## Dates for your Diary.

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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
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Monday night’s Meet the Teacher Evening was very well supported by parents. Thank you for making the effort to come to school at a very busy time of the year. We appreciate very much getting to meet our parents early in the year and establishing positive lines of communication. Teachers distributed class bulletins on Monday evening. These bulletins outline the class program for the term. It also includes important dates. There is usually a list of items the teacher requires to be sent in. Each bulletin is different depending on the particular needs and program of the class. If you were unable to attend please see your class teacher for a copy. Teachers also distributed School Plan Consultation sheets. If you did not receive one please see your class teacher or Corinne in the office. Please return these to your class teacher. We are currently developing the School Plan for the next three years and welcome your input.

Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to be a class parent this year. Claire Le Roy and Amanda Ramsay have generously volunteered to be the Class Parent Coordinators. They are also the web architects for the Vaucluse PS Facebook page. The page is rich with information and beautifully presented. The Class Parent Program is a highly valued and much appreciated program. The Class Parents are a great source of information and provide invaluable help to the class teacher. The Class Parents add another dimension to our school and really assist in helping us to communicate with everyone. The Class Parents’ role is an important one in helping our school to run smoothly and we very much appreciate all the behind the scenes work they do.

Homework programs, Reading and Maths groups timetables, and the Learning and Support Program have all commenced. This year there is one extra class in the school. We are now thirteen mainstream classes and three classes in the Support Unit. This makes a total of sixteen classes. If our classes seem full we are very close to the fourteenth class. Year 5 has reached its maximum of thirty students and several other classes are almost at capacity. This has put a significant increased load on an already full timetable. Some programs will operate on a yearly timetable which means some classes may not have certain programs every term this year. If you have any concerns do not hesitate to call the office and make an appointment to see me.

This time last Friday we were participating in our School Swimming Carnival at HMAS Watson. A very big thank you to Jan Noonan who pulled many strings to enable us to hold our carnival on the base. We saw wonderful swimming skill, great determination, inspiring team spirit and much individual generosity and encouragement of peers. The staff and I were very impressed with the commitment and sportsmanship of our students. It was a delight to be there. It was one of those days that reinforces why we chose our profession. We were enormously proud of our students last Friday. Thank you.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
To the Parents and Caregivers of students at Vaucluse Public School,

Please accept our apologies for the letter you received from Vaucluse Public School indicating non-payment of your children’s textbooks. It seems that email containing an updated list of online payments did not reach the administration at the School, thus resulting in this error.

We have since resolved the issue and have been in communication with the school to make sure that all online payments will be accounted for, so that all students may receive their resources for this year.

Once again we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Regards

Geoff Wilson
(Sales Manager)

LJHarper & Company.
I woke up because today was the big day! It was the day of the swimming carnival! I ate five weet-bix and got changed into my sport uniform. I grabbed my towel and goggles and bolted out the door because I was so excited to swim. I walked to the carnival with my mum and my sister and arrived at HMAS Watson which was where I would spend the day with all of my classmates. I found a nice spot to sit with my house group called Wentworth and it was great to be in an inside swimming centre.

I was in one race and it was freestyle which is my favourite stroke to do in a pool so I could not wait to be at the starting block. I then heard a big noise and dived into the cool blue water and started moving my body getting more speed with every stroke. I touched the wall on the other side of the pool and had a brief rest to catch my breath and then pushed off the wall to complete the race. When I finished the race I felt tired but very happy with what I had achieved.

I spent the rest of the day cheering on other students as they swam.

I walked back to school and then played until my Mum came to pick me up and then returned home.

By Oska Still in 5B
SAVE THE DATE, Friday 6 March 4 – 7.30pm
for the VPS Country Carnival

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours. There will be stalls, rides, music, heaps of yummy food and boot scooting fun for everyone. It’s a fabulous fun afternoon for all.

Please put the date in your diary and start telling your friends and planning your outfit ... dust off your denim overalls, gingham shirts, straw hats, leather boots, start plaitting your hair!

More details to come.
It's a Girl!

Miss Gabbani had a baby girl @ 8.33 am 16 February 2015.

Stella Jeanine Williams.

Bruno from 3M and Kayden from 5B at the Swimming Carnival last week.
Dear Existing and New Parents to VPS,

It’s hard to believe that 2014 is history and we are now well into Term 1 and the beginning of a new year!

