Friday 24 July 2015  Term 2 week

The Vaucluse Weekly

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[Images of children cooking and preparing food]
Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents who attended the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Information evening on Tuesday night. It was a wonderful evening where we celebrated and learnt more about this hugely successful program. It was a great opportunity for us also to reflect on the profound impact of this program for all our students. Thank you to Ang Davids, Rudi Adelmayer, Karla Aspden and David Todd for their presentations. Keep a close eye on the website for the film David Todd created for the evening.

On the same night David Todd was at NIDA headquarters supporting the Vaucluse PS Drama Group. Our students were selected to perform in the *Ultimo Public Schools Drama Festival*. They performed a superb play written by our very own and extremely talented David Todd. Unfortunately I was unable to be there as I was here at the SAKG evening. By all accounts our students’ performance was outstanding. Thank you to those parents who supported this initiative. At our Grandparents Day / Open Day you will have an opportunity to see this wonderful piece performed.

There are two additional notes in the newsletter today. Both are self-explanatory. One is Oska Still’s initiative for Bo-Peep Kindergarten in Rose Bay. The other is to inform you of a survey we are conducting on *School Satisfaction*. We hope you are able to support both.

We are very busy at the moment preparing for Grandparents Day / Open Day. This year’s theme for Education Week is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. We have included the Invitation in this week’s newsletter. Teachers and students are preparing rooms and items for presentation on Thursday 30 July. The canteen is doing a sausage sizzle if you are unable to bring a picnic lunch. The Library will have on display books that can be purchased for donation to the school. These books will be used to support the implementation of the new history syllabus. We are expecting a large crowd and are looking forward to showing off our school.

The school has recently purchased a large number of books for Guided Reading programs in all classes. On Thursday 6 August we will be holding a working bee in the library to cover these books. If you can spare an hour or two on 6 August we would be very appreciative. Please lock the date in so we can get these books into classrooms quickly.

Our school is looking absolutely fabulous at the moment. The rain has done wonders for the playground. Young is doing a fine job keeping the playground and the classrooms spotless. The P&C environment committee and I have plans to plant native grasses along the main entrance to school and fix the bald patch on the front field. You may have noticed the wonderful work going on behind the three new classrooms. This work is being led by Julia Morgan. Today Julia and her class along with representatives from Woollahra Council planted a huge number of native plants to celebrate Planet Arc’s *Schools National Tree Day 2015*. This was done behind the portable classroom area which has been recently landscaped. The outdoor classroom funded by the school and the P&C is a wonderful space for our students to work, eat and relax in. This outdoor classroom is connecting very well with the Bush Tucker garden. The Bush Tucker garden along with the Reconciliation Garden has been integrated into the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. And as mentioned last week our students are thrilled with the ‘new’ toilets. We are indeed very fortunate to be part of this wonderful school.

*Maureen Hallahan*
Joy is sandy yellow
It sounds like the sea
It smells like fresh berries
It tastes like tropical crush
It looks like long, blond hair
Joy feels like cool water
Negin 3S

Pride is golden
It sounds like applause
It smells like fresh flowers
It tastes like ice cream
It looks like a shiny trophy
Pride feels like the best thing ever
Appley 3S

Anger is red
It sounds like a vampire’s scream
It smells like burnt marshmallow
It tastes like blood
It looks like spreading bush-fire
Anger feels like hot chilli
Elijah 3S

Anger is dark red
It sounds like the snort of a bull
It smells like acrid smoke
It tastes like fiery chilli
It looks like a fierce hippo
Anger feels sweaty and hot
Luciano 3S

Embarrassed is blushing red
It sounds like a fart in assembly
It smells like snot
It tastes like a dead fly
It looks like a rotten egg
Embarrassed feels like cool water
Sophie 3S

Anger is fiery red
It sounds like war
It smells like dead fish
It tastes hot chilli
It looks like raging bush-fire
Anger feels like a burn
Charlie 3S
Regional Drama Festival
Ultimo Public Schools

This week our 3-6 drama ensemble performed at the parade theatre at NIDA with other schools from right across Sydney with students aged 5-17. Our students did Vaucluse Public School proud. Their behaviour both on and off the stage was outstanding. They performed very professionally with enthusiastic portrayals of the characters from our piece entitled ‘Adrift.’ We look forward to performing our play for the school on Grandparents Day.

