The students of Vaucluse once again represented the school proudly. 6T's film 'Junk Zombies' was screened with films from across Sydney at the Bankstown Sports Club for the 'Film by the Sea' Festival.
Dear Parents

We were very disappointed when we had to cancel Sculpture by the Sea this week. Teachers had done significant work in preparation for the excursion and our students were very disappointed. You cannot imagine the staff’s feelings this morning when we were greeted with brilliant blue sky. The weather forecasts from the Bureau of meteorology throughout the week indicated rain and thunderstorms. The decision was made early on Wednesday to ensure we would not have to pay for the buses. We are a cashless school and are unable to make refunds. The money paid for the Sculpture by the Sea excursion will be used for the payment of the Author incursion next week and the payment for buses to Rose Bay Secondary College for Presentation Day. Parents will still be required to sign permission notes.

We are currently asking parents who have not paid their School Costs for 2015 to do so as quickly as possible. These are reimbursements of costs the school has incurred on behalf of parents. Costs such as Mathletics subscriptions, Gym Program, Music Program are all incurred on behalf of students and we rely on parents to pay for these. It has been difficult to fund these programs. At the next P&C meeting I will be discussing the viability of specialist programs in the school for 2016. We can only continue these programs with the full financial commitment of parents. Thank you to those parents who have paid the 2015 School Costs. Your support is very much appreciated.

On Tuesday night Karla Aspden and David Todd travelled to Bankstown and very proudly represented Vaucluse Public School at the Film By the Sea competition night. The Year 6 environmental zombie film which was written and directed by David Todd was selected for screening in this film festival. The film was very positively received and while we did not win a prize it was a great honour to be selected for the festival.

We are looking forward to seeing many parents at next Tuesday’s annual AGM for the P&C. Come along and have your say and contribute to the directions for 2016.

Maureen Hallahan
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
Help 6T Care for Jigsaw the Moon Bear!

Next Wednesday 11 November 6T will be baking and selling cupcakes at recess for $2 each to help raise some money to go towards the care of a beautiful Moon Bear named Jigsaw.

Six years ago Jigsaw was rescued from a cruel bear bile farm and sent to Animal Asia’s Tam Dao Bear Sanctuary in Vietnam to live out the rest of his life. Sally Rodd, a generously hearted Australian woman has pledged to raise enough money each year to provide for Jigsaw’s care for the rest of his life. She has set up the ‘Adopt a Moon Bear’ foundation. In their study of endangered species, 6T learnt that rescued Moon Bears are so severely hurt by their life on the bear farms that they can never be released back into their natural habitat.

A donation from Vaucluse Public School students would help cover the cost of Jigsaw’s needs and his share of ‘expenses’ for living at the sanctuary. It would cover the cost of things such as his food, vet care, operations and enrichment tools and structures which provide the bears with ‘occupational therapy’ as part their everyday living environment.

Please help 6T support Jigsaw! •
Johann Sebastian Bach

German composer

1/2M Julian Villata
1/2M Fred Satchell
1W Benjamin Espinos
2H Cerise Maman
Hi Corinne,

Could you add this letter the Baha’i children read out yesterday to the newsletter. I think it is important the wider school community gets a sense of Teacher Appreciation day. I’ve had some interest from parents not in Baha’i classes who love the appreciation day that the Baha’i children celebrate and I’m sure would love to be involved. I think it would be a great idea to see how we can involve the whole school, I’m sure children and parents alike would love the opportunity to show their appreciation to the Teachers and Staff. Most people aren’t aware of Teacher Appreciation Day and I’d love to see this day celebrated by all students at Vaucluse.

(Letter to the VPS Teachers & Staff)

Today is special day, as we the children of Vaucluse Public School and the Baha’i scripture classes, have the opportunity to convey our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the kindness, patience, and joy of learning you have shown us and taught us throughout the year.

The Baha’i writing say-
"The education and training of children is among the most meritorious acts of humankind."

You have all chosen a profession that is unfortunately undervalued in our society, and as teachers, staff and support units you are not always given the credit you deserve. Please know how much the students and parents appreciate you all. Without the passionate, hardworking teachers and staff of Vaucluse, we would not have the beautiful community and school we have today.

Thank you and Happy Teacher Appreciation Day!
This week in the kitchen.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing your delicious risotto this week!

From Corinne and Giselle
P&C Meeting and AGM

Tuesday 10 November, 2015
at 7.00pm-9.00pm in School Library

President - Vacant
Vice President - Sarah Still
Secretary - Cameron Curtis
Class Parent Co-ordinator - Amanda Ramsay
Treasurer - Sam Peters
Building - Ali Satchell
Clothing Pool - Sacha Irvine

Extra Curricular - Samantha Lambert
Environment - George Palmer
SAKG - Angela Davids
Principal - Maureen Hallahan
David Satchell – Non Portfolio
Ian Manovel – Non Portfolio
Michelle Galper - Non portfolio

AGENDA P&C Meeting:

1. Welcome to P&C Meeting and AGM (Sarah Still)
2. Review previous Meeting’s Minutes, apologies
3. Principal’s Address (Maureen Hallahan)
4. P&C Involvement Xmas Markets (Madeline Anderson and Amanda Ramsay)
5. Building update (Ali Satchell)
6. Clothing pool and Walkathon update (Sacha Irvine)
7. Co-curricular update (Samantha Lambert)
8. SAKG Update (Angela Davids)
9. Treasurer’s update (Sam Peters)
10. Motions for expenditure in Term 4. All members will have the opportunity to vote on these motions. To become a member simply attend, sign in and pay 50cents:

