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.
Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who have diligently kept our gates closed. We have a number of students who see an open gate as an invitation and it is very important we keep them closed. We know it is very inconvenient that the bottom gate is locked during the day but it is very important that this gate is secure as it does not have the high visibility that the Cambridge Street entrance has. We appreciate your patience and understanding in helping us keep the school secure.

We are requesting parents to make a special effort in getting our students to school on time. The bell goes at 9.15 am to assemble students to go into class. There are usually messages about the day. It is also a much calmer way to start the day rather than being stressed because you are late. If your child is late they must have a yellow slip obtained from the front office and signed by you. This needs to be given to the teacher as late arrivals are marked as absent on the roll. It is also quite disruptive to the class when students arrive late or leave early. The teacher must stop what they are doing to attend to the late arrival or early departure. This disrupts learning and can waste valuable teaching and learning time.

At present we have a number of late arrivals. We also have a number of people taking students out early for numerous reasons. We understand there are always extenuating circumstances and we will support these. However some parents are unaware that it is a breach of the attendance legislation to take children out of school on a regular basis. If you wish to do this you must make an application for a partial exemption of enrolment. It is a formal process and must be approved by the Director of Botany Bay Network – Dr Sylvia Corish. There are some parents who wish to take their children out of school early on a regular basis for various sporting commitments. These parents also need to make an application for partial exemption of enrolment. Please consider carefully when you wish to either arrive late or take your child early. It is very disruptive for all the class and the teacher. It is happening quite frequently and having a significant impact on classrooms. Again we very much appreciate those parents who consider the learning needs of all our students.

On a positive note we are all looking forward to Friday 6 March and the Welcome Country Fair. We hope the weather is fine. The organising parents have put a great deal of work into preparing a great family night for everyone. Please read the flyers and mark it in your diaries.

We look forward to gates being safely closed and very few yellow slips being issued from the office:

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
Sushi Ginza
Handrolls $4.50
Handroll Tofu Vegetable
Handroll Cooked Tuna Cucumber
Handroll Salmon Cucumber Brown Rice
Handroll Teriyaki Chicken Cucumber Brown Rice

Available at Lunch - Tuesday to Thursday
Sushi Ginza is available Tuesday to Thursday at Vaucluse Public School and is delivered fresh.

Please understand that initially we have limited supplies of Sushi Ginza until we understand the requirements of the students at Vaucluse Public School.

If you have any issues please contact us at vaucluse@yourfoodforthought.com.au

Where possible please order via the online ordering system MunchMonitor as this will update the Sushi available each day
Senior School Choir (Year 3 – Year 6)

Join Miss Lin at lunchtime for Senior School Choir!

Where: Clothing Pool/Music Room

Who: Year 3 - Year 6 students who love singing and music

When: Wednesday Lunchtime, starting in Week 7.

What: Learn some singing techniques, sing some songs we all love, and most importantly have lots of fun!

Tell Miss Lin if you are interested, or just turn up in Week 7 Wednesday Lunchtime!
Our students at work in The Reading Room.

No smile like Emily's smile.
Our students having a refreshing drink and practising good hygiene.

Rachel in our garden.
Brigitte checking in with our chickens
Miss Mac's Dad works on the Aurora Australis (the ice breaker that takes the scientists down to Antarctica). It was her Birthday last weekend and her dad left her a special message all the way from Antarctica. It could be seen on the Australia Antarctic Division website through the ships webcam.
Shlomo taught the year 1’s also about the land of Israel and took them on a tour from North to South. The children made boats in Haifa and floated them, they put a note into the Western Wall and they brought water from the North all the way to the desert in the South.
The Buddy Program
Hello,

What another cracker of a day in the garden with the children.

Today we looked at the humble potato; spud; Irish apple, and the benefits it has bestowed upon the human race.

Especially in the form of fries mmmm. (and carbohydrates too).

The potato, a perennial, it is the world’s fourth largest food crop, following rice, wheat, and maize. The Inca Indians in Peru were the first to cultivate potatoes around 8,000 BC to 5,000 B.C. It is a swollen stem or tuber.

In 1536 Spanish Conquistadors conquered Peru, discovered the flavours of the potato, and carried them to Europe. It is in the Solanaceae family which includes tomatoes, capsicums, chillies and tobacco. Their leaves are generally toxic!

As the children learning about energy this term we used potatoes to make a battery, yes that is correct, and started a digital clock with two spuds, some zinc and copper strips and copper wire. (see diagram below).

Stored chemical energy in metal strips is converted to electrical energy by ions in potatoes.
ROLL-UP COW GUYS AND GALS
VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL INVITES
THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO THEIR
ANNUAL
COUNTRY CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
4.00-7.30PM
YEE HAW!

