It is week 1 of Term 1 !!! ......

We do not feel quite like this however it has been busy busy busy - with a smooth transition for our Year 1—6 students.

We are soooo excited to welcome our wonderful new Kindergarten students next Tuesday.
Dear Parents

Welcome back to school. It has been a lovely start to school. I know it is only day two so early days however several of our new parents and teachers have commented on how calm it is. Sometimes we tend to take for granted our beautiful playground, the proliferation of garden and trees, the birdlife, grass, shade and lots and lots of space. When you talk to families who have come from other schools and you see the impact of our wonderful environment we are reminded of what a great learning space we have at Vaucluse PS.

Students have commenced the year in their 2015 classes. On Tuesday 2 February we will welcome 2016 Kindergarten. At 10.00 am in the kitchen there will be a Tea and Tissues Morning Tea to welcome all new parents to the school. This invitation is extended to all Kindergarten and new parents. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and meet members of our school. We hope all new parents can attend. On Thursday 4 February 2016 Classes will be formed. Throughout the period of time students are in their 2015 classes all teachers will be implementing our Student Welfare program. Students will be participating in BounceBack, Anti-Bullying, Digital Citizenship and Wellbeing units of work. This year the teaching staff have planned these student welfare units of work to give our students a very strong foundation to commence the school year. Once classes have been formed these activities will continue.

We have a number of new staff to the school and we welcome them all. In next week’s newsletter we will introduce them to you along with their designated classes. Meet the Teacher Night will take place on Monday 15 February 2016. K-2 meetings will take place from 5.00pm – 6.00pm. 3-6 Meetings will take place from 6.15pm – 7.15pm. Classes in the Support Unit will hold their class meetings from 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm on the same day. We will be sending a separate note home next week with more information.

Please notify us if you have changed address or contact details. There has been some concern about notifying the school if you have moved out of area. Once your child is enrolled at the school for a year if there is a change of address out of the school area the student enrolment is still valid.

Thank you for your patience in regard to the school canteen. I am currently working with the P&C to rectify the situation. Unfortunately we were informed on Monday 25 January 2016 that the canteen would not operate this year. This did not give us time to organise any solution in preparation for school. We will advise you as soon as we have information regarding a new canteen operator.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

Maureen Hallahan
Dear Parents

welcome back to school!

Term 1/2016 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 1 Monday February 8th, 2016 for a 9 week term, at $20 per session for all activities, $180 total per activity. Monday and Friday classes will have a 8 week term due to the Easter break during term and result in total of $160 per term.
All classes must be booked and paid for up front for the term.

In Term 1 the program will not be available for Kindergarten as it is preferable for them and their parents to settle into the new surrounding and routines. We will send a separate note to new parents inviting them to come to see the activities during Term 1 and then book for Term 2.

The offered activities for Term 1 will remain the same, but we are currently looking into organizing a soccer group, basketball as well as photography class. As soon as those offers are more complete we will let you know!

As you might know by now the P&C run Extra Curricular activities are a very big fundraiser for VPS. Your support with these programs is highly appreciated as you help us raise much-needed funds for our wonderful school!

For your child’s safety we request the following:

• morning activities: parents/carers to sign child in.
• afternoon activities: parents/carers to sign 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.

IMPORTANT: Only the children that are enrolled and have been paid for will be covered by insurance. Any siblings that come along are unsupervised and not covered by provider or school.
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.

Please feel free to contact either of us or any additional questions and comments on this program!

Best regards,

Xanthe & Katrin

DANCE

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


Tuesday 8.15am School Hall - Kindy - Year2 - Hip Hop Boys Crew
(9 week term - $180)

- 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
(9 week term - $180)
• 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**  
**(8 week term - $160)**

• 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

**NOTE FOLLOWING**
• Performances will be organised during the term (assembly items) or at key events (e.g.) Grandparents Day, Carols Night etc.
• BUT parents are not to stay for the classes – it is a drop and run system in order for the teachers to keep the children focused.
• Dance Teachers will assist the children to get changed and go downstairs for morning class line up at 9.20am
• Jazz shoes may be required – children are to wear school uniform, sports uniform if it is a sports day or comfortable clothing they can dance in, if they like they can wear jazz shoes or dance barefoot

**KARATE / MARTIAL ARTS**
More information is on their website www.trifudojo.com.au

The classes are run by Sensei Daniel Trifu of Trifu Dojo Martial Arts and his experienced team.

Students will increase their fitness, flexibility, strength, balance, stillness, self-control, confidence, co-ordination, posture, concentration and true spirit.

**Monday 8.15am School Hall - ALL AGES – 8 week term ($160)**

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 Karate classes – Mobile is 0430 392 984 and email is xanthe_lenior@yahoo.com.au

**NOTE FOLLOWING**
- Demonstrations will be organised during the term (assembly items) or at key events (e.g.) Grandparents Day etc.
- BUT parents are not to stay for the classes – it is a drop and run system in order for the teachers to keep the children focused.
- Karate teachers will assist the children to get changed and go downstairs for morning class line up at 9.20am
- You can purchase your karate uniform directly from Daniel (please see him before class), cost is approx. $35

**NETBALL**
More information is on website http://www.lovenetball.com.au

All netball sessions are 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.

Netball Details (on the blue Netball Court in middle playground)
• Kindy – Year 1 Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm – 8 week term ($160)
• Year 2 - Year 3 Wednesday 8:00am - 9:00am- 9 week term ($180)
• Year 4 – Year 6 – Friday 8.00am-9.00am - 8 week term ($160)

• NOTE: there will be no cancellations due to wet weather. On rainy days Netball will go ahead as normal we will be holding theory classes in designated classroom.

Katrin Graebner is the contact for Netball classes – Mobile is 0432 620 130 and email is Katrin@graeber.org

The ONLY way to pay is via Try Booking

http://www.trybooking.com/98606

IMPORTANT:
By now we have a team “Vaucluse Vikings”, in addition to practice at school they play Saturday morning competition!
If you are keen for your child to play Saturday competition and for further details please contact directly Jacquee Saunders on 0419 224 420 or jacqsaunder@hotmail.com or go to website - www.lovenetball.com.au (Saturday morning Netball comp for 6-12 yr olds).
Please use this opportunity to book your child in early to avoid disappointment!

All activities are to be booked through Try Booking – see activity for DIRECT link!