## Coming Events - Term one

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Dear Parents

On Monday we welcomed Kindergarten to school. In Term 4 2014 they had participated in three sessions of *Play and Stay* so by the time they arrived on Monday morning they were well prepared for school. It was a very confident start and by the end of the day they were all moving around the school as if they owned the place. The week has continued in this settled way and we are all very impressed with their preparation for school.

After the little ones had been deposited into the capable hands of Karla Aspden and her team, the parents then proceeded to the kitchen for a *Tea and Tissues Morning Tea*. We would like to thank Deb and Michael Cthurmer from the *Grumpy Baker* who yet again very generously donated the most beautiful pastries to go with the cup of tea or coffee. Thank you Michael and Deb for your support of our school. At the morning tea parents were able to meet P&C President – Stephanie Atkinson – Mann. There was much enthusiasm and we are looking forward to working with such a great bunch of new Vaucluse PS fans.

On Tuesday morning after recess our students formed their new classes with a minimum of fuss. Everyone went off to their new classes and immediately commenced work. All staff were very impressed with our students maturity and resilience.

Thank you to all those parents who have made a huge effort not to park in the Staff car park. We appreciate your efforts to keep our school as safe as possible. We also appreciate those parents who are parking and walking in Cambridge Avenue and Village High Road. Your efforts are ensuring our children can come and go from school safely.

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.
Art work from 1W past and present
What’s on?
This term each stage will be doing a variety of great things during their library time!

Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten will get to know the library and all the wonderful things you can do there! Library lessons, choosing books, borrowing, returning and lunch time activities will keep them busy this term!

Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2 will develop their information research skills and use a range of ICTs to create a project exploring the land and culture of India!

Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4 will focus on developing their narrative production, comprehension and grammar complexity through analysing and composing a range of digital and traditional narratives.

Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6 will also be working on creating and dissecting narratives in a range of formats including video and readers’ theatre.

Have you got a library bag?
It is very important that your child has a library bag. They protect the books from all the lovely squishy wet things that end up in your school bag, from being dropped in the playground or left around the school at the mercy of the elements.

It also helps keep them from getting lost on the floor of the car or under the bed. School library bags are available from the uniform shop and double as a useful bag for excursions. If you are unable to have a school library bag, any bag is better than none.

Debating club will run at lunch times starting soon.
Debating club is for students 3-6. We play debating games and activities which give students a taste of what debating is like and begin to develop skills needed for formal debating.

If your child is interested in joining the competition debating team (different to debating club) later in the year, it is highly recommended they attend debating club if possible.
Xavier from 5B during his Discover Scuba course where he dived 12 metres and acquired his license. Pretty good effort for a 10 year old boy!

Freya from 3S with the baby turtles that she helps to protect on Amilla Fushi in the Maldives.

1-2 out of 100 turtles survive from nest to the beach, so we look after them in a special environment until they are old enough to survive and we release them into the Indian Ocean.
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.
Welcome to the first term of 2015!

The chickens have been laying some delicious eggs that we will surely put to good use in the kitchen in the next few weeks... and Rudy has been busy getting the garden ready for another year of fresh and abundant produce for the yr3-6 cooking classes.

We will begin the term by freshening up on our knife skills, get accustomed to the kitchen layout again & where everything is stored... Perhaps make some delicious Basil Pesto or a fresh Kale, Apple & Mint Juice with our new cold pressed juicer!

Looking forward to sharing some fabulous taste sensations this term.

Volunteers Needed-
If you would like to help out in your child's cooking class or help Rudy in the garden, simply write your name on the roster on the wall in the kitchen or email me (Ange) at nativemoon@mac.com with your details & time/date/contact no.

Cooking class times are as follows:
Commencing Monday 9th February
Monday- 4V- 9:45 - 11:15  Tuesday- 6T- 9:45 - 11:15
            5B- 11:45 - 1.20  3S- 11:45 - 1.20
3M- 2:00 - 3.20
Welcome back.

Pedestrian Safety continues to be an important issue around our school for our families (and neighbours).

On Monday morning the P&C installed banners to remind the community to drive carefully and keep our kids safe. The police and local council also patrolled to ensure drivers were obeying the rules.

