The Vaucluse Weekly

Friday 13 February 2015

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Term Dates

Term 1, 2015: Wednesday 28 January to Thursday 2 April 2015
Term 2, 2015: Tuesday 21 April to Friday 26 June, 2015
Term 3, 2015: Tuesday 14 July to Friday 18 September, 2015
Term 4, 2015: Tuesday 6 October, 2015 to Wednesday 16 December, 2015.
Dear Parents

Thank you to the Kindergarten parents who attended last Monday night’s Meet the Teacher evening. If you were unable to attend please see your class teacher to receive the class information bulletin. Next Monday evening an information evening will be held for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Please see the times for these meetings in the newsletter if you did not receive the note home this week.

We are currently developing our next three year school plan. If you did not attend last term’s consultation meeting there will be an opportunity to contribute your thoughts. At Monday night’s meetings teachers will give out a proforma to record your thoughts. Please take it home to fill in and return it either to the Admin office or your child’s teacher. If you could do this by Monday 23rd February we would be most appreciative.

By now you will have met your child’s class teacher and hopefully a few other members of staff. Below is a list of staff for 2015. In the next coming weeks we will publish photos of staff so you are able to put names to faces.

**Early Stage 1 (ES1)**

- KA: Karla Aspden: Assistant Principal: K-2
- KH: Hannah Monaghan
- KM: Kara McMenemy

**Stage 1 (S1)**

- 1W: Miriam Weiss
- 1J: Robert Jackson
- 1J: Rosie Jones: Learning and Support Officer (LSO)
- 1/2M: Julia Morgan
- 2F: Franchesca Halford
- 2H: Robyn Head

**Stage 2 (S2)**

- 3S: Tom Styles; R/ Assistant Principal: Stage 2
- 3M: Helen Mooy
- 4A: Ella Vial

**Stage 3 (S3)**

- 5B: Talia Butt
- 5B: Rebecca Kermode: Learning and Support Officer (LSO)
- 6T: David Todd: Assistant Principal: Stage 3

**Support Unit**

- K4K: Kaylie Johnson: R/ Assistant Principal
- K4K: Sue Barber: Learning and Support Officer (LSO)
- K-JJ: Jessica Timbs
- K-JJ: Lynne Pickett  Learning and Support Officer (LSO)
- 3-6W: Karen Whiteman
- 3-6W: Vesna Drakulic  Learning and Support Officer (LSO)
- 3-6 W: Josh Cox: Learning and Support Officer (LSO)
Languages

Mandarin: Henry Liu
Hebrew: Miriam Marks

Learning and Support Team

Margaret Nay
Wendy Lonergan

Music

Elaine Li

Library

Laura Caesar

School Counsellor – Tuesday

Del De Kantzow

Administration

Senior Administration Officer: (SAO): Corinne Montano
Senior Administration Manager: (SAM): Giselle Gabbani
General Assistant: (GA) Henry Widera

If you wish to speak or meet with any of the staff please ring Corinne Montano on 9337 -2672 to arrange a convenient time.

Maureen Hallahan

Time to take a break from harvesting our vegetables and herbs in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.
Meet the Teacher Information Evening
Monday 16 February 2015

Dear Parents

On Monday 16 February 2015 we will be holding our Meet the Teacher Information Evening. 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.

The following is the timetable for this Information Evening:

- **K-2J, 3-6K, and K-4K:** 5.00 – 5.45 pm in K-2J classroom.
- **Years 1 and 2 including 1/2 M:** 5.45- 6.30 pm in their classrooms.
- **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 including 4/5:** 6.30 – 7.15 pm in their classrooms.

Please note that all Kindergarten classes held their Meet the Teacher Information Evening on Monday 9 February 2015.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday evening.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
10 February 2015
This week with Angie, in The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Luciano, Paul and Nathan of class 3S prepping in The kitchen this week.
Look at those amazing knife skills!
One of the best parts of cooking at Vaucluse Public School is sitting down and sharing the food that the students have just prepared.
URGENT calling for parent volunteers to help protect our children
You will be required to direct traffic and ensure that no one parks or stops illegally from 8.45am – 9.30am
Nikki will be doing a Term roster for 2 x traffic monitors per day to man both Village High Road and Cambridge Avenue entrances x 5 days a week
Please contact Nikki Veale on (0410) 483 707 or nikki@hockyourfrocks.com
Help keep our children safe!
Contact Nikki by the Friday 13th February, 2015
The roster will be published via class parents week commencing 16th Feb
Welcome to a new year I hope everyone had a great break and holidays. Over the Christmas break the garden has soldiered on producing a bountiful crop of tomatoes (see photo), corn, basil and pumpkins. I have even entered some of our tomatoes into this Sundays Tomato Festival at the Royal Botanic Gardens in the categories of best in show, tomato relish and passata. Fingers crossed. I encourage everyone to get down there this Sunday as it is a fantastic day showcasing all things tomato including wood fired pizza and an array of heirloom tomatoes. Brochure and link below.

I will be working these dates in the vegetable garden at Vaucluse Public.

**Time:** 9am to 4pm

**Dates:**
- **Monday 09 - February**
- **Monday 23 - February**
- **Monday 09 - March**
- **Monday 23 - March**
- **Every Saturday 8am +**
- **Every Tuesday 430pm +**

If you want to come and have a dig and plant, or help out in your child’s class come and join us.

If you want any more information contact Rudi Adlmayer Kitchen Gardener on 0423 020 648

Or email rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com

See you down there.

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

**Vaucluse Public School**

Vaucluse Public School is part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program that teaches children to cook and grow fruit and vegetables.

