Our Indigenous mural created by the students of Vaucluse Public School and Aunty Kathy
Dear Parents

Today’s *Stay In Bed Day* has been a huge success. Being able to wear your pyjamas to school and stay in them all day has been a wonderful treat for very tired students and teachers. It has been a great way to end the term. The day has been filled with much laughter. This morning at 10 o’clock we had an Emergency Evacuation practice. Our Assembly Point is just above the walk down to Parsley Bay Reserve. (It is the closest large space that will accommodate our school.) On the way down to the reserve we passed several tourist buses on the way to Watsons Bay. The looks on the visitors faces as they passed 350 children and their teachers in their pyjamas was priceless.

The first day of Term 3 is a pupil free day. Students will return on Tuesday 14 July 2015. On Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 6.30 p.m we will be holding a *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden* information evening for all parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our kitchen and garden specialists, students and teachers will be presenting an evening that explains how the SAKG program works in our school. Please save the date to come and hear how this program works throughout our school. If you are interested in volunteering this will be a great opportunity to begin that relationship.

A big thank you to the parents who are part of a dedicated and hard-working P&C team at our school. They have been working tirelessly behind the scenes this term to improve the outdoor spaces at Vaucluse Public School. This group has also been diligent in participating in working bees, covering books and supervising our pedestrian crossings, drop offs and roads. There is also a wonderful group of parents who come every week and help out with reading and maths groups. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the huge contribution of the parents in the Uniform Shop also. The students and staff very much appreciate your efforts. It is this united network of support that makes Vaucluse PS a great place for all our students. Thank you.

On behalf of the staff at Vaucluse PS we wish you a happy and safe holiday. I gave my usual holiday homework at Assembly yesterday. Everyone must have at least one day of the holidays where you do nothing and stay in your PJs all day.

Treasure the time you spend with those you love the most.

Maureen Hallahan
Below - Luna, Phoenix, Mielle, Hamish and Pania. In their Pyjamas to raise funds and awareness of Mitochondrial disease (mito).

Left - Isla, Ava, Mia, Stella, Blu, Elijah and Hugo.

Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Weiss happy to be having a day in their P.J.s today.
Vaucluse
House
Excursion
Class KH host this week's Assembly
Veggie Garden Wildlife

After recovery from recent hail damage, and cabbage white butterfly attack we now are contending with a new furry and feathery friends munching on our vegetables.

I have been racking my brain trying to work out what has been nibbling on our brassicas and lettuce.

Was it caterpillars, rats, escaped chickens, hungry children?

To find out who was nibbling our plants I set a trail camera up on Saturday night to see what I could pick up. Every time something moved in front of the camera a sensor picked its motion up and snapped a happy snap. The results one big fat possum caught in the act. ... and a cat....

A crested pigeon and a cat were caught on film as well.

I have inserted some photos for your viewing.

Cheers Rudi Adlmayer Kitchen Gardener
rudi.adlmayer@gmail.com
MPPS competition report

Last Thursday I was lucky enough to accompany four VPS students to the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition local final at Rose Bay Public School.

Our school was represented by Thomas Harnett (Year 3), Isabella Sheffield (Year 4), Monique Bathgate (Year 5) and Claire Villata (Year 6). They had to prepare and deliver a speech on a multicultural topic and also had 5 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech. This year’s impromptu topics were “Hard work” (Stage 2) and “Time’s running out” (Stage 3).

Our students did an outstanding job of speaking on what are very relevant, complex issues. The standard across the board was incredibly high. What also stood out on the day was the great sportsmanship shown by our students and the participants from all schools in general. After every speech the speakers sitting on either side would give them a pat on the back or some words of encouragement. Students from other schools, strangers and competitors; it didn’t matter, they were all so happy for each other. It was really inspirational to watch. Well done to those students.

-Miss Caesar
Music Summary

Dear Parents,

It is nearly end of Term 2, I would like to let you know what we have learned at music lessons this term.

