Office and the School Education Director of the Port Jackson region.

From January 2015, all visiting therapists must

- Present their working with children check prior to commencing any therapy sessions
- Sign in and out at the office before and after each therapy session
- Ensure they wear a visitors badge whilst at the school
- Wait in the office for the office staff to notify the students’ classroom teacher of their presence at the school
- Collect child directly from the classroom teacher and proceed to the designated room as allocated on the school timetable
- After the therapy session has been completed, the therapist must hand over the student directly to their classroom teacher. Students are NOT permitted to take themselves to and from therapy sessions alone, or in the company of another student without the visiting therapist
- Comply with all Workplace Health and Safety procedures including Emergency Evacuations, Lockdowns and Lockouts.
POLICY FOR VISITING THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONALS

As a visiting therapist, I understand that I require approval from the school principal prior to commencing therapy with individual students at Vaucluse Public School.

Prior to commencing any therapy sessions, I agree to do the following:

1. 
2. Communicate with the school principal and the classroom teacher of the student/s I will be working with prior to commencing any therapy sessions
3. Sign in at the office before each therapy session
4. Present my working with children check upon arrival at the school office and prior to commencing any therapy sessions
5. Wait in the office for the office staff to notify the students’ classroom teacher of their presence at the school
6. Collect the student/s that I am seeing directly from their classroom teacher and proceed to the designated room as allocated on the school timetable
7. Hand over the student directly to their classroom teacher when the therapy session has concluded. I understand that for safety reasons students are NOT permitted to take themselves to and from therapy sessions alone, or in the company of another student without me to accompany them

I have read and understood the above information and agree to comply with all of the above.

Name (please print): _________________________

Signed: ______________________  Date: _____________
VOOSEC 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.

VOOSEC 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
Emilyia 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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