IN THE GROUNDS OF VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL
(ENTRY VIA VILLAGE HIGH ROAD)

FEAST ON COUNTRY HOME COOKING,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE, RANCH RIBS & WINGS
LIVE COUNTRY & WESTERN ENTERTAINMENT
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED AND
BEST MECHANICAL BULL RIDER
BRING A PICNIC BLANKET

AWESOME RIDES, GAMES,
STALLS, AND MUCH MORE
Vaucluse Public’s Annual Country Carnival for 2015 is on Friday 6th March, 4pm-7.30pm. 

COME ONE COME ALL!!!

This year we have an exciting line up of rides, food and stalls on offer. Bring your family, friends and neighbours. Great afternoon of Entertainment by our Country and Western singer and feed the family!

Loads of Food:-

- Sausage Sizzle, kindly donated by Terry Wright Meats and Grumpy Baker.
- Ribs, chicken wings, coleslaw and corn on the cob at the Canteen
- Pizzas and pastries stall run by Rocco at Il Dolce Dell’Amore.
- Dutch Pancakes
- Popcorn
- Fairy floss and snow cones
- Fruit Skewers and chocolate strawberries
- Old-fashion lollies stall
- Homemade lemonade and milkshake stall
- Sushi
- Cake stall
- Pre-made take home dinners for later.

Other stalls:-

- Bead bar and adopt a bear
- Flower stall
- Face painting/crazy hair/tattoos
- Tarot Card Readings by Ruth
- Balloon Twisting by Nat
- Lucky Dip
- 2nd hand Toys and games

* So don’t forget to bring your cash!!! However, some stalls will be able to take credit card details, eg flower stall and home cook meals as they are bigger ticket items.

Great rides for $25/wristband access to all these rides, or $60 for family pass of 3 kids, or $5 tickets/ride, includes:

- Pony Rides
- Petting Farm
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Triple Lane Horizontal Bungee
- Jumping Castle with Ballpit and slide

* To avoid queues, get in early, buy wristbands and family passes at school next week, starting with Monday’s assembly.

PLUS the return of our popular Mechanical Bull Competition. Who can stay on the bull the longest? Medals to be awarded. $10 per ride.

* Big Thankyou to the Done Group for the Country Carnival artwork. And Mister Wallpaper for printing of our posters.
This week in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
Roast pumpkin and sage risotto. Green salad with pepitas and avocado. Refreshing lemon verbena and pineapple juice.
VOOSC NEWS

A few people have enquired about vacation care and whether we are open.
Yes we are! We only close for Annual leave at the end of the year.

At other times, when sadly numbers have not supported us opening, families are given notice prior to the vacation care period.

We hope this won’t be the case for 2015!!

Keep watching these pages for the April holiday program which will be available soon. We will be open from 07/04/15 until the 20/04/15. School resumes Tuesday 21/04/15.

Term Fees

All term fees have been issued. Thankyou to the families who attended to their fees as soon as they received them and to those who have been making regular instalments.

It is important to keep on top of fees being mid-term and with vacation care looming, all fees need to be finalised before the end of term.

VOOSC STARS

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded stars.

William L. 1J

Well done William you are an absolute Star . Thanks for starting the clean-up VPS early . You took this very seriously and without being asked.

Just imagine how beautiful our school playground would be if more children could do this.

Good job buddy, welcome to the Wall of Fame.

Olivia F 4V

Thanks Livvy for setting a shining example of what Big sisters do. Not only have you taken care of your own little brother, you have also scooped many others under your wing.

We are so very happy to see your star on our wall of fame. Congratulations.

Justin B 3M

What a great detective you are Justin, with a keen eye for lost property. We really appreciate that you were on the job this week and managed to find our missing equipment and return it to Voosc.

Thank you mate, Super star material without a doubt!

Ava E 2F

Ava you have been awarded your star for remaining cool, calm and collected and knowing that Voosc is always your safe house. We also would like to mention what a wonderful friend you are to lots of different people. You always show kindness and understanding. Another sparkler for our wall of fame!

Eliza H KA

We are so happy to award you with your very 1st Voosc star Eliza. We are certain there will be plenty more to come.

We are so proud of how you have tried everything new and have lots of great fun with your friends, news to share with us each time you come to Voosc and always save a chair for Henry. Good girl, welcome to our Wall of Fame.

Kind Regards,

VOOSC TEAM

Vaucluse Out of School Care Centre Inc.

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voosc@people.net.au
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.

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.

VAUCLUSE 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 !!