Early Stage:

Students in kindergarten learned to create their own music patterns using egg shakers; We have listened to many different songs and we danced and moved along with the music; We have started early music appreciation lesson where we listened to the song ‘Flight of Bumble Bee’ and we watched different form of performances of this song. Moreover, we learned about musical instruments and their families; as well as instruments from different countries.

To get ready for Musica Viva in Term 3, we learned about Latino musical Instruments and we learned a Spanish song.

Stage 1:

The goal for Year 1 and 2 students was to explore different kinds of music and extend their knowledge of music genres. We listened to different style of music (classical, rock, pop etc); we learnt about musical instruments from all over the world; and the biggest achievement for this term was that we learned about Mozart and his music, especially we watched a cartoon video of ‘The Magic Flute’.

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Stage 2:

At the beginning of the term, we learned to perform a rhythmic ostinato ‘Sun Arise’. Then we explored and listened to different style of music in the world, as well as musical instruments from different countries; On top of what we learned for sight-reading in term 1, this term we have done a little bit more sight-reading. Students now should be able to recognize notes for Treble Clef and Bass Clef; Later of this term, all Stage 2 students watched Mozart’s Opera ‘The Magic Flute’ and we watched a cartoon video of it.

To get ready for Musica Viva in Term 3, we learned about Latino musical Instruments and we learned a Spanish song. Year 3 students especially have learned a dance for the Spanish song.

Stage 3:

At the beginning of Term Two, Year 5 and 6 students have learned about song structure, we tried to analyze different songs. We then learned about Mozart and his music, as well as his famous opera ‘The Magic Flute’. Besides sight-reading for Treble Clef we learned last term, this term we learned how to read notes for Bass Clef too. We also had a look at the worldwide instruments lists and we listened to the sound of some instruments. To get ready for Musica Viva in Term 3, we learned about Latino music Instruments and we learned a Spanish song.

Senior School Choir

Senior School Choir runs regularly at Lunchtime on Wednesdays. Students are divided into Soprano, medium voices and bass groups based on their voices and their own choices. We learned one new song every three weeks and now all members should have their own singing folders.

Morning Guitar Group Lesson

From Week 4 this term, we started running guitar lesson on Friday morning. Students have their own books and each week we learned 2-3 songs. Students now should be able to warm up their fingers by themselves and able to play G, A, B, C on the guitar.

Musica Viva

We are having a Latino Band – Tigramuna coming to our school next term for Musica Viva.

Miss E Lin

Music Teacher
We looked at the Shoe Exhibit and then made and decorated a shoe Chloe and Lucea—2H

We got to sit on the penny Farthing bide. It was hard to reach the pedals Hamish and Will 2H

The Powerhouse Museum
RESPECT

We all use the word respect quite often. But what does it mean? It means: esteem for the worth or excellence of a person or a living thing.

AS a child growing up in this world, I have always been taught to respect my elders or respect my teachers, respect the rules where ever you go, yet I find it quite funny when I see what grownups respect, from money, cars to big houses......they seem to break the rules of respect quite often. Whether it be smoking, when its clearing marked NO SMOKING, or road rage, yelling and screaming at other drivers showing no respect at all, or young adult sitting on a bus when there is a old person standing, or worst, people being racist to others because they are different to them.

If an adult had no respect when he or she was a child then, that can lead to a negative attitude for life, because they are unable to show respect for anything or even respect themselves because no one has taught them how.

Respect is a word or a feeling I find hard to understand sometimes, some people are easy to respect, and some are difficult, I believe that you should respect everyone even if they are a bully, by respecting them, we try to understand what has happen in their life , and we try to help them. Hopefully this will change them and they will try to respect the person that their bulling, and stop!

I think strongly that respect comes from your feelings to a person and that I could respect someone properly or improperly.

By Chaii Ki from Class 5B
Dear Parents,

Term 3 bookings for Dance, Karate & Netball are NOW OPEN! Our P&C run programs are becoming very popular so get in quick to reserve your spot!

All activities will begin week 2 of Term 3 Monday 20th July for 9 week Term for at $20 per session for all activities $180 total per activity. Classes must be booked and paid for up front.