Its motto is Growing, Harvesting, Preparing and Sharing

Our garden classroom is a place of life and learning, where children gather to explore the bounty of nature and to experience this first-hand through growing and harvesting their own delicious fruits and vegetables.

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**VAUCLOSE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**WORKING BEE**

What: VPS Working Bee

Project: Distribute mulch, clear dead branches and clean bathrooms....

Where: Vaucluse Public School grounds

Date: Sunday 1ST March, 2015

Time: 9am to 11.30AM

BYO: Garden Tools

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE !!!
EMET Extension Classes

BJE is seeking expressions of interest to recommence a K-2 class at Vaucluse Public School in 2015.

EMET Extension classes are fun and exciting and include a hands-on curriculum. Students are encouraged to feel positive about being Jewish and to identify with their Jewish community and their heritage. The curriculum includes topics such as Jewish holidays, values, Israel, bible stories, Kashrut and much more. Classes are enhanced with craft activities, music, drama and visits from Jewish youth groups. All Jewish festivals are celebrated with extra treats and events.

EMET Extension will be held from 8:15am to 9:15am one morning per week.

Please register your interest to: administration@bje.nsw.edu.au
Parenting in the Digital Age

Wednesday 25 February, 7–9pm

Parenting in the Digital Age: what you really need to know

Modern parents face a common dilemma. On one hand we want our children to use technology. On the other hand, we worry about the impact of all these gadgets. Is technology harming my child?

Come along and hear about:

- How today’s children can learn with common technologies. No more techno-guilt.
- What to look for in quality and educational TV programs, apps and video games.
- How to develop healthy media habits.
- Current screen-time recommendations & strategies for managing devices at home.

Price: Free
Location: Woollahra Council
536 New South Head Rd, Double Bay

Presented by: Dr Kristy Goodwin

For more information call 9391 7166 or email community@woollahra.nsw.gov.au
Bookings essential online at:
www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/events
Woollahra Library will host its 26th annual **Poets’ Picnic** on **Tuesday 24th February**.

This popular annual community event includes twilight poetry readings from some of Australia’s best-loved poets as well as local high school students.

Held in the picturesque Blackburn Gardens at Woollahra Council (548 New South Head Road, Double Bay), families are encouraged to pack a picnic rug and some food and enjoy an evening of poetry and entertainment.

This year we’re delighted to bring back the popular **Chalk Poetry Workshop** with teacher Sandra Murray and are inviting students from local primary schools to participate.

Running from 5pm – 6pm down at Redleaf Pool (at the base of Blackburn Gardens), this interactive and fun drop-in workshop will enable children to chalk their own compositions into the pavement.

This is a special opportunity for students to explore their creativity as they enjoy participating with other children, creating new poems and add to the chalk art.

After the workshop, students and their families are welcome to join the crowds in Blackburn Gardens for the rest of the evening’s event.

To help make it an easy night for busy families, Picnic Hampers are available for pre-order from Pop Up Picnic, including a special children’s selection.


The theme for this year’s Picnic is Birds, Bees and Trees and we will be celebrating nature with poetry! We look forward to witty, nostalgic, inspired readings of poetry that explore nature, ecology and creatures great and small.

Our guest readers include poets Les Murray and author Nikki Gemmell and the event is emceed by Simon Marnie from ABC Radio.

Please share an invitation to attend this event in your networks. If you would like further information about the event, you can contact me on 9391 7931 or by email.

Kind Regards,

**Jenn Martin**
Events and Programs Coordinator, Woollahra Libraries
VOOSC NEWS

Term 1 Fees

Term 1 fees are still being generated. If you haven't received an account yet please don't panic, they will arrive soon.

Vacation Care Program

Our vacation care program will be out soon. Booking notices will be advertised in the school newsletter each week once the program has been made available.

VOOSC Stars

Congratulations to the following people who have made it to the VOOSC Wall of Fame this week,

Lachlan. R 1J

Thank you Lachlan, for taking great care of the sport equipment and packing away at the end of the day. It’s truly wonderful when things happen without a reminder. Thanks also for showing kindness and respect to others. Well done Buddy!

Taylor. C 6T

Welcome to VOOSC and welcome to our wall of fame Taylor.

You have been a fantastic help during afternoon tea. We really appreciate your enthusiasm and speedy service! Thank you.

Olivia. B 5B

Another big thankyou to a handy helper! We really did enjoy that you helped out with afternoon tea this week Olivia. You worked well with Taylor assisting us in feeding the masses! Thank you

Hamish. W KH

Congratulations Hamish. You have been awarded a star for discovering magic in our hoola hoops as well as being a fantastic little guy who is friendly and caring toward everyone. Thank you and welcome to the wall of fame

Kind Regards,

VOOSC TEAM

Vaucluse Out of School Care Centre Inc.
Ph/fax 02 9337 3031
voosc@people.net.au
Monday's Special

TODAY'S MENU

RECESS

- warm croissant plain or with jam $1.50
- pikelets with jam or honey $1.00
- fresh fruit cups $1.50

LUNCH

- toasted ham and cheese croissant $3.00
- toasted cheese croissant $2.50
- beef burger cheese, lettuce and tomato $5.00
- chicken nugget wrap with lettuce and mayo $5.00
- chicken schnitzel with rice and greens $7.00

coming soon fresh sushi

set up a munchmonitor account

www.munchmonitor.com.au

username: vaucluseps  password: munch2030

contact us vaucluse@yourfoodforthought.com.au

FOOD4THOUGHT
VAUCLUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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: _____________