



# LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2023 Term 1 Week 10 Edition



## From the Principal's desk

*It's hard to believe how fast time flies with another term done. Something that resonated with me as a parent recently, is that you only have 12 summers with your kids. After this, they just want to spend time with their friends! As parents, we need to slow down and really appreciate our kids being kids while we can. Take some time this holiday to do something with your kids that you enjoyed when you were a child. Being bored is also important so find some time to do nothing (away from screens!). Rest and relax and have a great break.*

### School Business Plan

Our School Business plan has now been uploaded to our website. The plan was created in 2022 in consultation with staff. The operational side of it has been in action since last year. The final design and targets have been refined and ready to print!



### GRIP Excursion

A couple of weeks ago Mr. Reynolds and I were lucky enough to attend the GRIP leadership conference in Bunbury with our Student Councillors and our Faction Captains.

The four sessions of the day were: **How to be an 'Others First' Leader; The People a Leader Can Impact the Most; Ideas That Impact Everyone; and How to get everyone on board with a new idea.** These sessions were broken up with energising games encouraging students to mix with other schools and work with each other to get inspiration for ideas to implement at Vasse. Our leaders represented the school with pride, had great fun and we now have some wonderful ideas we hope to implement at school soon.

### National School Opinion Survey

Last year in Term 3 we completed the National School Opinion Survey, focussing on the opinions of Parents and the School Community.

The School Board included additional questions relating to communication and the school's response to the COVID pandemic. Feedback from the community is important for the school as we strive to continually improve our current practices. Staff will look closely at this data, compare it to our previous surveys, and will act on feedback as needed. This will also form part of our School Review in Term 4 of this year.

Thank you to the school board and to everyone who participated. We had the most responses ever! If you would like a deeper look into the survey responses, please see the QR code on page 3.

### EdConnect Volunteer of the Year

One of our longstanding mentors, Malcolm Jennings was nominated for the 2023 EdConnect Volunteer of the Year Award by our Chaplain Sam and we are pleased to announce that he won!



He is a most deserving winner of this award for all the wonderful work he has done over the last 20 years at Vasse Primary School mentoring many of our students. Click here to see the video of this humble and amazing mentor. Congratulations Malcolm.



Kind regards, Amy Sefton - Principal

# PBS Expectations:

This week (T1 Wk10)



Term 2, Week 1

## Be Responsible

Put rubbish in the correct bin (plastics, paper, food, worms)

Follow school routines and procedures

## Merit Certificates

Congratulations to:



PP: Grace.

Yr 1: Aiden, Charlotte, Penny-Joy, Lucy, Viggo.

Yr 2: Jarrah, Lachlan, Jasper, Indriya, Elise, Oliver.

Yr 3: Ella, Poppy, Floyd, Maxwell, Jasper, Reef.

Yr 4: Emmy, Tyler, Darryl.

Yr 5: Evie, Charlotte, West.

## RULER feeling Word: Kind

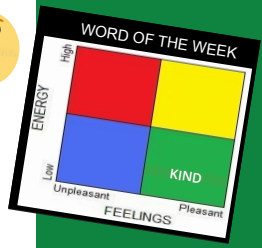
Word of the week

| FEELINGS WORD | DEFINITION                                   |
|---------------|--|
| KIND          | Wanting to do or say nice things for others. |

Sounds Like quiet, calm voices. Positive words and actions towards others.

Looks Like small smiles and eyes lifted upwards. Involved with others.

Feels Like Feeling relaxed muscles and having a low pleasant energy. Slow heart rate, steady breathing.



## PBS Reward: Ice-cream with the Principal

Last week, 35 students enjoyed a delicious ice-cream treat with Mrs Sefton, our Principal.



These students were selected by their teacher, or specialist teacher, for consistently following the Vasse Primary School expectations. They are role models for their peers and well deserving of the reward.

The "please and thank you's" were free flowing!!

As a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) School, we have so many responsible and respectful students being their best at Vasse. Since this initiative was introduced last year, over 150 students have been invited to have High Tea, Pizza or Ice-cream with the Principal.



Gallery

Congratulations to this Term's awardees.

Imagen, Carter, Eloise, Jack, Lyla, Khloe, Ava, Finn, Hayley, Tahlia, Billie, Jackson, Charlie, Grace, Hudson, Daniel, Paige, Jakob, Riqi, Ebony, Kobi, Mathew, Izzy, Hannah, Laila, Bonnie, Anaya, Violet, Lincoln, Toby, and Ben.

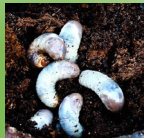
Mrs. Beth Foster

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April to May

The Autumn, Cooling temperatures.  
The Season of the Adulthood.



## Dessert with the Deputy

Congratulations to these students who chose the "Dessert with a Deputy" when their names were drawn from the Super Slip Box during Monday's Assembly.

It has been an 'icecreamy' sort of week with these students lucky enough to receive an icecream with the Deputy Rob Reynolds.



