Delicious dumplings, fresh rice paper rolls, herbal tea from the garden and a whole lot more was created by our students in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen this week.
Dear Parents

There was great excitement in the playground this morning as our students discovered that the family of Tawny Frog Mouths had arrived back to Vaucluse Public School with two babies. In the four years that I have been here these birds have come back at this time every year. Tawny Frogmouths form partnerships for life. Pairs will usually stay in the same territory for a decade or more. Wise old owl Corinne tells me that they arrived possibly before the last principal Brian Nethery. This makes this migration path at least eight years old. Our students have been coming in and out of the office all day to tell me they are back with two babies. Their excitement and enthusiasm reminds me why I have done this job for almost forty years. We love that they are so excited about the latest members of Vaucluse Public School.

Congratulations to our Drama Group and David Todd who represented our school at the Seymour Centre in the NSW Public Schools State Drama Festival last Friday night. Thank you to those parents who supported our students particularly as it was a late night and a Friday night also. Our students performed superbly and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

The 2016 Kindergarten Transition Program – Play & Stay had its second successful morning last Wednesday. The little people are skipping in with such confidence and enthusiasm. If you have a sibling or know of someone coming who has not enrolled yet could you please encourage them to visit the office and fill out an enrolment form as soon as possible.

We have had an additional self-closing gate installed in the playground near the staff car park recently. You may be aware that we lock the Village High Road gate each morning. The Cambridge street entrance also has a gate and a self-closing gate. We have a number of students in the school who are absconders and it is necessary to ensure we have a safe playground. If you use the Cambridge Street entrance during the school day could you please make a note to self to always check you have closed each gate as you come in. We need parent support to ensure we have a safe environment for all students. We would appreciate your help by always checking to see you have shut the gate after you.

Next Thursday we are off to Sculpture By the Sea. Please note you must sign the new permission note for this excursion.

Rehearsals have begun for Vaucluse sur L’Herbe and teachers have told me there is an abundance of talent and it will be the usual night full of unique acts, amazing talent and much enthusiasm.

We are currently planning our classes for 2016. If you have not returned the 2016 School Organization slip and are not returning next year please advise the office as soon as possible. In last week’s newsletter we published a copy of the school’s Class Formation Policy. I know that a number of parents have already approached teachers to request specific teachers, classrooms and to express their opinions on different students they would like or not like their children to be with in 2016. We ask that parents do not approach teachers with these requests. In fourth term all teachers meet on a regular basis to consider and plan 2016 classes. Teachers consider individual needs and group needs. We ask children who they would like to be in a class with. Teachers do their best to put our students with at least one nominated friend. But we may not always be able to meet this request. There is a great deal of complexity in the formation of classes. Teachers are advocates for their students and they make equitable decisions based on the needs of all our students. We are not a big school so thrown in with this complexity of organisation is the tight constraint of our class structure. When a parent makes a request for their child it is based on individual need. The teacher’s choices are equitable and based on the needs of all students in our school. It is important for parents to understand a great deal of consideration and work goes into making the right choice for all students. Thank you to all those parents who trust us to make the right decision.

Maureen Hallahan
In my opinion, a good leader is someone who is strong in what they think or say, kind, nice, intelligent, caring and a good example.

By Heidi

A good leader believes in their argument and stands up for themselves and everyone else.

By Adam L

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In my opinion, a good leader is someone who has done something good and made a difference. They are respectful and have passion for their cause.

Isabella Sheffield
In my opinion a good leader is someone who is courageous, nice, noble and responsible.

Toby A
Old time playground games still the favourite!
3M and 3-6K students having fun on Thursday - Day for Daniel.
2F have been using their imaginations and creative writing skills to plan and write incredible stories! Here are some sample short stories the students have written. Enjoy reading and you might find they inspire you to write your own short story.

**Darling (or not)!**

Written and illustrated by Zach Zehner, 2F

It was a sunny Monday morning when the new girl arrived. Miss Bubble made an announcement introducing the new girl, her name was DARLING. I couldn’t believe my ears; her name was Darling. Miss Bubble asked what she liked to do and Darling replied saying, “well I like to write and dance.” These questions went on for a while until Miss Bubble seated Darling and gave her the spelling sheet.

Darling was wearing her full clean V.P.S uniform with polished shiny school shoes, she looked amazing! She was smiling a joyful smile and everyone was jealous of her slick long brown hair. She looked like the most perfect little darling to me, I was really glad she was going to be sitting next to me.

When Miss Bubble wasn’t looking Darling made a big cross on my work with a permanent marker she had hiding in her pocket, then she yelled, “Miss, Miss, Zach has done a big cross on his work!” “Stay after class Zachary” Miss Bubble said with a cross voice. So now I know Darling is not such a darling after all. I was pretty mad at Darling for what she had done and after class I tried to explain what happened but Miss Bubble didn’t want to hear it.