We are looking for parent volunteers to be included in a roster to assist with traffic flow between 8.45am and 9.15am. If you are interested in helping to keep our kids safe please email Nikki Veale (nikki@hockyourfrocks.com or mobile 0410483707).

Kind Regards
Stephanie Atkinson
P&C President

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Meet the Teacher Information Evening
5.30 pm : Monday 9 February 2015
Kindergarten

Dear Parents

On Monday 9 February 2015 at 5.30 pm we will be holding our Meet the Teacher Information Evening for Kindergarten only. This is an information night where teachers will be discussing their programs and classroom management. Teachers will be discussing general information for all parents. It is not a night where individual students are discussed. It is a great opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and other class parents and begin your class relationship

We look forward to seeing you on Monday evening in your child’s classroom.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
5 February 2015
SAVE TIME with our ONLINE CANTEEN!

Order from the Vaucluse Public School canteen ONLINE!

✓ place lunch orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
✓ allow your child a pre-paid card to purchase from your online account
✓ top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard (or with cash at the canteen)
✓ online account statements
✓ list allergies to alert canteen staff during account sales

How do I set up an online account?

It’s quick & easy!

▪ go to www.munchmonitor.com
▪ enter Username: vaucluseps and p/word: munch2030
▪ click Sign up

Follow the easy steps to create your account:

1. Create a Parent Profile
2. Add your Students to your account
3. Click on Account Top-up to transfer money into your account.
4. You’re ready to use your online account!

What does it cost?

This fantastic service is only $2.50 per Family Account per term (irrespective of the number of students on your account or how many times you place orders). You can cancel at any time & there are no other fees to use MunchMonitor.

Need more information?

Send an email to help@munchmonitor.com
Karate, Dance and Netball would commence week 3 – Term 1 – which is week commencing Monday 9th February. Please see note below.

Just to clarify on extra-curricular for Term 1 – 2015. We would like to continue re timings and rooms / courts etc. So it is as follows. (The only change is to the dance format but timing is the same)

*Karate and Dance in the school hall at 8.15 - 9.15am*

- **Karate** - Monday - Kindy –2
- **Karate** - Wednesday - Year 3–6
- **Dance** - Tuesday - Kindy –2 Boys Hip Hop
- **Dance** - Thursday - Year 3-6 Jazz Hip Hop – Boys and girls
- **Dance** - Friday - Kindy –2 Girls Jazz

*Netball on the Netball Court*

- **Netball** - Monday
  - 3.30pm - 4.30 pm - Kindy –2
- **Netball** – Friday
  - 08.00am – 09.00am Year 3–6

Sam and I are working on the try booking system as we speak and will have a note telling parents all about each activity and how to book with the appropriate links to pay for their specified activity.

Please can you advise today if these arrangements are OK for Term 1 as we need to advise parents.

Going forward we are also investigating a number of other activities including soccer and yoga to commence Term 2 but need to understand what is being done in class time and who is running other activities such as art, drama, tennis ? We will also include Lee on this consultation. We believe it would be best to centralise the whole system under P&C and try booking. It is profitable and a great way to fund raise as we need a lot of $$ this year to improve the school grounds and facilities and look to the future school hall. Can we please meet with you to discuss the future arrangements of extra-curricular – please advise suitable time.

Thanks Sam and Ali

Dear Existing Parents and New Parents To VPS,

It is with great delight that the advice that the P&C will continue to provide an even more comprehensive extra-curricular program for VPS in 2015 which we are so lucky to have in house (see additions we are looking at below)! The programs will start week 3 Term 1 to allow everyone to ease into a new school year.

We are also looking at centralising all extra-curricular offered by not only the P&C run activities but all the school extra-curricular activities as well as the before school and after school activities run by VOOSC in order to produce a one page timetable (grid like spreadsheet) for the term highlighting the different activities on offer, how much they are & when and where they will be held on the school grounds. This way we can see all that our wonderful school has to offer in one easy communication so you can pick and choose.

The kids have an absolute ball doing these activities and it allows them to express themselves, focus, learn new skills and of course get much needed exercise – all keys to making our kids great people!