David Todd
Drama Teacher
Planet Ark's Schools Tree Day
Thank You
Vaucluse Public School
for digging in for the environment on Planet Ark’s Schools Tree Day
Dear Parents and Students

In the school holidays Bo-Peep Kindergarten in Rose Bay was badly vandalised. All the children's toys were destroyed and their Guinea Pigs have gone missing. Oska Still in 5B has organised an appeal to help the Kindergarten. We would like everyone to bring in a gold coin by Friday 31 July. Oska and friends will collect the money each morning from the classroom. We will then give the money to the Kindergarten on behalf of the students of Vaucluse Public School to replace their lost toys and Guinea Pigs. We hope you can help.

Thank you
Oska Still and Friends
Maureen Hallahan
Principal 24 July 2015
Dear Parents,

There seems to be an accumulating number of bags in our corridor. Stewart House collected donations months ago. Please do not bring any more donations as we now do not have the means to remove them until mid August.
Welcome to Term 3 in the SAKG Kitchen.

This term has cooled down quite considerably and it feels like we’re back into feeling the temperatures of 4 distinct seasons again!

With a new season comes a different variety of produce to work with in our fabulous kitchen. We have delicious leeks, broccoli, beans, the freshest of eggs, broad beans, bananas & Green papaya on the way and seasonal herbs to complete any culinary dish.

As with all our cooking classes, the key ingredient to making it a spectacular taste sensation is enthusiasm & participation!

In the smooth running of this incredible program we have, are our invaluable volunteers. They generously give an hour of their time to come and help in our cooking classes. If you are interested, pop by the kitchen and put your name on the volunteer roster or you can email me, nativemoon@mac.com

Attached is the roster timetable for all yr3-6 classes.
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Singing in the rain
presented by 1W at this week's assembly
Invitation

Education Week Activities
Grandparents Day and Open Day
Thursday 30 July 2015

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

The students and staff of Vaucluse Public School would like to invite you to Education Week Open Day / Grandparents Day on Thursday 30 July 2015. We will be celebrating in a variety of ways. Activities will commence at 12.15 pm.

The program for all classes will be as follows:

- **12.15**: Visit your child / grandchild's classroom to participate and observe a class in action.
- **1.10**: Picnic lunch in the bottom playground on the grass with your loved ones. Bring a picnic lunch or Sausage Sizzle from the canteen.
- **1.10**: Visit our Library and donate a book to either our fiction collection or non fiction collection.
- **1.30**: Enjoy a guided tour of our school including our garden.
- **2.00**: Enjoy a concert in the middle playground where all members of our school will demonstrate their creative skills.

We look forward to seeing you and entertaining you on Thursday.

Maureen Hallahan and the staff and students of Vaucluse PS

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FACT: Did you know Children who engage in just one third more outdoor activities than their peers grow up to be happier adults?

Grow Happy this National Tree Day, Sun 26 July - Diamond Bay
Join families across the country connecting with nature and inspiring positive environmental change by helping to plant more than 1000 plants at Diamond Bay Reserve. This year's local planting festival includes a tree-mendous yoga class overlooking the ocean, followed by the planting frenzy and a hearty BBQ to celebrate all your hard work.

Activities
9 - 9.45am A tree-mendous yoga class overlooking the dramatic cliffs of Diamond Bay (kid-friendly)
10am - 12pm Planting 1,700 plants to help the Diamond Bay Reserve flourish
12 - 1pm A hearty BBQ to celebrate all your hard work (kosher and veggie options available)

When: Sunday 26 July 2015 9:00am to 1:00pm
Where: Diamond Bay Reserve, Craig Ave, Vaucluse NSW 2030

Bring: A yoga mat or a towel for the tree-mendous yoga class, a hat, suitable clothes and shoes for gardening and a water bottle. We will provide the gloves, tools and equipment.

Dig in and register at Grow Happy on National Tree Day, Sun 26 July
VAUCLOUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL
WEEKLY TENNIS CLUB

NEXT GENERATION SPORTS
Established in 2001
ABN: 80 111 922 279
PHONE: JED GOULD 0411 775 945
EMAIL: gouldje@kbn.nsw.edu.au

Your tennis coach is Pedro, Senior tennis coach at Kikapool Rose Bay and Hot Shots coach.

DATE: 16 July 2016 - 4 September 2016
MEETING POINT: School basketball court
TIME: 3.30pm - 4.00pm
COST: $45
Inclusive rates for lane enrolments
Cheques to NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

HOW TO ENROL:
Email: gouldje@kbn.nsw.edu.au
Post: PO Box 599
ROSE BAY NSW 2029

FORMS CAN ALSO BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HOT SHOTS TERMS
A 12 Hot Shots Tennis is for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, raquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

IMPORTANT POINTS
- Students won’t be accepted without enrolment form
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- It is preferred students have a tennis racquet
- Coaches turn up in all weather conditions

