Paris explores her Tunnel Skills with equipment from VOOSC - Thank you Lee & Caroline
## 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,

This week our Vaucluse students were outstanding ambassadors for our school. The school swimming team performed in a way that brought positive comments from other schools. Their sportsmanship was mentioned at the District Swimming Carnival at Heffron Pool on Wednesday. Tom Styles and Talia Butt accompanied the team and were thrilled at the team’s determination to participate in everything and their support of each other.

David Todd took a Year 6 group to Homebush on Wednesday for a Leadership Conference. There were over two hundred schools from NSW represented and our Vaucluse Leaders were delighted by the experience. They came back to school on Thursday fresh with ideas to implement to improve our school culture. We are looking forward to seeing them in action.

A reminder to parents that our school playground is not supervised until 8.50 am. Each morning only the top playground is opened and a teacher is not on duty to supervise students until this time. Before school care is available from 7.00 am and Lee brings these students into the playground at 8.50 am. There have been quite a number of unsupervised students on the playground from as early as 8.15 am. Apart from the fact that there is no one to assist if a problem arises, it is quite uncomfortable for these students to be on the playground on their own. Teachers are engaged in daily preparation at this time and are not aware that there are students on the playground. When asked why students are here so early it is usually because Mum or Dad had an early commitment. Please book your child into VOOSC if this situation occurs. We are very concerned at the stress that occurs for these children who are left on their own.

We are experiencing an enormous number of phone calls after 3.00pm to give students messages about changed pick up arrangements. As our school population increases so too does the work in the Admin office. Quite often it is physically impossible for the Admin staff to get these messages to students on a timely basis simply because of the high volume of requests. What also makes it challenging is that these requests often come at the last minute. The Admin staff do their very best to get these messages to teachers. This week there was a message that did not make it to the student because as the phone call came in a very sick child presented at the office. This is always a priority and by the time the child had been cared for it was too late to deliver the message. If your child does not get picked up at home time they are brought to the Admin Office and parents are called. Please be mindful when ringing the office that staff may not be able to deliver your message.

We would very much appreciate your support with this.

This week it was wonderful to see the example of parent power in the Wentworth Courier. Nicki Veale has initiated a great strategy to keep our students safe and also enlisted other parents to help her. In spite of some shameful behaviour from drivers not observing the road rules Nicki and her team have made Cambridge avenue a safer place for our students. We are very grateful to Nicki and her team and it was fabulous to see the acknowledgment of her commitment.

The school has been full of excitement this week in anticipation of tonight’s Welcome Carnival. There have been many parents working quietly behind the scenes to ensure it is a fabulous night for everyone. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Maureen Hallahan
A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

CALL OUT FOR HELP!!

Our clothing pool volunteers need YOU! for the stocktake of the clothing pool on MONDAY 23rd MARCH It will be an all day event.
Buddies Charlotte and Paris

Students and their older buddies enhancing their gross motor skills and having loads of fun with equipment shared with their friends at VOOSC.
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!

Purim is celebrated Wednesday night 4th March and Thursday 5th March. It is a fun holiday for the Jewish people, especially for the children.

The story is about Queen Esther who saved her Jewish people while she was married to King Achashverosh, king of Persia. The President Haman didn't like that the Jews wouldn't bow down to him and managed to convince the king that the Jewish people should be rid of. When they were saved this day became a very happy day.

Children dress up, have Purim parties at synagogue and eat triangle biscuits called hamantashen.