The P&C have been very active last year in providing a very strong extra curricular program for the children – Dance, Karate & Netball, both before and after school run by extremely professional people. We are so lucky to have this in house!!

It takes a lot of organisation and maintenance to provide these services and it can only continue if we have the full support from you, most importantly prompt payments BEFORE your child attends the class. Please note that Try Booking is the ONLY form of payment we will be accepting going forward. Please do not pay with cash or cheques or to the P&C bank account. Links to the booking system can be found below.

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

All activities will begin NEXT WEEK COMMENCING 9th FEB for an 8 week term at $20 per session for all activities $160 total per activity.

Please note some background and key booking information (note some time and format changes from last year)

Also importantly if your child attends VOOSC and you want them to participate in any of these activities you will need to discuss with Lee White so she is aware and there will be a sign in / sign out system set up between Lee and the external person running the activity for these students.

Best Regards

Sam Lambert

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DANCE

Run By Dale Pope and her exceptional Dance Team from REDed Dance


Dale Pope is the Founder/Director of REDed and kicked off her hugely successful school’s dance program business back in 1998. Dale is a very experienced industry professional trained in virtually every style of dance. 2013 saw the long awaited release of the REDed DVD Vol 1 – a dream of Dale’s 10 years in the making. Dale is proud to have a 100% Australia made product out in schools. In amongst further developing the REDed programs, Dale is also choreographer to Bindi Irwin (and the Crcmen/Jungle Girls), Australian Girls’ Choir (national and international) and tv commercials and along the way a former National Aerobics Champion. Her work has been performed in places such as New York, London, Paris, Prague, Tokyo, Melbourne and Sydney and is the choreographer for G’Day USA since 2012. Dale is also a senior teacher at Sydney Dance Company and starred in the movie “Mao’s Last Dancer”.

REDed programs are exceptional and unique. At the very heart of each school dance program is the philosophy of REDed Founder Dale Pope, ‘kids first’. All REDed dance programs ensure maximum engagement by boys, girls, dancers and non-dancers alike, from primary school through to high school. REDed dances are primarily based on jazz, hip hop and contemporary style, with the unique REDed Race Around the World segment highlighting cultural dances of the world. They have a very strong focus on creativity, social interaction, musicality, rhythm and co-ordination development.

**Tuesday 8.15am School Hall - Kindy - Year2 - Hip Hop Boys Crew**

This dance program is specifically designed for boys to engage them in experiencing new ways of moving both taught and self explored. As a Hip Hop Crew the boys will learn fundamental tools such as relationship of their bodies in space, co-ordination, musicality, discipline and social interaction along with street smart moves! They will also develop core strength and upper body strength as we explore some of the tricky but very cool ‘freezes’. REDed is thrilled to provide exceptional dance education through fun, laughter, exploration and high energy expression.

**Thursday 8.15am School Hall - Year 3-6 Mixed 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 8.15am School Hall - Year K-2 Girls Jazz**

A fun, quirky and high energy class - skills, drills, dances, games and specia l 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.

ALL payments are to be made through Try Booking. I have attached the link for you this will guide you step by step for payment of your child’s class. [http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=94560](http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=94560)

Please note that this is the ONLY form of payment we will be accepting going forward. Please do not pay with cash or cheques or to the P&C bank account. Term 1 is an 8 week term so amount payable for dance classes is $160.

Xanthe Lenior is the contact for dance classes – Mobile is 0430 392 984 and email is xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au
NOTE FOLLOWING

Performances will be organised during the term (assembly items) or at key events (e.g.) Grandparents Day, Carols Night etc. BUT parents as not to stay for the classes – it is a drop and run system in order for the teachers to keep the children focused.

Dance Teachers will assist the children to get changed and go downstairs for morning class line up at 9.20am

Jazz shoes may be required – need to talk to teachers in first week re this in the meantime sports shoes and comfortable clothing to dance in.

**KARATE / MARTIAL ARTS**

More information is on their website [www.trifudojo.com.au](http://www.trifudojo.com.au)

Run by Sensei Daniel Trifu of Trifu Dojo Martial Arts and his experienced team.

In martial arts, there is no substitute for learning from masters. The man who founded global Kyokushin Karate movement sent his star pupil, Shihan Tokujun Ishi to Australia to grow the discipline – and our students benefit directly from this. In 1993, Sensei Daniel Trifu, founder of Trifu Dojo, began to learn from Shihan Ishi, and honed his skills over the next seven years. Sensei Trifu has over 25 years experience in studying and teaching martial arts in Sydney. He has competed in Kyokushin Karate and won at National, Asia Pacific, Oceana and International Tournaments.

