# Coming Events - Term one

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Meet the teachers.... To be continued....

Ms Mooy...

Mr Todd and Billy

The Vaucluse Public School Staff enjoying our last day of term 4 2014. Miss Butt and Ms Morgan at the front of the Christmas lunch line.

Ms Lin frolicking in the office.
Dear Parents

It seems like yesterday that we were farewelling everyone at the gate and wishing them happy times. Unbelievably the holidays have galloped past and we are back at school. In spite of the very wet start our students skipped into school on Wednesday morning. What has been delightful to see is the way our students have returned with such enthusiasm. They are delighted to be back at school!!! They are full of wonderful holiday stories. They have all grown so much – physically and emotionally. To see them return with such confidence and willingness affirms what we do. Our students are happy and relaxed and ready to start the school year. Thank you for ensuring they all had a good rest. Teachers of each stage have prepared learning programs for the term. While our students have commenced in last year’s classes, they have begun their 2015 learning program. These programs are coordinated by the Stage supervisors.

This week we welcomed twenty two new students and five new staff to our school. This year Tom Styles will be relieving as an Assistant Principal in the Primary. Kaylie Johnson will be relieving as an Assistant Principal in the Support Unit. All our students have been going out of their way to welcome them.

On Monday 2 February we will welcome all our new Kindergarten students. If you are a new parent you are most welcome to join us at our Tea and Tissues Morning Tea on Monday 2 February at 10.00 am in the Staffroom / Kitchen. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and also to have all those questions that are keeping you awake at night answered. We will have a Q & A at the Morning Tea and I hopefully answer all the concerns that parents of new students have at this point in time. In the next two weeks there will be a Meet the Teacher Night for all parents. We will advise you of this date in next week’s newsletter.

On Tuesday 3 February we will be forming 2015 classes. The timing of class placement is linked to the arrival of our Kindergarten students on Monday. Once we have confirmed our student numbers on Monday afternoon we will be able to proceed with 2015 class formation.

In Term 4 2014 staff spent a great deal of time considering class placement for all students. Staff have considered friendships, social groups, past placement and the confines of the class structure of the school. We put a great deal of time and effort into getting these groupings correct. Often we have information that parents are not privy to. This information guides and informs the decisions made about class placement. We are conscious of friendships. Teachers asked each student to nominate five friends they would like to be with in 2015. We have tried to include at least one of those friendships in the 2015 groupings. We also see moving into a new class with the opportunities to make new friends as important experiences in building resilience. We believe the structured experience of change each year is building skills in a supportive environment. These will be excellent tools as our students grow and find themselves in more challenging environments. After recess on Tuesday students will meet in Stage groups and their teachers will organise the new classes. You may not be able to find them on Tuesday afternoon and we suggest you plan to meet your child in the old spot just for Tuesday.

We are all looking forward to a busy and productive year.

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.
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.
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. Communicate with the school principal and the classroom teacher of the student/s I will be working with prior to commencing any therapy sessions
2. Sign in at the office before each therapy session
3. Present my working with children check upon arrival at the school office and prior to commencing any therapy sessions
4. Wait in the office for the office staff to notify the students’ classroom teacher of their presence at the school
5. 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
6. 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
7. Comply with all Workplace Health and Safety procedures including Emergency Evacuations, Lockdowns and Lock-outs.

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

Name (please print): _________________________
Signed: ______________________  Date: _____________
Leaving your child at home alone

Making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.


Printable 2015 homework calendars

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


Swim and survive program

Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.

Brothers let kindy students in on secrets to surviving school

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IF THIS week marks your first day at school then heed these wise words from Vau-
cluse brothers Gabriel and Sebastian Atkinson-Kilman (meanned): “There’s nothing to worry about,” Gabriel, 6, said. “The first thing I did was make a friend. After that, the class played games together and it was fun,” he said. Sebastian, 6, defiantly maintained he wasn’t afraid one bit on his first day at Vaucluse Public School, despite big bros stickin the otherwise. He will move into Year 1 this year and said after his first year there was plenty of fun - journal writing and drawings in particular - and no hinging in fear. School resumes today for most students in the eastern suburbs.