Nathan (from 2H) has come back to school with a positive attitude and a wonderful smile.
Dear Parents

On Tuesday we welcomed Kindergarten to school. From the commencement of school last week Kindergarten had been visiting the school for their BestStart Interview. This is a national strategy where every kindergarten student is assessed on the skills in numeracy and literacy they bring to school. This is benchmark data that is collected and built upon with NAPLAN. Also in Term 4 2015 our 2016 Kindergarten had participated in three sessions of Play and Stay. So by the time they arrived on Tuesday morning they were well prepared for school and jumping with excitement at the thought of finally starting big school. It was a very confident start and by the end of the day they were all moving around the school as if they had been here for at least three years. The week has continued in this settled way. Parents had obviously put in a lot of hard work over the holidays as their school skills were evident. We are all very impressed and appreciative of their preparation for school. Thank you parents.

After the little ones had been deposited into the capable hands of Karla Aspden and her team, the parents then proceeded to the kitchen for a Tea and Tissues Morning Tea. There were quite a few tears to mop up but they quickly disappeared as people met each other. There was a lovely atmosphere to the morning with people going out of their way to make friends. We also appreciated the very positive feedback from parents. At the morning tea parents were able to meet P&C President- Sasha Irvine. Both Sasha and myself welcomed parents and answered questions. We hope that we were able to reduce a lot of the anxiety parents were feeling. There was much enthusiasm for school and P&C projects and we are looking forward to working with such a great bunch of new Vaucluse PS fans. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new parents at the Country Carnival which has been scheduled for Friday 18 March 2016.

On Thursday morning all students came to school with great excitement. After recess our students formed their new classes with a minimum of fuss in spite of the rain. Throughout the last week teachers have been delivering our Student Welfare and Personal Development programs through Year 1 to Year 6. Teachers have also been discussing how change feels and preparing students for the transition into new classrooms, making new friends and working with a new teacher. In 2015 we have done a significant amount of work around resilience. We were delighted to see that everyone went off to their new classes and immediately commenced work. All staff were very impressed with our students maturity and resilience. This morning, many staff commented on how happy and settled the school felt. This has also been reinforced by the community’s shared observations.

At the end of the Principal’s letter is the 2016 Vaucluse Public School Staff list for your information. This year we welcome a number of new teachers. In the following weeks we will publish information about some of the non-class teaching roles in the school. We will also publish photos of the staff to assist you in identifying them.

Thank you to all those parents who have made a huge effort not to park in the Staff car park. We appreciate your efforts to keep our school as safe as possible. We also appreciate those parents who are parking and walking in Cambridge Avenue and Village High Road. Your efforts are ensuring our children can come and go from school safely.

This morning I met with the P&C and we have planned a number of wonderful activities for the community. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.
Maureen Hallahan

2016 Vaucluse Public School Classes

Executive Team

Miss Maureen Hallahan: Principal
Karla Aspden: Assistant Principal  Tom Styles: R/Assistant Principal
Philippa Allen: R/Assistant Principal
Kaylie Johnson: R/Assistant Principal

Kindergarten (Early Stage 1)

KM: Miss Kara McMenemy  KI: Mr Iain Mudie
KB: Mrs Melissa Buchanan  KW: Miss Regina Wirkerman

Year 1 (Stage 1)

1W: Mrs Miriam Weiss  1J: Mr Robert Jackson
1/2H: Mrs Robyn Head

Year 2 (Stage 1)

1/2H: Mrs Robyn Head  2F: Miss Franchesca Halford
2A: Miss Karla Aspden: Assistant Principal: Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

Year 3 (Stage 2)

3B: Miss Talia Butt  3M: Miss Julia Morgan

Year 4 (Stage 2)

4A: Miss Philippa Allen: R/ Assistant Principal: Stage 2
### Year 5 (Stage 3)

**5C:** Mrs Leigh Coleman

### Year 6 (Stage 3)

**6S:** Mr Tom Styles: R/Assistant Principal: Stage 3

### Support Unit

- **K-4K:** Miss Kaylie Johnson: R/Assistant Principal Support
- **K-4K:** Ms Lynne Pickett: Learning and Support Officer
- **K-2W:** Mrs Karen Whiteman: Teacher
- **K-2W:** Mrs Vesna Drakulic: Learning and Support Officer
- **3-6T:** Miss Jessica Timbs: Teacher
- **3-6T:** Miss Sue Barber: Learning and Support Officer

### Library (4 days per week)

**Digital Media Teacher (1 day per week)**

- Miss Laura Caesar

### Learning and Support

- **Miss Margaret Nay** (3 days per week)  
  **Miss Wendy Lonergan** (4 days per week)
- **Mrs Margot Nettheim** (1 day per week)
- **Community Language: Hebrew**
- **Mrs Miriam Marks** (2 days per week)
- **Release From Face to Face Teacher (RFF), EALD Teacher**
- **Mrs Gail Murray** (5 days per week)
- **Beginning Teacher Support Teacher and Mentor**
- **Miss Nicki Steevens** (1 day per week)
- **School Counsellor (Tuesday)**
- **Mrs Delma de Kantzow** (1 day per week)
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Write a word that makes you think of Summer. Start each word with the letters in the word SUMMER.

Seagulls swooping
Underwater swimming
Moving waves
Midnight swim
Essential for life
Reflected sunlight
Write a word that makes you think of Summer. Start each word with the letters in the word SUMMER.

