



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2024 Term 3 Week 9 Edition



From the Principal's desk

Education Assistants Appreciation Week

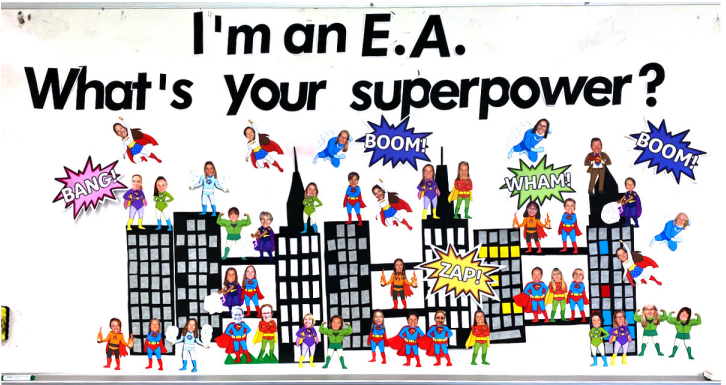
Last week was Education Assistant Appreciation Week. We have 45 amazing Education Assistants (EAs) at Vasse PS.

Our EAs include Mainstream and Special Educational Needs (SEN). The Mainstream EAs work in the Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 areas and support teachers in the delivery of the education program and supervision of students. SEN EAs work in the area of special needs, supporting teachers in working with students and delivering specialised intervention programs such as Mini and MacLit, speech programs, Kitchen Garden, Chicken Club, and individual plans. EAs work directly with students or may oversee larger groups to allow the teacher to work with students either one-on-one or in small groups.

As you can imagine, they need a diverse range of skills and often need to use initiative and adapt to situations with little or no notice. They work hard at developing relationships with the students and teachers. There are often challenges, but there are also rewards, especially seeing a child's skills and capacity develop throughout their schooling journey.

I'm sure the whole community agrees with me when I say we are blessed with our EA team at Vasse PS.

Thank you, EAs! We genuinely appreciate everything you do for our school and our students!



Inquiry Expo and Learning Journey

Today was my first experience of a Vasse PS Inquiry and Learning Journey Day. My anticipation built as the date approached. In the months prior, the Year 3 – 6 students had been working to articulate their 'big question' on sustainability. This led to the gathering of information and research, and then preparing the presentation. What we saw today was the culmination of months of work.

The younger grades' learning journeys were a showcase of the year's work. The students led their parents/carers on a tour of the learning activities and finished products they had worked on throughout the year.

While visiting these rooms, I noted the calm environments and the proud students who shared their achievements.

Photos: Paper-making in Room 12





It was a terrific day where we could open up the classrooms and have the opportunity to showcase the great things our students and staff are achieving at Vasse PS. I hope you were as equally impressed as I. Thank you to the staff who have worked hard to make the day a great success.

Choir 2-day Excursion

Last Thursday and Friday our Vasse Choir joined students and teachers from Dunsborough PS, Rapids Landing PS, Margaret River PS, Cowaramup PS, and West Busselton PS in bringing together a 40-minute performance that toured the participating schools on Friday. The schools came together on Thursday to rehearse, as well as give the students time to get to know each other.



The combined school choir performed at Vasse PS before lunch on Friday. The performance was described as 'beautiful'. Well done to our choir students and a big thank you to Mrs Bigwood for coordinating our involvement and working with the combined school choir.

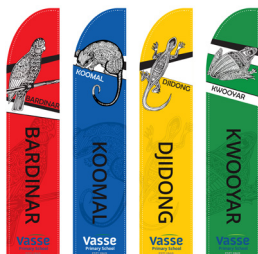
Interschool Cross Country

Our cross country team is off to Dunsborough tomorrow for the interschool event. The team has been training before school over the past month. On behalf of Vasse PS, I wish the team and Mrs Farmer the best for the day and, most importantly, hope you have fun and enjoy a day of healthy competition with the schools in the area.



Athletics Carnival

This year's Athletics Carnival was brought forward to Friday, 11 October (Week 1) due to the Year 6 Rottnest Camp being in Week 2. Previously, the camp was in Week 3, however, this week was booked by another school, therefore Vasse PS had to bring the camp forward a week. We are hoping to claim the Week 3 slot in 2025.



The regular canteen menu will not be available on the Athletics Carnival day. A special Sports Day Sausage Sizzle Lunch is available. Vegetarian sausage option available (pre-order only). You can pre-order via QuickCliq (very important - Add Faction to Notes for delivery) or download/collect and return the special order form to the Canteen by Wednesday 9 October.