Beginning in Term 3 we will have a new sign in / sign out policy. We request that for all morning activities you sign your child in. For all afternoon activities you sign your child out. This is for your child’s safety and to ensure the teacher running the event knows exactly the names and contacts of the child’s parents or carer in case of the very rare event of an emergency.

Also importantly if your child attends VOOSC and you want them to participate in any of these activities you will need to discuss with Lee White so she is aware and there will be a sign in / sign out system set up between Lee and the external person running the activity for these students.

Best Regards
Samantha Lambert

DANCE
Run By Dale Pope and her exceptional Dance Team from REDed Dance

**Tuesday 8.15am School Hall - Kindy - Year2 - Hip Hop Boys Crew**

This dance program is specifically designed for boys to engage them in experiencing new ways of moving both taught and self explored. As a Hip Hop Crew the boys will learn fundamental tools such as relationship of their bodies in space, co-ordination, musicality, discipline and social interaction along with street smart moves! They will also develop core strength and upper body strength as we explore some of the tricky but very cool ‘freezes’. REDed is thrilled to provide exceptional dance education through fun, laughter, exploration and high energy expression.

**Thursday 8.15am School Hall - Year 3-6 Mixed Hip Hop and Jazz**

A strong focus on jazz while exploring the tricks and challenges of street hip hop. Focusing on performance dances using formations, skills and creative elements to engage the dancers.

**Friday 8.15am School Hall - Year K-2 Girls Jazz**

A fun, quirky and high energy class - skills, drills, dances, games and special performance routines. Capturing the energy of jazz through skill based work that develops throughout the class into dances full of colour, vibrancy and awesome fun.

**ALL** payments are to be made through Try Booking.

Please note that this is the ONLY form of payment we will be accepting going forward. Please do not pay with cash or cheques or to the P&C bank account.

Xanthe Lenior is the contact for dance classes – Mobile is 0430 392 984 and email is xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au
Karate Details

Monday 8.15am School Hall - ALL AGES – 9 week term ($180)

You can ONLY book through Try Booking. It is super easy I have attached the link for you. Note - this is the ONLY form of payment we will be accepting going forward. Please do not pay with cash or cheques or by direct deposit.


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Samantha Lambert is the contact for karate classes – Mobile is (0429) 925644 and email is samantha.lambert14@me.com

NETBALL


Run By Jacquee Saunders professional netball coach from "Love Netball" and one of our lovely VPS mums

Playing a team sport makes us feel good! We know our team is counting on us. Our children learn key social and physical skills that empower them far beyond the confines of the court.

We are also REALLY keen to not only practise but get a Vaucluse team together to play Saturday morning competition! We can do this through Love Netball. If you are keen for your child to play Saturday competition and for further details please contact Jacquee Saunders on (0419) 224 420 or jacquasaunders@hotmail.com or go to website - [www.lovenetball.com.au](http://www.lovenetball.com.au) (Saturday morning Netball comp for 6-12 yr olds)

Netball Details (on Netball Court)

Kindy – Year 1 Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm – 9 week term ($180)
Year 2 - Year 3 Wednesday 8:00am - 9:00am 9 week term ($180)
Year 4 – Year 6 – Friday 8.00am-9.00am - 9 week term ($180)

NOTE: there will be no cancellations due to wet weather in Term 3. On rainy days Netball will go ahead as normal we will be holding theory classes in the hall or library.

Samantha Lambert is the contact for Netball classes – Mobile is (0429) 925644 and email is samantha.lambert14@me.com

The ONLY way to pay is via try booking

6T - Get into the kitchen for some sugar free cooking this week

6T—LIVE Antarctica connected classroom activity yesterday. Stage 3 spoke with scientists on Davis Station and shared work with 11 other schools from around NSW.
Our Dance students put on an amazing performance for the school and parents this week.
VAUCLOUSE P&C

DISCO

NEW DATE:
Term 3 - 7 August 2015

Year K-2 from 3.30pm
Years 3 - 6 from 5pm

Featuring: DJ Kit Kat
More details to come....

DISCO MUMS AND DADS needed - contact sarah@redant.com.au if you can help with hairspray, glowsticks and BBQ