- Sparkling waters
- Underwater snorkelling
- Midnight swimming
- Moving waves
- Essential for life
- Refreshing swim

Super work!
The lovely Pearl looking very relaxed after her holidays.
2H’s Summer Interpretation artwork and acrostic poems
Who’s that in the library?

Why, it’s Miss Caesar! The Vaucluse Public School Teacher-Librarian! And she’s here to tell you a bit about the role of the Teacher-Librarian and the library as part of our wonderful school.

Each week every class has an allocated library time with Miss Caesar during which they participate in learning activities which develop their reading, digital literacy and information research skills. With a focus on collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication skills, we are striving to create a learning space in the library that will support our students in developing these skills so that they will be able to function effectively in our society and to make sense of their place in the world. Library sessions utilize all the excellent resources available in the library including the computers, iPads and books.

BORROWING

Students K-6 are permitted to borrow 2 books at a time, however, motivated readers can be accommodated. The library is open at lunch time, before school from 8:30 and after school for this purpose. Books are usually returned each week on students’ library day, although the returns box is accessible any time during school hours outside the library on the ramp. While we aim to educate the children on how to make a wise choice about what is suitable for their age and ability level, this doesn’t always happen. If you are concerned about anything they have selected simply return it with a note or feel free to contact us.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is endorsed by the NSW government and is designed to encourage students to read a wide variety of quality literature, and experience the opportunity to read for leisure. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Participation by schools and students is voluntary.

Many of the books on the recommended reading list are available in the school library and are marked with a PRC sticker to assist the children when locating them. The challenge opens March 7 and ends on August 19, 2016.

Students will be encouraged to take part, however, participation is voluntary and students and parents will be responsible for maintaining their own reading records. Students Year 3-6 will be shown how to manage their online reading record during a library lesson.

Students are required to use their school username and password as their login when they update their reading records. For more information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge visit NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016 : Home
Welcome to Term 1 in the Kitchen,

Rudy has been very busy planting over the summer break and we have some lovely produce to start the term with in the kitchen.

We start our cooking sessions on Monday the 8th Feb and the class allocation is as follows:

Monday  9.50am – 11.15am    Class: 3M
         11.20am – 1.20pm    Class: 5C
         2.05pm – 3.20pm    Class: 4V

Tuesday  9.50am – 11.15am    Class: 4A
         11.20am – 1.20pm    Class: Special Needs unit
         2.05pm – 3.20pm    Class: 6S

Wednesday 9.50am – 11.15am Class: 3B

The kids love having you join us in the kitchen, if you would like to help out in any of these cooking sessions, please drop by the kitchen and pop your name on the volunteer roster (on the cupboards at the back of the kitchen) or email me at nativemoon@mac.com

Thanks, Ange
Dear Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed your consignment of School Opal cards for eligible students enrolled at your school.

These School Opal cards are for students who had a pass in 2015, and are eligible for travel in 2016 under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).

Other eligible students, including new applicants and students changing school or campuses, updating their personal details, or going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7, who have already applied or who still need to apply, will have their School Opal cards posted to their home address in the first two weeks of term one 2016.

Students who have been approved to travel on more than one operator or to more than one home address, for example where there is shared parental responsibility, should only receive a single Opal card.

This box includes:
- envelopes with a single personalised School Opal card for each eligible student, sorted by grade and last name
- a distribution list providing detail about the student’s grade, last name, first name, and School Opal card number. It will help you with distributing cards to students.

Following this consignment delivery, Schools should no longer receive School Opal cards for distribution as all new School Opal cards will be sent directly to the student’s nominated address.

What you should do
- Please issue one School Opal card for each eligible student
- Return any cards unable to be issued two weeks after you receive your School Opal cards to:
  Transport for NSW
  Locked Bag 6085
  Parramatta NSW 2124
- Direct parents, guardians and students who are eligible for SSTS travel and have not already received a card sent to their home or school to apply online at: transportnsw.info/school-students

To report a lost, stolen or damaged School Opal card, customers should phone 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-students

Sincerely

The Opal Team
NEXT GENERATION SPORTS
Established in 2001 ABN: 80 111 922 279

Your coach is Ivan Fernandez – Senior Coach Kincoppal Rose Bay

DATE: Fri February 5– Thurs April 8
MEETING POINT: Outside School Gymnasium
TIME: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
COST: $180
(Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)
Cheques to NEXT GENERATION SPORTS
HOW TO ENROL:
Email: gouldj@krb.nsw.edu.au
Post: PO Box 699 ROSE BAY NSW 2029
FORMS CAN ALSO BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

ANZ Hot Shots Tennis is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets 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
- Coaches turn up for the tennis classes regardless of the weather conditions

SCHOOL OFFER
Buy a Junior tennis racquet add $25
Buy 3 soft tennis balls add $10
Equipment is modified for children

ENROLMENT SLIP | Tax Invoice  ABN: 80 111 922 279  (Term 1 Tennis, 2016)

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Any Medical Conditions

I consent to my child attending the Hot Shots Tennis at VAUCLUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL and authorise the tennis coaches to supervise these activities. If medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with a parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account.

Payment Method: [ ] Cash  [ ] Cheque  [ ] Visa  [ ] MasterCard  [ ] Money Order

Amount Enclosed: $_____

Card Number: ____________________________

Expiry Date: __________/_______

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless I am notified by phone. Classes missed due to sickness or injury will be credited. No refunds given for students changing their mind on joining the program.