We are busy planting our winter crops in The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.
Dear Parents

As we draw the term to a close – next week is the last week of Term 1 – we are reflecting on how well our students have started the year. What has been most interesting to read is the students responses to what they want in their school bags when they leave Vaucluse PS. This is a similar exercise to the one that staff and parents have done as part of the 2015 – 2017 School Plan consultation process. Our students, staff and parents all want very similar things – put simply to be able to read and write well, be numerate, be safe and happy, have friends and to help. We are finalising the documentation of the School Plan. There are three Strategic Directions for the next three years. They are:

Know Students and How They Learn
Create and Maintain Supportive and Safe Learning Environments
Engage with Colleagues, Parents / Carers and the Community

The 2015 – 2017 School Plan will be available on the school website next term and presented at the Term 2 P&C Meeting.

Next week is a busy one. We have Passover and Easter activities planned. Please remember to send to school a bag full of goodies to make an Easter hat. This will take place on Wednesday as part of the Buddies program. The Hat Parade will take place first thing on Thursday morning. We will proceed to Parsley Bay for lunch for our Bilby Picnic. We originally asked our students to bring a gold coin donation to school on Thursday for the Australian Whale Foundation. We have had a staff discussion and would like to redirect these funds into The Australian Red Cross’ Vanautu Appeal. Teachers will be discussing this with their classes.

This week the School Leaders judged the Road Safety Competition with myself and Laura Caesar. There were some outstanding entries. Our School Captain – Claire Villata donated a book voucher and other prizes purchased from her pocket money. A sign of how strongly she feels about Road Safety around our school. Claire has written a report which is in the body of the newsletter. The other School Leaders spent much time making awards for all the participants and encouraging everyone to put in an entry. We were delighted with everyone’s efforts and pleased at how conscious our students are of the road safety issues around our school.

The canteen at lunch time has become a bit like the trading floor on the New York Stock Exchange! There is a lot of wheeling and dealing going on. We request that lunches be ordered before school. Please be thoughtful about sending money to school with your child. We have become aware of students asking friends to buy for them and large sums of money changing hands.

When I arrived at school yesterday morning I thought I had arrived in Varanasi. The only thing missing was a cow! Our school was alive with the colour of Year 1 and Year 2. They looked fabulous. They had a wonderful day cooking up an Indian feast in the kitchen with our Kitchen Specialist – Ange Davids. Ange was supported by a very capable team of parents. Year 1 and year 2 have been studying a unit of work called India Calling. Yesterday was the culmination of a very rich learning unit. The Indian Feast – prepared and eaten in the kitchen was an extraordinary effort. We would like to thank Ange who was here cooking until 2 am on Thursday morning to make sure our students had the very best culinary experience. Thank you to all those parents who supported Ange and also made such an effort with the Indian costumes.

On Monday the contractor who is doing the refurbishing work on the junior toilets was at school to scope the works. He is doubtful that materials will be available to complete the works during the holidays. He has assured me he will do his best. He was also very impressed with all our toilets. He has been in over 450 school toilet blocks from Blackheath to Avalon. He said these were one of the cleanest if not the cleanest blocks he had been in. I am delighted to share that information.

Maureen Hallahan
Dates for your Diary.

Friday 27 March  
Earth Hour

Thursday 2 April  
Easter Hat Parade, Autism Awareness.

Friday 3 April  
Good Friday and Passover—No school.

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.

Vaucluse Public School says ......

NO to bullying
Road Safety Competition Results

We ended up with around fifty entries for the road safety competition so a massive thanks from the School Leaders to everyone who took part in it. All posters were absolutely outstanding! You are all winners for having a go!
Six entries stood out due to their artistic merit and the way they conveyed this important theme.

The winners are as follows:
- 1st place – Amelia Leach, Year 6
- 2nd place – Tarquin Hammond, Year 5
- 3rd place – Annabel Mason, Year 6

Highly commended -
- Genevieve Velan – Year 3
- Ben Okev – Year 2
- Julian Villata – Year 2

Everyone who entered will receive a certificate.
It’s that time again!

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started!

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

What do we need to do?

Students read books from the PRC booklist and record their progress on their online reading record, accessible at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html

When the challenge finishes for the year, the school will be sent certificates for successful participants.

When does the Challenge start and finish?

The 2014 Challenge runs from 2 March to 21 August (11:59 pm). Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 21 August (11:59 pm).

Your child’s log in details will be the same as their school computer log in. Normally, this will take the form of;

Username: firstname.lastname eg, joe.bloggs
Password: class eg, kt

If this does not work, it may be because there are multiple students in NSW with the same name. Please feel free to contact Laura in the library for confirmation of your child’s username and password.

HAPPY READING!!!
Vaucluse Public School unites to say NO to bullying!

Veggie Garden News

What another magnificent autumn day in our garden, summer is trying to hold ad long as it can.

Todays classes prepared garden beds for autumn planting by weeding, and composting.

Children planted bok choy, pak choy won bok, cabbage, leeks, broad beans and beetroot.

We also had a reflective lesson as well where I asked each class to write in their journal why they like their garden. I was amazed by the fantastic answers I received when we discussed them. It was great to see that we do every week in the veggie garden goes into our children's minds. Some reflections included being able to watch plants grow from seeds to plants to food on a plate, weeding (yes some students enjoy this), planting seeds, and tending to the chickens.

A lot of children commented that the garden is a peaceful and calm place. A shout out to Charlie in 6T who said the garden was a place to not only grow plants, but your mind. Nice one.

Cheers Rudi
Thank you to Michelle Galper for sending in this delicious cake to help celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on Friday. The theme for Down Syndrome Day was "Lots of Socks."

Gabby Celebrates her Birthday
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
It's never too early in the day to wear a pearl necklace.

Bella from class 3-6K

Karate Demonstration this week...........
Dance Demonstration
will take place at next Monday's Assembly.
India Calling at Vaucluse Public School
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<td>Enjoy relaxing with your friends! Hot Popcorn included</td>
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