- New whiteboard $7000
- Margaret Nay Term 1 $2000
- Bathroom soap and hand dryers $2000 per annum
- 6 x chairs and tables ($800 x 6 = $4800)
- BBQ $699
- Landscape improvements - Around $1000
- New netball hoops and playground equipment - Around $2000
- Other school wish list items for 2016 (Maureen to provide details)
- Stage area attached to Staff room (vote to continue)
- Shading on soccer field (vote to continue)

AGM
Voting on P&C Exec Positions. At this point, all existing members of P&C Executive will resign and there will be a call for nominations for the 2016 Executive and voting will be held. Many of the existing P&C Executive will stand for re-election. There are a number of vacant positions to be filled. We propose a new Technology Portfolio to be established this year. (Maureen Hallahan to conduct)
KM have been learning about graphs and created a whole class artwork.
Dear Sir/Madam,

Changes to SSTS applications and the introduction of the School Opal card.

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school, on the approved train, bus or ferry services.

From term one 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme via a new online application process.

The introduction of the new School Opal card and online application form will provide significant benefits for schools:

**Automatic renewal**
Most parents, guardians and students won't need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016.

However, parents, guardians and students will need to apply if the student:

- is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- is in a transition year (i.e., year 2 to 3, or 6 to 7)
- is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school
- or, if the student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

**Reduced distribution**
While School Opal cards will automatically sent to schools for existing pass holders for distribution for travel in term one, all new applications received for travel from the start of 2016 will be sent directly to the student's nominated address.

**Online application form**
Schools will no longer need to keep the SSTS application form as parents, guardians and students can go online from 2 November 2015 to complete their application form, print it out and return it to the school.

**Fewer forms**
Schools will only need to endorse a single application form for each student's eligible address and send it to a single address (Locked Bag 5085, Parramatta 2124) even if they are applying for multiple services.

**Simplified replacement process**
Schools won't need to endorse additional applications for lost, stolen or damaged passes, as parents, guardians and students simply need to visit [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or call 131 500 to order a
new School Opal card. Schools can continue to follow their current processes for students who have lost their pass.

**Online eligibility assessment**

The new online application portal will automatically assess eligibility based on distance rules.

**Same eligibility rules**

The eligibility rules for subsidised school travel remain the same for travel inside and outside the Opal network. Students may need to live a minimum distance away their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking distance or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking distance or further.


**How you can help?**

- Display the enclosed poster on the school noticeboard.
- Distribute the flyers to students and parents.
- Encourage applicants to go online to apply for 2016 travel in the Opal network via your communication channels. The application is available at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students). Paper forms that have already been completed and submitted to Transport for NSW or a transport operator will be processed and do not need to be resubmitted.
- Responsibly dispose of any remaining blue SSTs application forms.
- Add digital tiles and banners to add to your website when they arrive via email.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Passes and Schemes on 02 9891 8900 or 1800 227 774.

Thank you for your support.

Transport for NSW
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
• Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
• Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
• Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.
A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
• The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
• The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
• The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
• The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.
The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
26 October 2015

Dear Principal

Working together to combat cyberbullying

I am writing to let you know about the early success of the cyberbullying complaints scheme that came into effect on 1 July 2015, and to update you on our recent activities.

Complaints about cyberbullying

Under the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015, the Office facilitates the rapid removal of serious cyberbullying material affecting Australian children.

Around 20 per cent of complaints we have resolved so far involved working cooperatively with schools to address the underlying behaviour so that the cyberbullying does not reoccur.

The types of behaviours we are seeing in the cyberbullying complaints we have received include:

- serious name calling and nasty comments—eg, comments that incite suicide, gay shaming, accusatory, sexually threatening
- offensive or upsetting pictures or videos
- fake accounts or impersonations
- hacking of social media accounts
- hate pages.

More information about the cyberbullying complaints scheme can be found under ‘Complaints and reporting’ on the Office’s website: www.esafety.gov.au.

To raise awareness about the new complaints scheme and how we can help children and young people deal with cyberbullying, we have recently developed a range of posters. These posters are being distributed to schools across Australia. Copies for your school are enclosed with this letter. If you would like additional posters, you can order more, free-of-charge, by phoning 1800 880 176.

Online safety education and school funding

My Office has responsibility for certifying providers of online safety programs. Individuals and organisations can apply to become a certified online safety program provider and may be eligible for certification if they can satisfy certain requirements.

Australian schools will be able to apply for grant funding to engage a certified online safety program provider. The total pool of funding is $7.5 million and will be available between 2018 and 2018.
CAMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

VAUCLEUSE

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2015
10AM until 4PM

Come and enjoy a day of Christmas shopping in the tranquil grounds of Vaucluse Public School, Cambridge Avenue

- gifts
- food
- kids activities
- 70+ stalls

$2/ADULT KIDS FREE
OVER 70 STALLS

International hot food stalls:-
- contemporary Asian
- Mexican favourites
- Spanish paella
- wood fire pizzas
- Turkish gozlemes
- dumplings (with a gluten-free option),
- Vietnamese Pho to name a few.

Gift stalls include:-
- fashion jewellery
- French homewares
- graphic designer cushions
- fair trade products
- variety of beachwear
- African artisan products.
- casual menswear
- up and coming designer womenswear
- South American clothing & accessories
- fun kidswear & toys
- cactus in handmade pot & many more.

Where to find us