Harry M from class KM... sums it up rather well at our Mother’s day celebrations today.
Dear Parents

This morning we could not believe how lucky we were to have such a beautiful day for our Mothers’ Day celebrations. Our students were thrilled to be able to perform and welcome you into their classrooms. We love that they do not have to go within coo-ee of Westfield Bondi Junction to celebrate their mums. Our teachers put a great deal of work into the concert. I know that much thought went into the choice of songs and they delivered heartfelt messages of love. There was much excitement at the Mothers’ Day Stall. Thank you for your support of this stall. The gifts were fabulous. There was an error in the note regarding Mothers’ Day. The note stated that money raised would be going to books purchased for the Library. This is not the case. We are very keen to connect the Bush Tucker Garden with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and the money raised will go towards purchasing new plants for the Bush Tucker Garden, fertilizer and signage. The staff have organised a working bee after school in the following weeks to prepare the garden for the plantings. Keep an eye on the progress of the garden as we have big plans.

On Monday of this week Ange Davids spent all day helping our students make the scones that were served at the Mothers’ Day Morning Tea. We also love this connection with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We know our students enjoyed making something for their mums.

Next week is NAPLAN testing. Teachers have been preparing students all year. We try to keep it very low key and calm. For Year 3 it is their first experience of formal testing and can be quite daunting. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. For your information if your child misses a day Friday will be a make-up day.

This week information regarding 2016 Opportunity Classes went home for Year 4. If you missed this information it is in today’s newsletter and David Todd also has information available.

Yesterday was the 3-6 Cross Country. Winners will be announced at Monday’s assembly. Thank you to all those parents who came out in support of their children. Christisson Park is a wonderful location and I know everyone enjoyed being out of school in the sunshine.

Maureen Hallahan
Vaucluse PS Nepal Shelterbox Program

Dear Parents

Our school leaders and other students have expressed their concern about the disaster in Nepal. I met with the school leaders and the concerned students. We discussed ways we could help and we decided a Shelterbox would be the most useful way of helping. Each Shelterbox costs $1000. We would like to raise enough funds to buy one Shelterbox. We are asking that everyone bring in two gold coins by May 14 2015. Parents are most welcome to donate also.

The school leaders and concerned students will be visiting each classroom to explain what a Shelterbox is and how we can help. They will also be talking about the Shelterbox program at Assembly.

For your information Shelterbox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, dignity and warmth to people affected by disaster worldwide. This week with the help of Rotary they delivered 500 Shelterboxes to Kathmandu. The contents of the box vary depending on local needs but all contain the basic life sustaining materials people need to survive after a disaster. Such as: a tent that fits 12 people, multi fuel stove, utensils, tool kit, thermal blankets and insulated ground sheets, mosquito nets and the waterproof box everything comes in.

We are very pleased to be able to help in some way. Parents are most welcome to donate also. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
30 April 2015

Vaucluse Public School 2015 School Leaders and concerned students.
It was scones scones scones last week and this at Vaucluse Public School. An amazing effort from our students with the guidance of Ange!
Another Successful Mother's Day morning tea at Vaucluse Public School
Mother’s Day at Vaucluse Public School
Beatrice, one of our wonderful drivers, loves to listen to music in her car while she is transporting students. Sometimes she dances in the car park and the students join in.
What’s on?
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on! Dare yourself to complete the challenge by the 21st of August and receive a PRC certificate!
To fill out your child’s reading record, simply visit the PRC website, logon using your child’s DEC internet details (usually in the form of their name eg. Username: joe.bloggs and class password: 6S) and enter the book using the title or PRC number. Happy reading!

The Children’s Book Council of Australia shortlist has been announced and is a great place to start if you’re looking for a good book to read. We will start reading some in library and deciding who we think the winner will be. Find the full list at http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm

Have you got a library bag?
It is very important that your child has a library bag. They protect the books from all the lovely squishy wet things that end up in your school bag, from being dropped in the playground or left around the school at the mercy of the elements.
It also helps keep them from getting lost on the floor of the car or under the bed.
School library bags are available from the uniform shop and double as a useful bag for excursions. If you are unable to have a school library bag, any bag is better than none.

Don’t forget the library is open before and after school!
Forgot to return your books? Desperate to borrow some new ones but it’s not your library day?
The library is open from 8:50am before school and closes after school at 4:00pm.
The Hole

‘The Hole’ was illustrated by Qyvind Torseter, and is about your protagonist that moves to an apartment. He discovers a hole in the wall, and goes to the next room to see where it’s coming from but... It seems to be moving! First the hole is in the wall, and next it’s on the ground, then the door. He calls someone to look at it but they said to bring it down to them. So he tries to catch it with a box. He finally does and takes it to some scientists to experiment on it. ‘The Hole’ is a picture book for all ages. I recommend this book because it has humour, great illustrations and a fun storyline. The moral of this story is that... well there really isn’t really a moral at all! But it is still an exciting and fun picture book to read with family.
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Dear Parents

Please join us on Tuesday 12 May from 7pm to 9pm in the school library for a special presentation by our school principal Maureen Hallahan will present the 2015-2017 draft School Plan.

There will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to provide comments/feedback and become engaged in the future of our school.

Warmest regards
Stephanie Atkinson
President VPS P&C

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

The Cross Country Carnival at Christisson park yesterday ....

Finally a beautiful blue sky.
Volunteer book keeper urgently needed for our clothing pool. Please contact Sasha Irvine—0417215145

WINTER STOCKTAKE SALE
Stock up on sports uniforms for 25-50% discounts for a limited time:

Boys rugby shorts size 4-12, usually $20
$15 each

Girls netball skirts size 8-12, usually $20
$10 each

NEW CLOTHING POOL OPENING HOURS
To accommodate school music classes, clothing pool hours have changed:
Wednesday and Friday morning
8.30am-9.20am