For those new to the school or those that have not participated in the past the programs we currently and will continue to offer in 2015 are highlighted below – please go to their websites for more details.
PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE IN 2015

1. Dance – (Raw Energy Dance Education)
Run by Dale Pope and her amazing professional dance team – see more information at :

- [info@reded.com.au](mailto:info@reded.com.au)

- Currently (timing may be subject to change) - All In School Hall
  - Tuesday Morning 8.15am Kindy/Year 1 Jazz:
    - A vibrant, fun, creative and skill driven class - it’s got the lot. Teaching the FUNdamentals of jazz dancing whilst keeping the class engaging, energetic and progressive. Warm ups / corner work / dances / games.
  - Thursday Morning 8.15am Year 3-6 Hip Hop and Jazz
    - A strong focus on jazz while exploring the tricks and challenges of street hip hop. Focusing on performance dances using formations, skills and creative elements to engage the dancers.
  - Friday Morning 8.15am Year 1-2 Hip Hop and Jazz
    - A fun, quirky and high energy class - skills, drills, dances, games and special performance routines. Capturing the energy of jazz through skill based work that develops throughout the class into dances full of colour, vibrancy and awesome fun.

2. Karate
- Run by Daniel Trifu from Trifu Dojo martial Arts who have extensive experience with children all over the eastern suburbs.
  - The children currently participating have loved the classes which is not only great exercise but a fabulous way to start the day on a big high, both physically and mentally, setting them up for a productive day of learning at school!
  - The classes also focus on rewarding achievements and each child had opportunity to participate in belt grading offering the children great personal development and striving for the levels of achievement.

More information is on their website [www.trifudojo.com.au](http://www.trifudojo.com.au)
- Currently (timing may be subject to change in 2015) - All In School Hall

Sam Lambert will be looking after extra-curricular if you are interested in enrolling in what for next year – please can you let her know by email [samantha.lambert14@me.com](mailto:samantha.lambert14@me.com)
Monday Morning 8.15am – 9.15am – K-2
Wednesday Morning 8.15am – 9.15am - Year 3-6

3. Netball
- Run by professional netball coach from well-known Bondi netball school “Love Netball” and one of our lovely VPS mums – Jacquee Saunders
- Currently (Timing may be subject to change in 2015) - All on our netball court
- Kindy - Year 2 - Monday afternoons at 3.30pm – 4.30 pm
- Year 3 – Year 6 – Friday mornings 8.00am – 9.00am
For further information go to website - www.lovenetball.com.au
In 2015 we are also REALLY keen to not only practise but get a Vaucluse team together to play Saturday morning competition! We can do this through Love Netball and will also be looking at local eastern suburbs school comp – stay tuned!

NEW P&C PROGRAMS WE ARE INVESTIGATING IN 2015
- In 2015 we will be looking at introducing the following in addition to what is already on offer
  - Additional Dance Classes – Hip Hop for boys
  - Basketball
  - Soccer
  - Yoga

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- If your child attends aftercare on and wants to participate in any of these programs please ensure you contact Lee to discuss permission and your logistics
- A timetable will be determined for all activities by week 1 – term 1
- All booking will be through our automated try booking system and must be enrolled and paid and students to bring their “ticket” to their first lesson in order to participate – details to come week 1 – term 1 (each activity will have own unique try booking link) this will be explained in more detail at this time
- Sam Lambert will be looking after extra-curricular next year and will have a team looking after each activity under her (these people will be announced in communication in week 1 next year) – we would appreciate if you could indicate what activities you might be interested in to Sam over the holidays so we get an indication of numbers so we can confirm the classes for term 1– her contact details are – Mobile is (0429) 925644 and email is samantha.lambert14@me.com
- Note we may be offering different activities in different terms as well as at different times – stay tuned for further details.
Canteen News - 3rd February 2015

Food for Thought at Vaucluse Public School, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience as we get to know your school.

The canteen service is now up and running and orders can be placed a number of ways;
- Over the counter each morning using a brown paper bag available at the canteen;
- Online through MunchMonitor; or
- Placed in the lunch order box in each classroom.