In brief students increase fitness, flexibility, strength, balance, stillness, self-control, confidence, co-ordination, posture, concentration and true spirit.

Some parents may think they also promote violence, but that’s a myth, according to experts. The martial arts actually help teach self-discipline and socialization skills. In fact, many parents whose children have attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) report great success with these programs because self-control and concentration are exactly the skills underdeveloped in ADHD kids.

Current VPS students who participated last year 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 different levels of achievement.

**Karate Details**

Monday 8.15am School Hall - Kindy – Year 2 – 8 week term ($160)

Wednesday 8.15am School Hall - Year 3 – Year 6 – 8 week term ($160) NOTE – IF WE DON’T GET MORE NUMBERS TO THIS SESSION WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL AND COMBINE GROUPS

You can ONLY book through Try Booking. It is super easy I have attached the link for you. Note - this is the ONLY form of payment we will be accepting going forward. Please do not pay with cash or cheques or by direct deposit.


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Term 1 is an 8 week term so amount payable for dance classes is $160.

Sam Lambert is the contact for karate classes – Mobile is (0429) 925644 and email is samantha.lambert14@me.com

NOTE FOLLOWING

Demonstrations will be organised during the term (assembly items) or at key events (e.g.) Grandparents Day etc. BUT parents as not to stay for the classes – it is a drop and run system in order for the teachers to keep the children focused.

Karate teachers will assist the children to get changed and go downstairs for morning class line up at 9.20am

You can purchase your karate uniform directly from Daniel (please see him in class) Last year was $35
Netball

More information is on website http://www.lovenetball.com.au

Run By Jacquee Saunders professional netball coach from "Love Netball" and one of our lovely VPS mums

Playing a team sport makes us feel good! We know our team is counting on us. Our daughters learn key social and physical skills that empower them far beyond the confines of the court.

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. If you are keen for your child to play Saturday competition and for further details please contact Jacquee Saunders on (0419) 224 420 or jacqsaunders@hotmail.com or go to website - www.lovenetball.com.au (Saturday morning Netball comp for 6-12 yr olds)

Netball Details (on Netball Court)

Kindy – Year 2 Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm – 8 week term ($160)

Year 3 – Year 6 – Friday 8.00am-9.00am - 8 week term ($160) NOTE – IF WE DON’T GET MORE NUMBERS TO THIS SESSION WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL AND COMBINE GROUPS

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Sam Lambert & Ali Satchell are the contact for Netball classes – Sam (0429) 925644 and email is samantha.lambert14@me.com and Ali (0409) 772 942 and email ali@satchell.com.au


NOTE FOLLOWING

For K-2 don’t forget to pack their gym / sports gear and shoes on a Monday

For the Friday Year 3-6 you will already be in your sports clothes for school

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR CHILDREN INTO THESE FABULOUS ACTIVITIES!

Class Parents Coordinators

Clare LeRoy and Amanda Ramsay are the Class Parent Coordinators for 2015. They are very excited to have new Class Parents join the team.

They can be contacted as follows

Amanda Ramsay - missmandimakeup@gmail.com

Clare LeRoy – clareleroy@gmail.com
Class 6T in The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.

Delicious omelettes were made from produce harvested from our garden.

Healthy and refreshing power drinks were made with apples and Kale.

Claire, Mr Todd and Olivia.

*cheers!*

A big thank you from Corinne and Miss Hallahan for sharing this special, energizing drink with us.
Class 3S form a production line in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
Henry, Mark and Chasper expertly processing the apples and kale for their superfoods drink.
Vegetable Garden Dates Term 1 2015
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.

VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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
Dear Parents, Staff and Families,

We are a small privately owned centre just around the corner from Vaucluse Public School.

The Centre is opened from 8.30am to 5.00pm per day 51 weeks per year and caters for 24 children from 2-5 years.

We have two small groups:
Frogs Room 2-3 years 14 children with 2 educators.

Bears Room 3-5 years 10 children with 1 educator.

We implement an interest based program, school readiness music and movement, letter, number and shape recognition.

We are committed to the care and overall development of each and every child at our centre.

We have some days available in both rooms for 2015 or put your name on the wait list for the future.

Please don’t hesitate in contacting me for further information.

Kind Regards
Annette Gillespie
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