Next Generation Sports also runs the Greenlees Park Tennis Club in Concord.
We offer court hire, Junior Hot Shots programs, adult coaching, ladies coaching and Junior tennis competitions
www.greenleesparktennisclub.com.au

ENROLLMENT SLIP
Enrolment fees

STUDENT’S NAME: ____________________________
MOTHER’S NAME: ____________________________
DATE OF BIRTH: __________

BUSH PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACHING:

BUYING A TENNIS RACQUET (2225):
YES: ☐ NO: ☐

BUYING TENNIS DNA REG: ☐

APPLICABLE CASH FUND (FUND): ☐

PAYMENT METHOD:
□ CASH □ VISA □ MASTERCARD ☐ MONEY ORDER
AMOUNT PAID: $_________ BALANCE DUE:

I acknowledge my child is permanently supervised away from the facility by phone. Consent granted is only for the time of the enrolment. Number of phones:

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Join us for a morning of family fun and community solidarity as we walk hand-in-hand to benefit an organisation that brings joy, cheer, and respite to children with special needs and their families.

Where  Vaucluse Primary School, Cambridge Ave

When  Sunday 16th August 2015

Time  from 9:30am

REGISTRATION IS FREE at www.sydneyfc.org/walk

Presenting Sponsor

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School Satisfaction Survey

Dear Parents

In Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015 we sent out a qualitative questionnaire to understand your view of the strengths of the school, the needs of children and your future hopes and dreams for the school. The 2015–2017 School Plan was developed on the basis of this information. We would now like to understand how satisfied you are with the school and your children’s experience and discover how many of our parents have similar or different views. The information we acquire as a result of this survey will inform the planning process for the implementation of the 2015 – 2017 School Plan.

The Australian school environment is characterised by regulatory change, a growing focus on the academic needs of children and their well-being, the need to individualize education plans for children, and delivering targeted and more consistent service levels to children and parents. Making the right decisions on how we support you is critical to the overall success of your child’s education as well as the reputation of the school.

This research will determine:

- What we need to do to improve the overall education and well-being of children
- Support services that may contribute to your child’s enjoyment and growth
- How we need to communicate and engage with our parents and
- Our strategic priorities for the next one to three years.

I will present the high level results of the survey to the P&C. The results will inform our planning.

To ensure your confidentiality all responses will be collected and reported by Kathleen Tepana, parent of Claudia in 5B and of Tepana Financial Indices an independent market research consultancy and individual responses will remain confidential and only be analysed in aggregate form unless you agree otherwise.

To begin the questionnaire please click on the link below and allow approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please complete the questionnaire by Friday 31 July 2015.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VauclusePublicSchool2015

If you have any questions about the survey please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 93372672. To start the survey click on this link:

Note: If you cannot click this link, please copy and paste this link into your browser.

Thank you for your support

Maureen Hallahan
Principal
21 July 2015

PS If you need to stop the questionnaire midway, your responses will be captured to this point. When you have time to come back to the survey just click on your link in this mail and you will return to where you left off.
VOOSC NEWS

Welcome back to term 3!
We had so much fun during the holidays with many exciting activities, that it has been really difficult to get back to our school routine.
The kids have talked non stop about how much they enjoyed vacation care, wishing that they could have several of our programmed activities at school everyday.
Wouldn’t it be great if we could spend all day riding horses and billycarts?

Changes to Voosc

Over the break we were fortunate to receive a donation from outside of the school community. We now have three brand new desks for our homework and activities area and two wall units for storage. Such a surprise and something that we really needed.
We also had a new wall mounted heater installed to provide the children with more floor space to play and to ensure a safer environment.
Thank you to Ms Hallahan for approving this change and arranging a fast installation. We sure sing your praises on a cold, frosty morn!
To add to our garden area, we have had two solid planter boxes built from sustainable materials with the inclusion of a self watering system and stainless steel casters so we can move them around if needed. The kids will be able to enjoy growing things at Voosc for many years to come. It also makes the area on the balcony so much nicer to look at. We are still on the hunt for a solution for the Frangipani trees, which will finally free us of the recycling bins.

VOOSC STARS

The first Voosc Stars for Term 3 have been chosen for friendship, loyalty and respect.
Well done and Congratulations to the following children,

Sophie L
Your star is for being respectful to everyone. You always have outstanding manners Sophie and are mindful to include others. A true Star!

Henry H
Henry, you are such a wonderful big brother and friend! You always look out for your sister and your buddies. Your star is for loyalty and is truly deserving of a place on our wall of fame!

Adam F
Your star is for friendship Adam. Being a great and happy friend to everyone and a good sport with everything you do, has put your star on our wall of fame.

Congratulations
Kind Regards,
VOOSC TEAM

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