We have been working on the operational structure of the canteen and now have two staff trained up in the day to day operations.

In relation to the menu we have made a couple of slight changes and lowered the base price of all sandwiches and have introduced a price for a sandwich with a spread only.

From next week we will commence with weekly specials as well as start to make, bake and cook a few more products in the canteen.

The coffee machine has arrived and is operational for skim milk hot chocolates and all of your favourite coffees.

If you have any feedback or suggestions please feel free to email us at vaucluse@yourfoodfortought.com.au

MunchMonitor

Set up a pre-paid account with MunchMonitor & order online from the canteen or choose to allow your child a pre-paid card for counter purchases.

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
   Enter Username: vaucluseps
   Enter Password: munch2030
2. Click on ‘Sign Up’
3. Enter your own username (email address) & password. Click ‘Create Your Account’. An important email will be sent to you
4. Find the email & click the link to activate your account. Check your junk mail folder in case the email has been treated as ‘spam’.
5. Enter your own Username (email address) & Password then click ‘Activate My Account’
6. Follow the steps to complete the setup.
7. Once you have put money into your account, you can order online 24/7.

NOTE: You can top-up your account with a credit card online or use cash at the canteen.

Remember to login using your own Username and Password whenever you return to www.munchmonitor.com. Need more info? Email help@munchmonitor.com

Everyday we have the following healthy food available for the kids at Vaucluse Public School.
- Cups of Strawberries;
- Cups of Green Grapes;
- Watermelon Wedges;
- Cheese and Crackers.

Just to name a few things that are available. Feel free to drop by should you have any questions at all!
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. 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: _____________
Vaucluse Public School has been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill’d Bondi Junction this February!

Local Matters is the Grill’d community donation program that sees each Grill’d restaurant donate $500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups $300 / $100 / $100.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

Support the school in receiving the highest $300 donation! Simply head to Grill’d Bondi Junction during February, for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in their jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

It’s a simple (and delicious) way to show your support!

You’ll find us on a jar at Grill’d Bondi Junction, 9 Bronte Road Bondi Junction.

Please contact Class Parent Co-ordinator, Clare Le Roy (clareleroy@gmail.com) if you have any questions.
**VOOSC NEWS**

A big welcome back to all of our families and to all of the new families who have joined VOOSC this year! We are looking forward to another happy year with lots of exciting and fun things to do. Presently we are settling back into the swing of things and getting to know all of our new families. We are so impressed by how all of our kids have rallied together to take care of the little ones who are new to VOOSC and school. So very proud of all of you!!

**VOOSC STARS**

Our first VOOSC Stars for the year are the following people:

**Jocelyn R - 1W**
For showing support, understanding and kindness to our new kindi people.
Well done Jocie, always a shining star!

**Lachlan A Kindi**
For being a great listener and packing away games when you are finished playing.
Good boy Lachlan.

**Kayden R - 5B**
For being friendly, welcoming, and a good role model for our younger children.
Congratulations Kayden.
Welcome to the VOOSC Wall of Fame Jocelyn, Lachlan and Kayden.

**Fees**

Fees are currently being generated.

**Bookings**

We are currently full. As explained last year, families who failed to submit their registration forms or returned them late, do not automatically retain the booking they had last year. Once your forms are returned to VOOSC your requests will be added to the waiting list according to the date we receive them.

No doubt this will make some people unhappy and we do apologise. It is never our intention to do this. This is why we start advising families via newsletters, verbally at pickup and drop off daily, through signage at VOOSC and also during orientation days.

We begin this process around August each year. It is important to register for the following year ASAP being mindful to do so within the advised time frames.

We feel all families have been provided with equal opportunity to the best of our ability.

The responsibility to organise care for children is placed solely on parents.

At many services, our local neighbours for one, families line up at 4.00am in the morning to re-register their children and still do not manage to find placement.

We feel lucky that at this point we are not also asking families to camp out and at some stage positions can become available.

Please also understand that we are aware and respectful of all family requests and work toward meeting your needs when and if possible.

We ask that families in turn understand and respect that all services are governed by National Law and Regulations as well as service policies.

Kind Regards,

Lee White
Nominated Supervisor
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