Friday 13 March 2015

The Country Carnival at Vaucluse Public School.
To see all the fun and adventure of the evening please take a look at our website for The Country Carnival photo album.
Dear Parents

As I write this I cannot believe how lucky we were with the weather for last Friday night’s Welcome Carnival. What a wonderful evening it was. Everyone I have spoken to has talked about the same things – the wonderful physical setting particularly the bottom playground, the commitment of the parents who organised and worked so hard on the stalls. What a great variety there was (I am still dining on the frozen meals, my flowers lasted well into the week, I regret buying two bags of rocky road – they did not even see Saturday!!!, I have some lovely new books to read for the Easter break, the lemonade was perfect for the hot night and I have a lovely new sun hat). The choice of rides and activities was perfect for everyone. Many people have also spoken about the wonderful community atmosphere and the friendly and helpful attitude that abounded. We spoke at Thursday’s assembly about the fact that all those parents who contributed to Friday night were there to help all our children have a better school. As I walked down the playground on Friday evening I could see and feel tangible evidence of the commitment of families to make Vaucluse PS a great place. Thank you to Mads Anderson and her team for a great night. Thank you to all those parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure we had fabulous stalls and that everything went smoothly. We are incredibly fortunate to have created such a great place for our students to learn and thrive in. The staff and myself are extremely appreciative of all your support.

We thought this week would be a challenging one as the plumbers repaired the burst water pipe. But thanks to the superb efforts of the Vaucluse PS staff who have been well supported by parents the week has gone smoothly. The arrangements put in place on Wednesday to manage the disruption to the water supply for the rest of the week have been very efficient. A very big thank you to those generous parents who have donated hand sanitiser, wipes and water.

I have had a number of parents discuss with me their concerns about the toilets at Vaucluse Public School. At the beginning of the school year I met with representatives from Asset Management Unit – the government body that looks after DEC properties to look at the toilets to see what could be done to improve them. As a result of this discussion during the Easter break the toilets in the K-2 playground will be upgraded. This will include painting, regrouting, new partitions and doors and new gates. We have been replacing toilets and taps on a regular basis. If the budget allows there will be more toilets replaced. Toilet replacement has not been decided upon as yet. The toilets in the top playground have been nominated for a full upgrade. This goes to a state wide committee and we will wait hopefully for a positive decision.

We are busy planning Harmony Day celebrations and in the body of the newsletter there is information in regard to the activities that will take place for the day. We are also planning Easter and Passover. Notes will be coming home next week in regard to planned activities. Keep an eye out for all of these.

Maureen Hallahan

Principal
The Country Carnival 2015... continued
### 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.
A n Important reminder in regards to severe nut allergies!

We have children at our school who have severe nut allergies. These children will go into an anaphylactic shock if they swallow any nut/hazelnut products—such as cakes, Nutella etc.

When a child goes into an anaphylactic shock they need to be injected with an EPI-PEN immediately. It is a very serious and distressing situation that can be easily avoided.

Please do not include nut products in your child’s lunchbox or in any birthday treats brought to school.

Please also remind your children not to share any of their food at school.

Absolutely no Hazelnut (Nutella) products at school please.

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.
A big thank you to the students of Vaucluse Public School and Ang for always thinking of Miss Hallahan, Giselle and Corinne when preparing your delicious Stephanie Alexanders recipes. You never forget us!

This week we were treated to—vegetable fritter, corn on the cob with home grown pesto and apple, carrot and kale juice.

Lovingly prepared and served by Augusta and her class 4V

Some of our healthy produce.
Organic eggs generously laid by our beautiful girls.
### OPENING HOURS:
8.00AM – 6.00PM SHARP

PHONE: 9337 3031
EMAIL: voosc@people.net.au
MOBILE: 0420 729 143
BUSINESS HOURS ONLY

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### VOOSC VACATION CARE APRIL 2015

Please collect your detailed itinerary when making your booking

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<td>EASTER MONDAY</td>
<td>Build your own toolbox, jewellery box or treasure box in a 2 hour interactive workshop</td>
<td>DEPART 9AM SHARP Return: 3.30pm</td>
<td>1.5 hours of Juggling, ballooning, unicycling, comedy and interactive magical fun!</td>
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<td><strong>Art with Ms Kandinsky</strong></td>
<td><strong>Go Karts &amp; Wheels Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>Super Hero Tournament</strong></td>
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<td>Depart 10am</td>
<td>A hands on abstract art experience full of puppetry, audience interaction and fun!</td>
<td>A full day of fun and riding with a sausage sizzle for lunch</td>
<td>Put your super hero powers to the test with a day of sporting challenges.</td>
<td>Plant seedlings to take home and help out in the VOOSC Garden!</td>
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Facts about tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.


Primary school

Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child's next speech a success.


Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


Our Native Stingless Beehive being split. New half going to Rose Bay Community Vegetable Garden.

One of our wonderful volunteers and friendly neighbour Didie watches on.
Book Club Orders:

Book Club gives the school library credits to purchase books. In term 4 of 2014 we received approximately $500 worth of credits for the library which Laura, our wonderful librarian, greatly appreciated.

How to order:

- Order online at www.scholastic.com.au where you can select the correct class and pay by credit card.
- Order through the school by sending back the order form with a cheque attached or a credit card receipt number.

Absolutely no cash payments please.

Please note that NO CASH payments will be processed.

Thank you to all who place orders, not only are you helping encourage children to read you are also assisting the school expand the library

Kind regards

Sasha Irvine Olivia’s mum 4V


Harmony Day

Thursday 19th March.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home—from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. It is a day to celebrate diversity and belonging. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn about how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to, and enrich this nation.

On Thursday 19th March 2015 Vaucluse Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day by participating in a Round-Robin of Cultural Learning Centres. Throughout the day students will discover and play various traditional Indian and Aboriginal games, will listen to music and practice dances from different cultures, will learn about and create paper lanterns and will read and engage in cultural stories and literature. It will be a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about their local and global community, work with other students and different teachers, and most of all to have fun celebrating diversity! To get in the spirit of Harmony Day we ask that students wear orange clothes to school. They should bring their normal school bag with normal recess and lunch. Water bottles and hats are essential as always!

This week is a particularly special week as we will also be participating in The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and World Down Syndrome Day on Friday 20th March. In the lead up to these special days class time will be utilised to discuss issues of diversity, equality and acceptance. Our message is that we all belong. If you would like to learn more about these significant events and continue the conversations and celebrations at home check out: https://www.harmony.gov.au

https://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/

Please note our weekly Thursday afternoon assembly will not take place on Thursday 19th March to allow for the festivities.

We look forward to celebrating this important Australian day.

Sincerely

Julia Morgan

Maureen Hallahan
TODAY'S MENU

Weekly Special

Hot Cross Bun $1.00

Hot Cross Bun with a Mocco Milk $3.00

Hot Cross Bun with a Hot Chocolate $3.00

Toasted Cheese Quesadilla served with tomato salsa and guacamole $4.50
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

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

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

Enquiries
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• info@koolkidzz.com.au
• PO BOX 155 Rose Bay 2029

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TIME:
9.00 – 3.00
WHEN:
Tues 14 & Wed 15 April
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