The next day was Parents Day at V.P.S, I was pretty excited that my parents could explain to Miss Bubble what had happened yesterday and maybe Miss Bubble would put Darling on detention. When we got there Darling was standing next to Miss Bubble with her oh so pretty parents! We were standing at the desk and of course when her parents weren’t looking she snuck up behind me and ripped my shirt! Mum and dad looked at me and couldn’t believe what they thought I had done. They took me outside so we could have a little ‘chat’, I was pretty sick of this, I kept getting into trouble but I wasn’t even doing anything wrong. No one would believe me and that needed to change.

Find out next week what Zach does to stop Darling!
The dragon that ruined the dessert!

Written and illustrated by Jasmine Sheffield

The cook was busy in the kitchen cooking a delicious ice-cream dessert. Tomorrow the King and Queen were coming back from their little vacation. The cook wanted to have a special dessert ready for them.

Suddenly he heard the loud footsteps of the dragon stamping up the mountain to the castle. Fire was shooting out from the dragon’s mouth. His smoky breath smelt horrible. He sounded angry and hungry. The cook was absolutely terrified. As the dragon came closer the whole castle began to shake. The special dessert splattered everywhere! "What have I done? The King and Queen will not be happy!" screamed the cook.

Chomp!

Written and illustrated by Duke Austin

I looked up right into the eyes of a hungry great white shark. He is monstrous with his bone crushing jaws wide open exposing his razor sharp, blood stained teeth waiting to chomp down on my flesh. I could see specks of blood drifting in the water from his previous victims and my blood was about to be added to this collection! All I could hear was my heart pounding with fear, the silent swish of the water and the hysterical screams from the shore. I tried to take a deep breath but only tasted salty horror. My blood ran cold as a chill shivered down my spine. I was frozen in terror. Petrified.
How much sugar are you eating?

Do you know how much sugar you are eating? All food has nutrition information written on the package and it will tell you how much sugar is in a serve. Here is a neat little trick: Divide the grams of sugar by 4 and it will tell you approximately how many teaspoons are in it.

Stage one have been learning about division and how we might find it useful in real life. Their mission was to find 3 things they eat and read the nutritional information on the box. Students then used their knowledge of division to work out how many teaspoon of sugar were in a serve.

Here are some of the most interesting finds students discovered:

- One serve of Tomato Sauce has 7 teaspoons of sugar
- Nutella per 100 grams as a serve has 14 teaspoons of sugar
- Creamy vanilla ice-cream per 100 grams as a serve has 5 teaspoons of sugar
- A small box of sultanas has 7 teaspoons of sugar
- One Magnum has 6 teaspoons of sugar
- One serve of raspberry cordial has 6 teaspoons of sugar

Use this great division trick to find out how many teaspoons of sugar are in the foods you are eating.

Jackson Lorimer made an excellent poster to visualise how much sugar was in some of his favourite foods. Ben Okev showed his work with the great use of pictures of the item, grams of sugar and how many teaspoons this equalled.
**VOOSC NEWS**

**REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES**

Enrolments for 2015 will not automatically roll over into a permanent booking for 2016, Enrolment opened on 02/09/15

As advised throughout the year and prior to enrolments opening for 2016, all bookings would be determined according to the date we received your completed paperwork as well as the guidelines for priority of access.

All families will be advised before the end of the year about their requests for 2016.

Please be honest about your requirements, your working commitments and your ability to be flexible with your arrangements when filling out your enrolment forms.

It is important to us that we try to meet every family’s needs, which is not always possible, so it is important that all details are accurate.

Any changes to your booking requests must be given in writing to VOOSC before the end of Term 4.

It is advised that all families who may require a casual position for their child from time to time, complete a registration form as we are unable to take your children if a position becomes available without this paperwork.

**TERM FEES**

All term fees have been issued. Instalments are now due please.

**VOOSC STARS**

This week our stars have been awarded to the following children for constant kindness and consideration of other people’s feelings.

It is a pleasure to award these stars to all of you and to have your names on our Wall of Fame

- Bodhi F,
- Harry John. W,
- Sasha N, Shakked, Harper,
- Isla, Stella S, Emily McG, Victoria H,

Warm regards

VOOSC Team.
VAUCLUSE PUBLIC P&C AGM
Tuesday 10 November from 7pm

Find out what the P&C have achieved this year and plans for 2016.

Voting will take place on all P&C Exec Positions

An Agenda and more Information about the Exec Positions will be available in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out in the Newsletter.

All Welcome

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REMINDER

Dear parents,

Please send your child’s sponsorship money back to the school as soon as possible. To date, unfortunately, only half the students have returned their sponsorship card and money. There are various ways to do this: cash, cheque or direct transfer in the Vaucluse P&C bank account (all details are on the sponsorship form)!

As soon as we have all forms back we can start reconciling the funds and hopefully pay for the implementation of the Wi-Fi. Fingers crossed!!

We will also then determine which class was able to raise the highest amount of money and organise their reward: a movie afternoon and paddle-pops!

Thank you all in advance,

Sacha Irvine

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It is that time of the year. The weather is becoming warm and humid and head lice love these conditions. Head lice cannot harm us. They are just one of those little annoying things that happen.

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