Drinks will be available for purchase at the P&C Cake Stall. Donations of cakes/slices to the P&C Cake Stall will be appreciated - no nuts please.

Parent Volunteers are needed for Sausage Sizzle and P&C Cake Stall. Please contact the Canteen or the P&C via the FB P&C Page.

WA U12 School Sports Soccer Team

We are very proud of Evie C (Year 6) who will be representing Western Australia at the National Under 12 School Sports Soccer Carnival in Perth over the school holidays.

Since being selected a few months ago, Evie has been travelling to Perth on a weekly basis to train with the squad. This is on top of her local club commitments. A demanding schedule!

Evie, we are very proud of you and wish you a great carnival. And, most of all, have fun!



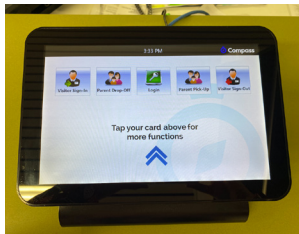
Compass

Over the past few weeks you have received communication about the newly implemented school management system called Compass.

Compass is a part of the Department of Education's Kaartdijin initiative which aims to modernise elements of WA Public schools' information system and communication, amongst other capabilities. Cape Naturaliste College is also transitioning to Compass so this will streamline the communication for you as your children move to CNC.

Some of the things you will notice at this point in time with Compass are;

- Sign in and out at the reception using the iPad has a different look;
- If a behaviour issue is recorded for your child you will receive a notification email. This email will be sent once the behaviour has been entered into the system;



In time, you may notice other additions, however we will always endeavour to let you know prior.

2025 Classes and Enrolments

If you know that your children will not be attending Vasse PS in 2025 we asked that you inform the office as soon as possible.



This is important as we have begun planning our class structures. We will start working on student class placement decisions early next term. This is a lengthy and detailed process so any information regarding your plans in 2025 would be greatly appreciated.

Our **Kindy enrolments** for Kindy next year have been very strong and we will have four groups. It is looking as though we may have to establish a waitlist for places. However, if we have more enrolments we may be in a position to establish another Kindy class (a fifth group) in 2025.

If you know of families who are yet to enrol or considering enrolling, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

The 2025 class construction process will commence early next term. If there are considerations you feel we need to know when placing your child please email myself and the class teacher. This does not guarantee that we can accommodate the request or consideration, however it will alert us to the issue.

Parenting Session

Our Student Services Committee recently met with Samantha Kurowski from Southwest Parenting. Samantha is also a Vasse PS parent and very much an advocate of supporting parents in their journey of raising children.

Samantha will be presenting a session at Vasse PS on Friday 18 October, 9.45am (after the assembly). You are invited to come along to this session which will be held in the staffroom. The following piece from Samantha explains more;

"Parenting is tough. The demands are constant, the expectations and the pressure we put on ourselves is overwhelming.

Then there are our children. They are so small and vulnerable and dependent on us, yet their struggles and challenging behaviours can make us feel powerless to support them at times".

Samantha Kurowski at Southwest Parenting offers practical, nurturing parenting support. Delivering evidence-based programs helps parents gain the skills and insights to strengthen parent-child relationships, even in difficult circumstances.

Samantha is a parent at Vasse Primary School. She is in the trenches with you all. The parenting session planned is to help support parents so that we can better support the kids to get ready for school and to recover from the demands of school at the end of the day.

Hats

We are now in a month that has an 'r' in it, therefore the Vasse PS policy is that wide brim Vasse school hats are to be worn by students when outside. This is especially important during break times and Phys. Ed lessons.



Term 4 Week 1 – Monday 7 October

Staff and students start Term 4 on Monday 7 October. This is not a pupil free day.

Alex Cameron - Principal



2024 VPS Sports Faction Carnival Week Timetable

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Monday 7 Oct	Tuesday 8 Oct	Wednesday 9 Oct	Thursday 10 Oct	Friday - 11 Oct 2024 CARNIVAL DAY			
9.00 - 10:24 am Year 1 Jumps and Throws	9.00 - 10:24 am Year 3 Jumps and Throws	9.00 - 10:24 am Year 4 Jumps and Throws	Jumps and Throws contingency day if required	9 am - OPENING PARADE Yrs 1 - 3 • Running/Flag/Relay Yrs 4 - 6 • Team Games			
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11:38 - 12:32 pm Year 2 Jumps and Throws	11:38 - 12:32 pm Year 5 Jumps and Throws	11:38 - 12:32 pm Year 6 Jumps and Throws	Jumps and Throws contingency day if required	Yrs 1 - 3 • Team Games Yrs 4 - 6 • Running/Flag/Relay			
LUNCH							
				Grand Relay Race Students • Teachers • Parents AWARDS PRESENTATION			



Sausage Sizzle - Friday 11 October 2024 Athletics Carnival - Family Lunch Order

A special **Sports Day Sausage Sizzle** Lunch is available.