Super Slips are given to students who demonstrate our School Expectations - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be your Best.

## School Board Survey Results

A huge thankyou to everyone that took the time to complete the recent School Community Survey.

We had almost 200 responses - an amazing result! Overall feedback was extremely positive, with key themes emerging around the sense of community, valuing local history, and the environment, and parents appreciating teachers and the overall standard of education achieved.

It is great to see that 4.3 out of 5 respondents would recommend Vasse Primary School to others.

Survey feedback has also highlighted the preferred methods of communication, with Dojo clearly valued as an efficient and useful means of connecting and disseminating information.

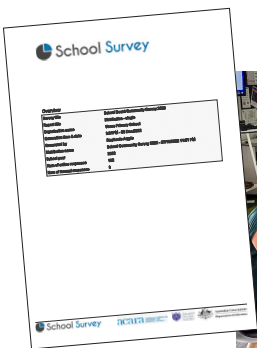
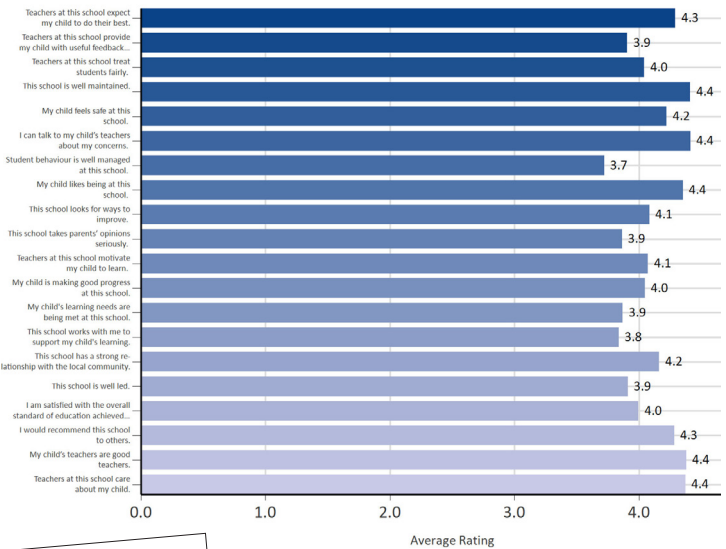
Over the next few months members of the board will be reviewing all feedback and comments received, with a focus on identifying suggested improvements and any recommendations for change.

Tap or scan the QR Code to download the results.



Thanks again to all that contributed to the survey, if you have any questions regarding this survey please contact me via email to [vasse.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:vasse.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

*Katie Taylor - School Board Chairperson*



## Summery Sunflowers

In Week 8, the Pre-Primary classes were very lucky to be invited to the Taylor's Sunflower Farm.

Our Science topic this term has been Living and Non-Living, and we have been looking at what living things need to survive.



The students enjoyed a beautiful walk through the sunflower field, a few quiet minutes of mindfulness in the middle of the field, some morning tea and then a play in the bush. We then went back into the sunflowers to read a story and have a go at a still life drawing. Everyone returned to school covered in red dust and very happy!!



Gallery

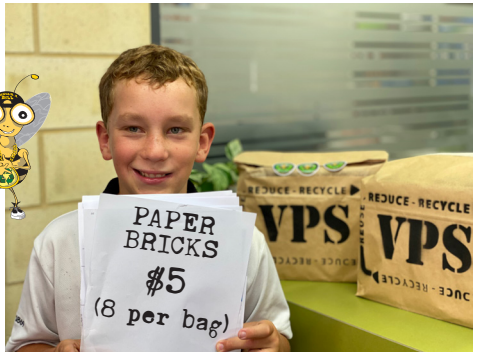
*Mrs. Fiona Kennedy and the PP Team*



## VPS Paper (FIRE) Bricks For Sale in the front office.

It is almost that time of year when we start lighting our wood fires.

Try our handmade paper bricks, especially made for you by our students as part of our sustainability initiative.



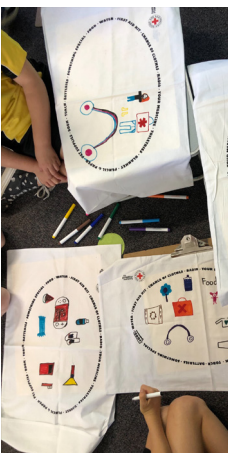
## Pillowcase Emergency Preparedness Incursion

Last Thursday, Jill and Mary from the Red Cross conducted the Pillowcase emergency preparedness workshop with the Year Three students.

This workshop is designed to raise awareness of the importance of being prepared for an emergency, however unlikely, including how to create a family plan and what essentials you would need to take.

The students not only took away some great information, but their own pillowcase that lists some items to pack in an emergency. Thanks to the Red Cross for this great incursion!

