Miss Morgan and Class 1/2M at Parsley Bay
Dear Parents

We have finally arrived at the last day of a very big term. This week the staff looked back on what had been achieved this term and we realised how busy the term had been. The staff resolved to try and keep activities to a minimum in Term 4. However Term 4 is shaping up to be just as demanding. We begin the term with a walkathon on the first Friday. *Comes as Your Favourite Sports Star* is the theme and funds raised will go towards installing WiFi throughout the school. We have organised a whole school buddy activity in the form of *Sculptures By the Sea*. All classes will be attending this excursion (with the exception of David Todd’s Drama Group). The activity will culminate in a buddy picnic in Bronte Park. Teachers will be rigorously assessing for end of year reports and meeting to place students in their 2016 classes. We will also have our very first Vaucluse PS film festival – *VFLIX*.

Most classes have completed shooting their films. It has been a wonderful activity that has involved so many parents who have expertise in film making. You may have seen parents walking around with Shoot Lists and Story Boards and lots of budding actors. We are delighted with the skills that students have developed and the opportunity of sharing parent expertise. The staff have commented on how their film making skills have developed also. Visual texts are a very important aspect of twenty first century learning and the new Australian curriculums. The film making opportunity has given an authentic context to rich learning in our school. If you have not purchased your tickets for *VFLIX*, make it a priority for the first week back.

On Wednesday 16 September Year One and Two walked to Watsons Bay and took full advantage of the fantastic local area. They had a wonderful day out and were well supported by lots of parent volunteers. Karen Wright gave a superb presentation for all students at the Fisherman’s Club. It was a huge success and I have heard from many students how fantastic Karen was. Karen is one of those members of our community who does a great deal for us very quietly. Karen – thank you for all you do for our students and our school.

In the holidays there will be quite a bit of work carried out on the school. The front grass will be fed, top dressed and some new grass laid in those bald patches near Cambridge Ave. Thank you George Palmer for organising this. New gates and fences will be erected around the staff car park. There will also be a new gate and fence installed along the easement on the top playground and a new fence across the soccer field. The P&C soccer field seating and the tree seat in K-2 will also be installed. By the time school returns we hope everything will be completed weather permitting.

I will be on leave for the first week of Term 4. Sadly I will miss dressing as my favourite sports star but I will look forward to the photos. David Todd will relieve as Principal in my absence.

Yesterday at assembly I gave our students their usual holiday homework and that was to stay in their pyjamas and chill for at least one day of the holiday. Remember what Einstein said: *Out of boredom comes creativity*. We hope you enjoy spending lots of quality time with those special small people we love more than anything.

Enjoy your holidays.

*Maureen Hallahan*
V-FLIX

THE INAUGURAL FILM FESTIVAL @ VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

COME AND SEE EVERY CLASS IN THEIR FILM AT THE MOVIE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

TICKETS ON SALE - 14 SEPTEMBER
SEATING GENERAL ADMISSION. FIRST IN BEST DRESSED.

RANDWICK RITZ
OCTOBER 14 2015
7PM
A wonderful day of orienteering this week for Years 1 and 2
SACRAMENT NOTICE

If your child is in at least Year 3 at school and you would like him/her to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Father Chris Higgins at Watsons Bay Roman Catholic Church on 9337 2033. Names and a contact number must be supplied by Sunday, 18 October 2015.

Thank you.

Alison Bell
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Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
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Laurina from 5B shows Ang our Food Specialist her appreciation for all the wonderful lessons learned in The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen.
Stage 1 Explore Watsons Bay!

On Wednesday Stage 1 spent the day at Watsons Bay orienteering, problem solving and feasting on local fish and chips. They wrote some incredible descriptions, drew some beautiful sketches and solved some very challenging mathematical word problems. After a delicious lunch overlooking the harbour they employed their engineering and team work skills to build sandcastles.

HUGE thankyou to Karen Wright for showing us terrifying shark teeth in the Sydney Game Fishing Club and organising our feast. Also a GIANT thank you to all the Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas who explored with us and made it such a wonderful day!!!

The Watsons Bay Hotel.

Watson Bay hotel is a lovely outdoor setting with umbrellas to shade people while they sit and enjoy the view of the water. It is very joyful. By Edward Peters. 1/2M

The Watsons Bay Hotel.

The Watsons Bay hotel looks over Watsons Bay and the city. Watsons Bay Hotel is surrounded by a beautiful awesome beach so while you’re ordering your food your kids can play on the beaches. It serves the community by providing a location for friends and family.
Helper ready for a fantastic day... And ready for bed...

Never let these ladies join your sandcastle team! You end up buried like Thea and Zalia.

K2·J find a shady spot to admire the view.
It’s that time again: the annual VPS Walkathon is just around the corner: **Friday, October 9th, 2015**. (Friday of first week in Term 4).

The walkathon is traditionally one of the P&C’s biggest fundraisers of the year, and we hope everyone participates to make this year’s event the most successful yet!

This year the P & C are excited to announce that the proceeds from the Walkathon will be going towards having WIFI installed throughout the school. The WIFI will enable our children to use the available digital devices in their classrooms without waiting for access to the library. The cost of this package is $10,500. Last year the walkathon raised in excess of $11,000 and we would like to reach that target or better again in 2015.

We would ask that all parents help our children in getting commitments from friends, grandparents, relatives, your work colleagues and neighbours. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with the children shortly. Please contact your class parent if you have not received a copy and they will arrange to get one to you.

The class that raises the most funds will be awarded an afternoon of movies and paddle pops!

The walking course will be within the beautiful school grounds but we will be looking for volunteers to assist in running the event. A note will go out to parents shortly with details. If you are able to be involved in any way, it is a great event to enjoy with your children.