But there are 4 must do's:

Listen to the story of Purim twice, once at night and once again the next day, give food packages to our friends, eat a festive meal and give money to the poor.
Our Library Monitors
and
this week’s assembly.
Our school leaders at the Leadership Conference this week in Homebush.
**VOOSC VACATION CARE APRIL 2015**

Please collect your detailed itinerary when making your booking

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**Fishing at Gibson’s Beach**

**Tuesday 14/04/15**

**Art with Ms Kandinsky**

**Wednesday 15/04/15**

**Go Karts & Wheels Day**

**Thursday 16/04/15**

**Super Hero Tournament**

**Friday 17/04/15**

**Gardening Day**

- **Monday 06/04/15**
  - Closed
  - **Easter Monday**

- **Monday 13/04/15**
  - Fishing at Gibson’s Beach
  - Depart 10am
  - See itinerary for full requirements
  - Daily Fee + $5

- **Tuesday 14/04/15**
  - Art with Ms Kandinsky
  - A hands on abstract art experience full of puppetry, audience interaction and fun!
  - Daily Fee + $20

- **Wednesday 15/04/15**
  - Go Karts & Wheels Day
  - A full day of fun and riding with a sausage sizzle for lunch
  - No Safety Gear No Riding
  - Daily Fee + $15

- **Thursday 16/04/15**
  - Super Hero Tournament
  - Put your super hero powers to the test with a day of sporting challenges.
  - Daily Fee

- **Friday 17/04/15**
  - Gardening Day
  - Plant seedlings to take home and help out in the VOOSC Garden!
  - Daily Fee

**Monday 20/04/15**

**Swimming at Cook + Phillip Aquatic Centre**

- **Monday 20/04/15**
  - Swimming at Cook + Phillip Aquatic Centre
  - DEPART 9am
  - See itinerary for full requirements
  - Daily Fee + $10

- **Tuesday 21/04/15**
  - School Resumes

**BOOKINGS CLOSE 27/03/15.**

- **Please choose your days carefully**
  - Bookings are non-refundable or transferable due to daily child/staff ratios, safety requirements and pre-booked activities
Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale

When used appropriately, mobile phones offer our students a strong sense of personal safety. At Vaucluse Public School we do not encourage students to bring a mobile phone to school. We accept that some parents give their children mobile phones for personal security or safety. Mobile phones have the capacity to have a negative impact on the learning environment and when used inappropriately can put safety and wellbeing of students at risk. The widespread ownership of mobile phones among young people requires the staff, students and parents of Vaucluse Public school to take steps to ensure mobile phones are used in a responsible and safe manner.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

- Mobile phone use does not disrupt the teaching and learning environment for any student or teacher.
- Potential risks to student safety and well-being posed by inappropriate use of mobile phones can be identified and addressed.

Students, staff and parents have clear understanding of school guidelines and personal responsibilities related to the appropriate use of mobile phones.

Responsibility

- Vaucluse Public school strongly discourages students from bringing mobile phones to school. However if parents deem it necessary for students to have a phone at school, it is conditional on students following the appropriate guidelines outlined in this document.
- The decision to bring a phone to school must be made by parents and caregivers.
- Permission for students to have a mobile phone is contingent on parents, caregivers and students signing the Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones at School Agreement.
- It is the responsibility of all staff and parents to comply with the appropriate use of mobile phones guidelines as outlined in this document and DEC policy.

The school accepts no responsibility for, lost, stolen or damaged phones in the instance that they have not been signed in. The school also accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their phones stolen while travelling to and from school.
Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones

Students

Students are only permitted to bring a mobile phone to school once the Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones Agreement has been co-signed by parent and student.

All students are to be made aware of the unacceptable uses of mobile phones to ensure they have a clear understanding of appropriate use.

Mobile phones should be switched off as soon as students enter the school grounds.

All mobile phones are to be handed to the Main Office Staff before 9.15 am each day and retrieved at 3.20 pm. Phones will be kept in a secure location during the school day.

Students will only be granted permission to access their phone between 9.20 am and 3.20 pm under exceptional circumstances. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed to an Assistant Principal. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency or when messages need to be passed on to students, the school office remains the sole point of contact and will ensure any student is contacted and assisted in an appropriate and timely manner.

Students should protect their phone numbers by only giving them to friends and family to ensure they are receiving communication from people known to them. It is strongly advised that students use passwords or pin numbers to ensure unauthorised phone calls or SMS messages cannot be made from their phone by anyone other than the owner of the phone. Students must not lend their phone to another student at any time. The student who owns the phone will be held responsible for its use.