*Mr. Ian Ferguson*



## Civics Education Incursion

*"Last week, on Tuesday the 28th of March, we had a Civics incursion. In class, we learnt about how Australia is a Representative Democracy and a constitutional monarchy.*

*Mrs. Maggie Kennedy-Piper, the Education Officer from the WA Electoral Commission, has been running incursions for about 30 years, and taught us how to vote.*

*We each had a mock voting slip, which we were to fill out secretly, and then place in the voting box. The results were read out to the class, which, of course wouldn't happen at a real vote, and tallied down on the whiteboard.*

*In the end Skittles were the clear winner. (Even though Maltesers should've won). We also learnt about the different jobs that are given to the different levels of the government. It was an interesting, but also*



*surprisingly fun incursion. We learnt lots of information while having fun doing it." Hayley, Yr 6*

## Summer Interschool Carnival

What a day! The Year 6's enjoyed some summer sports activities with local primary schools. Participation in Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis was an important networking opportunity for these students who will be going off to high school next year.

*"Cricket at Churchill.*

*Met new people and made new friends.*

*There was good sportsmanship.*

*Played fairly. Laughed a lot.*

*Rode a bus." - Flynn and Seb.*

*"On March 31 we caught the bus to the Lou*

*Western basketball courts and played 7 games of basketball, there was no scoring in the games nor were there any foul-outs.*

*There were parents as coaches for some teams and others were teachers. The games went for twenty-two minutes, there were 2 halves each game, 11 minutes each. All of the children from each school had loads of fun. We are happy for the future year sixes."*

*- Luka and Jax.*

*"On Friday the 31st of March we went to the*

*Busselton Tennis Club we had fun and we played Tennis against West Busselton, Dunsborough, and GMAS. There was good sportsmanship. We made a lot of friends. We had amazing coaches with Mrs. Shaw and other Teachers." - Laila and Sophia*

*"The experience at the year six summer carnival was not only fun but a great opportunity to meet some other students that we may go to high school with. From playing basketball, we learnt about the importance of good sportsmanship, and respecting decisions and others' opinions." Macey.*

See more photos by clicking the Gallery icon 



## Bendigo Bank supports VFP BBQ trailer

Thank you Bendigo Bank for providing the funding to allow the Vasse Fathering Project's to finish off their new BBQ trailer the way they had originally intended.

Tap the QR Code for more information.



 **Bendigo Bank**



**the Vasse fathering project**

## Easter Raffle 2023

Thank you to all the Early Childhood Parents for your generous donations once again for the P&C Easter Raffle.

We had 60 prizes and sold almost 6,200 tickets which raised over \$3,000 for the Early Childhood Area.

Congratulations to Nathan W who won 1st Prize; Jasmine F who won 2nd Prize; Summer C who sold 28 books to win the Top Fundraiser Prize as well as all of our winners.

And a huge thank you to Sharon Cowley and her team who stapled raffle tickets, collected and packaged all the prizes and notified winners.



## P&C AGM - All Welcome

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 6pm** in the Vasse PS Staffroom.

*No matter how busy our lives may be, remember being involved in the P&C is an opportunity to help not only your child, but all the children of Vasse PS.*

**NOMINATIONS (Individual and Shared/Joint Roles) will be taken. ALL POSITIONS ARE VACANT.**

*Tap QR Code for Positions and more.*

We need many new members to achieve our Priority List for 2023 plus be the first to know what is happening at Vasse PS.

Please email Alana on [pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au) to RSVP for the AGM or more information.



## The Colour-Run is running

A note will be coming home today, in your child's school bag, about the Colour-Run Fundraiser we will be having in Term 2.

This event was the highlight of the year for students and volunteers in 2021 and raised \$13,000 for the P&C.

The cost is \$10 per child.

Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CGOJN>

Scan the QR code to complete the CONSENT FORM and pay for your child to participate by **Friday 5 May 2023**.

Then during the holidays, Let's get fundraising!

**There will be AMAZING PRIZES for...**

- The top fundraiser
- For every \$5 raised your child will receive an extra raffle ticket, more chances to win.
- Class Pizza Party for the class that raises the most.

*Sharon Cowley, P&C Fundraising Committee*



## Drum Lessons for Vasse PS Students



Hello Vasse Primary School Community,

My name is Paul McDaniel, I am a drum tutor and I have been teaching Vasse PS students for over 10 years.

This year I will be teaching Vasse students during school hours on Wednesdays at the Vasse Community Hall.

**If your child is interested in learning to play the drums, I have a limited number of time slots available.**

The tuition fee is \$30 per lesson paid by term, plus a \$20 term levy for the Vasse Community Hall usage.

Please contact me directly on **0408 788 835** or contact the school on 9746 3700 for more info.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Paul McDaniel ~ Professional Drum Tutor for 40+ years**



## BASKETBALL FOR JUNIORS



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- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3+4 year olds
- BASKETBALL TO KEEP!

**Location:**

**Geographe Leisure Centre, West Busselton**

**Starts**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10 .30am

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7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

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**Free Dress Day**



**Thursday 6th April**

**Goes towards year 6 camp 2024**