I little KA drama as we investigate the Great White Shark.
Dear Parents

It has been a fabulous week at Vaucluse Public School. The 3-6 Athletics Carnival was an outstanding example of team spirit and good sportsmanship. Our Sports Captains demonstrated wonderful leadership. They lead, encouraged, supported and organised their teams superbly. The carnival ran very smoothly and we very much appreciated the help of parents. It was also heartening to see so many parents there to cheer everyone on. We were extremely lucky with the weather with perfect conditions for an athletics carnival. Miss Butt is tallying the results and will have those to us next week.

The weather gods were indeed shining on us this week and our Grandparents Day / Open Day was also perfect weather. Thursday was an outstanding day for everyone at Vaucluse Public School. We were at our best. The programs demonstrated in the classroom were interesting and engaging. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents interacting with our students. In some classrooms it was extremely hard to get in because of the crowd. We loved the generosity of spirit where many Grandparents were happy to share and step in and be foster grandparents to students who did not have a special older person. We also loved seeing older friends, neighbours, great aunts and uncles here to celebrate all the things that being an older member of the community involves. We loved our students conducting the special Walking Tours where they visited interesting parts of the school. We loved the picnic lunch. Miss Caesar was thrilled with the huge injection of new books that was the result of the generosity of parents and grandparents. A very big thank you to Ang Davids our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Specialist who along with students cooked up a storm on Monday. The scones that were baked and sold were a huge success and sold out almost immediately. Justin from the canteen was run off his feet and completely underestimated the popularity of the canteen. The situation in the canteen was quite demanding. Thank you to those parents who assisted Rachel and Justin. Thank you to Karla Aspden whose culinary skills were put to the test. Justin apologises for those people who went home hungry.

The concert that followed after lunch also showcased talent and the rich learning that is happening in our school. We are enjoying the great performance space that the middle playground now provides. The ramp to the library is proving to be a creative and flexible space. Our students are able to sit and view performances and the audience is able to have good clear vision of performers. We were also able to accommodate the huge number of visitors and supporters.

We thought it was a great day. It was wonderful to see the tangible evidence of the support that is behind our students. It was also affirming to see the outstanding programs being implemented in classrooms and the way our students engage so positively with learning. Yesterday we were able to see why Vaucluse Public School is a great place for our students to be. Thank you from all of us here for your support of our school.

Maureen Hallahan
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.
Ang, our students and parent helpers have been busily preparing delicious treats in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen for Grandparents Day.

**Working Bee To Cover Guided Readers**

Do you have a spare hour next week? If so come to the Library next Thursday 6 August and help our wonderful SAO – Melita cover books.

Morning Tea provided.

RSVP: Corinne 93372672 or email vaucluse-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Grandparents Day.
Vaucluse School was selected for a $1000 environmental grant which we will use to trial a co-mingled recycling pick up service. This program and grant were supported through the Woollahra Council Community Environmental Grants Program. Our School Captains Claire and Marc accepted the cheque from the Mayor Councillor Toni Zeitzer at Council Chambers.
Information For Guitar Group Students

Being part of the guitar group can be a truly rewarding experience. Apart from learning to play the guitar, an impressive skill on its own, students learn to develop self-discipline with benefit to the wider curriculum. We will also plan to do some performances at school assemblies. This will develop self-confidence.

Guitar group is open to any interested student in Years 1 – 6. The majority of children who join the Guitar Group are from year 1 – 3. Students are required to have their own guitar and have purchased the required materials.

We have a large number of students who are interested in joining the guitar group. Children who join the guitar group must be prepared to participate fully and understand that they have made a firm commitment to remain in the group for a whole term, or if you wish to leave the group you must let the teacher know so we can let other students fill the spot.

You are required to come to the weekly lesson on time. Our weekly lesson time is 8.45am Friday. We normally start the lesson on time. If you are late you might miss out the warm up or important demonstrations from teacher.

You will have to practice at home. Learning an instrument requires lots of practice. We learn 2-3 songs per week and the teacher always writes down notes and dates on top of the song they have learned. If the student doesn’t practice after the lesson, he/she might forget about what we have learned, this may result to not able to catch up with other students during lessons.

Please make sure you sit somewhere you can see the teacher clearly. The teacher always demonstrate 3 – 4 times beforehand. It would be very helpful if you can make sure that you can see the teacher properly.

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Student’s Name: _______________________________________

Parent’s Name: _______________________________________

Parent’s Email: _______________________________________

Parent’s Phone Number: _____________________________________
A Message from Father Chris

First Confession at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Watsons Bay

Sacrament Notice: If your child is in Year 2 at school and is at least 7 years of age, please contact Father Chris Higgins at Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Watsons Bay. If you would like them to make their First Confession/Reconciliation, names and a contact phone number must be supplied by Sunday 16 August. Two or three training sessions will follow, with days and times to be advised. Please contact Father Chris on 93372033 (ext. 4)
THE FRIENDSHIP WALK

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2015

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
Wednesday 19 August
1:15 — 2:30

 YEAR 6
 MINI FETE

Sausage Sizzle     2nd Hand Stall
Face Painting      Target Game
Arts and Crafts    Tin Can Bowling
Guessing Competition Temporary Tattoos
Goal Shoot         Home Made Lemonade
Chocolate Fondue   and much more!

BRING ALONG SOME MONEY
SO YOU CAN ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH,
TREATS & GAMES

All money raised from the Mini Fete will be used for the Year 6 Farewell and will go towards the Year 6 Gift.
**VOOSCNEWS**

**Our Little Foxes at VOOSC**

We currently have some great craft and activity boxes from “Our Little Foxes”, available for families to look at.

They make a fantastic gift idea, especially with Christmas around the corner.

Each month explores a different theme, this month is for the little scientist.

All purchases can be made through Our Little Foxes with a percentage of sales being donated to our centre.

**VOOSC STARS**

**Freya**

This star has been awarded for always being a wonderful Voosc kid.

Freya, you are always kind and respectful to everyone, helpful and give everything your very best effort.

Well done and Congratulations, you deserve a place on the VOOSC Wall of Fame!

All of your VOOSC friends big and small, will miss you.

**Xavier**

Xavier, our VOOSC Wall of Fame would not be complete without your Star.

Responsibility, good sportsmanship and a kind heart have made you shine.

Good luck and have lots of exciting adventures, we will miss you !

**Geneveive**

We are so happy to award this star to you Geneveive .

For your outstanding efforts in cleaning up and packing away after play this week, you have truly deserved a place on the wall of fame.

**Good girl Geneveive, Congratulations !**

**Julian V**

For kindness, caring and a willingness to help others, this has made your star shine brightly.

Welcome to the wall of fame Julian !

**Congratulations.**

**A gentle reminder to Parents.**

Our centre does close at 6:00pm sharp. We are understanding of all situations if informed, however repeat offenders be warned……. You will be fined !

Kind regards,

**VOOSC TEAM**

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VAUCLUSE 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