Students should label their mobile phones clearly with their names.

Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones on school excursions and overnight camps under any circumstances. School staff will not be held responsible for the security of phones should this guideline be breached. In instances where students need to contact their parents this will be organised by supervising staff.

Staff

During teaching time, while on playground duty and during meetings, mobile phones should be switched off or put on silent.

Parents and Community Members
At all official school functions, during meetings or when assisting in classrooms, mobile phones should be switched off or put on *silent*.

**Unacceptable Use of Mobile Phones**

Unless express permission is granted, students are not to be in possession of a mobile phone at any time between 9.15 am to 3.20 pm. Mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, access the internet, take photos or use any other application while students are on school grounds.

- Using mobile phones in an inappropriate manner is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

**Inappropriate uses of mobile phones include but are not limited to:**

- Using a mobile phone at a time that will disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school.
- Making calls or sending messages with the intent to bully, harass or threaten another person.
- Using mobile phones to take photographs of other people without their consent.
- Using obscene, derogatory or socially unacceptable language while using a mobile phone.
- Using mobile phones to receive, download and display inappropriate photographs or other material.

**Consequences of Inappropriate Use of Mobile Phones**

Students who engage in inappropriate use of mobile phones will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the school's discipline policy. Some inappropriate uses can constitute criminal behaviour and will be reported to the police.

**Sanctions**
Students who infringe the guidelines in this document will have their phone confiscated by school staff. The phone will be stored securely until the student’s parents are informed and arrangements are made for the parents to collect the mobile phone.

Repeated infringements will result in the withdrawal of the agreements to allow the student to bring the mobile phone to school.

**Related Technology**

Related technology such as portable computer games, ipods, MP3s, ipads and other similar devices are not to be brought to school under any circumstances. The school accepts no responsibility for the security of these items and the procedures applying to the inappropriate use of mobile phones will apply equally to these devices.

**Implementation**

Teachers will discuss this policy with students to ensure they have a clear understanding of the guidelines and procedures.

The community will be made aware of this policy through the weekly newsletter, P&C meetings and the school website.

The policy will be included in the enrolment package for all new students.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
6 March 2015
Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones at School Agreement

Student Name: ___________________________ Class __________________

Student Mobile Phone Number: ___________________________

Vaucluse Public School accepts that some parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. The school has clear guidelines and procedures for the appropriate use of mobile phones as outlined in the Vaucluse Public School Mobile Phone Policy. For any student to bring a mobile phone onto school grounds they must have read and clearly understood the policy as well as co-signing with their parent.

Student Agreement

I have read the Vaucluse Public School Mobile Phone Policy and agree to the following:

- I will sign my phone in to the Assistant Principal or delegate at 9.15 am when bringing my phone to school and sign it out again at 3.20 pm.
- I understand and will follow all the guidelines for acceptable use of mobile phones at Vaucluse Public School.

I understand the behaviours and actions that constitute unacceptable use of mobile phones and will not engage in these behaviours at any time. I understand that if I break the terms of this agreement my phone will be confiscated, my parents will be informed and I may be banned from bringing my phone onto school grounds.

Student Name (print): ___________________________

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Parent Agreement

I give permission for my child to carry a mobile phone to school. I have read the Vaucluse Public School Mobile Phone Policy and discussed the guidelines and procedures with my child. I agree to support the school policy including decisions and actions regarding inappropriate use of mobile phones and related technology. I understand that this form will be kept on file and that details provided may be used to assist in the identification of mobile phones.

Parent Name (print): ___________________________

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date ____________
Autumn Camp: 7th-17th April

Age
Children between 5 - 12 years will be divided into age appropriate groups.
5 - 7 years
8 - 10 years
11 - 12 years

Cost - Early birds
Short Day - $50
(9:00 am - 13:30 pm)
Long Day - $60
(9:00 am - 17:00 pm)

Location
Randwick Tafe NSW
Located in the Auditorium
(Level 2 Building B)
Cnr Darley Rd & King St
Randwick 2031
Onsite Security and Free Parking

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