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Family Surname:		Classroom Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> K/PP
Student Name/s:		Sausage Sizzle - \$3.50 ea	
		Qty Ordered:	
		Total Cost:	\$
Special Dietary Notes:			

VASSE PS BLOG

Tap/scan the QR to see photos and read full articles.



Just in case you missed it!

Impressive – VPS Cross Country

On Friday 2 August students from Years 1 to 6 participated in our School Cross Country event. The level of participation and sportsmanship was impressive, especially with some amazing performances from individual runners.

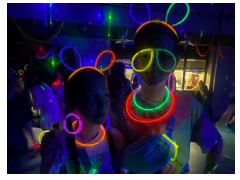


P&C News

Our Discos were a huge hit.

Thanks to everyone who came along and helped. A special thank you to:

- Sharon and Eimear for organising and running all three nights.
- Our 3 awesome DJs were Miki, Dean and Laura.
- The school staff that stayed to help and lock up.
- The year 6 students, especially Student Councillor Eva for attending all discos.
- And our parent volunteers.



Crazy Camel Fundraiser

Your calendar/diary/notepad Order forms will go home this Thursday. Please check your child's school bag.

Sports Carnival - Volunteers We NEED YOU!

On Friday 11 October, we will need heaps of volunteers to make light work and fill 30-minute slots during the Sports Carnival, at the Sausage Sizzle and the P&C Cake Stall, which is a great fundraiser for the school. Cake Donations are much appreciated and can be brought directly to the marquee on the oval on the day. Please clearly label cakes and keep nut free. If you are available to volunteer, please keep an eye out for the Volunteer Roster List on our facebook page.

Vasse Primary P&C team.



**Gold Coin Donation for
2025 Year 6 Camp Fundraiser**

SPORTS COLOUR DAY

**Come dressed in your favourite
sports team colours**

Friday 20 September



Our Expectations:

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)



Be Responsible

Sybil



Be your Best

Esther



Be Respectful

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We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and learn today, the Wardandi Bibbulmen people. We wish to thank Elders past, present and emerging for their continuing connection to our country and waterways.



Cowaramup BMX Club

2024/2025

First Race Meet October 18th



Busy Bee
Sept 15th



Racing every Friday
Miniwheelers race first
Nominations 5.30-6.15
Helmet and glove hire available
Full canteen
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Check out our Facebook page for all the information you need

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Austin Cove Baptist College, Sth Yunderup **NEW!**
25, 26 Sep & 3, 4 Oct
9am -3pm

Donnybrook DHS - Primary, Donnybrook **NEW!**
26 Sep - 3rd Oct
9am -3pm

Dunsborough Christian College, Quedjinup
24, 25 Sep & 1, 2 Oct
9am -3pm

Georgiana Molloy Anglican School, Yalyalup
24, 25, 26 Sep
9am -3pm

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25, 26 Sep & 1, 2, 3 Oct
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- Art & Craft
- Sports & Games
- Life Skills
- Construction
- Imaginative Play
- Confidence Boosting
- Plus, time back for you to finish work, study or even going to the gym.





You can even use your free session on Big Art Fridays!

Every Friday, Your OSHC turns into a bustling art studio where your child will connect with friends and express their creativity all afternoon!

On Fridays, we pARTy!

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FRIDAY 4TH
OCTOBER



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big differences.



Teen Triple P Seminar

Takes the guesswork out of parenting teenagers!

Prepare for the transition into high school!

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program Triple P is an internationally-recognised program that gives parents the skills they need to build strong family relationships, manage misbehaviour and prevent problems happening in the first place.

DATE AND TIME: Monday 21st October 2024

5:00pm - 6:30pm

VENUE: Busselton Senior High School Library

136-156 Bussell Hwy, Busselton WA 6280

PRESENTERS: Maddison Hunter (School Health Nurse) and
Jenna Buckton (School Psychologist)

This seminar will discuss

- Developing self-discipline
- Being a good problem solver
- Establishing routines
- Getting involved in school activities
- Following school rules
- Having supportive friends

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Parents of teens from all schools are welcome to attend.

Please contact Maddison Hunter on 9746 3517 or maddison.hunter@health.wa.gov.au to secure your place.

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