



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2024 Term 4 Week 3 Edition



From the Principal's desk

World Teachers Day - Friday 25 Oct

A number of years ago I read a great book call "Teacher Man" by Frank McCourt (the author of "Angela's Ashes"). The book was an autobiography of McCourt's teaching journey in Ireland. McCourt writes about his growth in the profession, particularly his focus on connecting with students through story telling about his own life and experiences as a student. Whilst he challenged the system and the schools' administrators, he made a great impact on the students, often turning around their lives for the better.

Teachers are more than just the deliverer of knowledge and the developer of skills. They become a part of the student's life. Like McCourt, as my career has progressed, the more and more I have come to realise that good teacher / student relationships are a key ingredient into positive student outcomes. Having been at Vasse PS since April, I can see the teachers adopt the same thinking and work hard to connect with, and care for you children. They don't switch off at 3.05pm or when they walk to the carpark. They can spend their evenings thinking about the day, what worked and what didn't. They think about the issues impacting students and how they can help the children. Often, they take home the burdens and worries for a child. Sometimes, these can even be distressing circumstances that children and families are experiencing. I could go on and on. My point is, the Vasse teachers genuinely care about your children and work hard to support them, help them learn and make a difference to their lives. I cannot praise them enough!

Tomorrow (Friday), I encourage you to thank your child's teacher for the job they do, for their care and compassion, and the place they have in your child's life.



Staffing

As communicated last Thursday, Mrs Amy Sefton (Deputy Principal) will be stepping into the role of Deputy Principal at West Busselton PS until the end of Term 3, 2025. Amy's last day at Vasse PS, for the time being will be tomorrow. On behalf of the Vasse community I wish Amy the very best for her time at West Busselton PS and look forward to her return in Term 4 of next year.

Mrs Stephanie (Steph) Millen will be fulltime Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year. Steph has been Deputy Principal for two days per week and this time was increased last week as Amy transitions to West Busselton PS.

Mrs Rebecca Laws is teaching Room 31 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and team teaching with Mrs Hannah Chadwick for part of Wednesdays and Fridays.

Kindy 2025 Transition

I am pleased to announce that all four 2025 Kindy groups are now full.

We are still receiving enquiries and enrolments, therefore we have commenced a waitlist. If the waitlist grows to a certain point we may be in a position to offer a fifth Kindy group.

If you know people who are yet to register their interest for 2025 Kindy at Vasse, please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible.

The Kindy orientation program will be run over two weeks, Wednesday 13 November and Wednesday 20 November. For more info click the QR code.



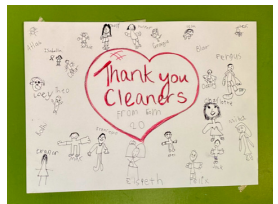
Cleaners Day

Last Wednesday, 16 October was Cleaners Day. Our wonderful cleaners entered their rooms in the early hours of the morning to find it decorated, filled with gratitude cards and some tasty treats waiting for them.

Our cleaners do a great job in keeping our school clean and tidy. Every morning our rooms, offices and grounds are clean and well presented, waiting for us to start our days. This doesn't magically happen!

Late in the afternoon and early mornings, the cleaning team are busily at work. Sometimes it can be a frustrating job as toilets and other areas are intentionally damaged. However, with little complaint they clean the mess and get on with the job.

It was nice to see some of our students seek out the cleaners and thank them for their work. Thank you to our cleaning staff!



Year 6 Rottnest Camp

Late last Friday afternoon the Year 6 students, staff and parent volunteers returned from their camp at Rottnest Island. The group stayed at Kingston Barracks and did a range of activities such as swimming, riding (around the island).

Camps are a complex co-curricular activity to organise and run. Mrs Bruse worked for many months to plan, coordinate and supervise the experience. The staff attending also put in a lot of preparation and hard work over the week, not to mention the time away from family and the comforts of home.

A big thank you to Mrs Bruse, Mrs Braybrooke, Ms Christie, Mr Vardanega, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Allsopp, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Duff and Mrs Hough for the great job they did with this year's camp.

The camp would not have happened without our parent volunteers. Feedback from the staff was that the parent volunteers were 'awesome'. They too, gave up their week to attend. They also committed to doing their open water safety qualifications to assist with swimming supervision. A big thank you to our parents Matt Walker, Sharon Cowley, Guy Badger, Chris Fradelos, Grant Adams, Pete Arnold and Tristan Drake.

The students themselves were described as a terrific group who participated in the spirit of the week and added to the adults' enjoyment. Well done Year 6s!



Athletics Carnival

We had a great carnival week, culminating in the sprints and game day on Friday 11 October. A lot of events were included in the program and we managed to get through them all in line with the schedule.



The P&C ran a very successful cake stall and sausage sizzle, thank you to these volunteers! The students competed with vigour and sportsmanship, and thrived in the carnival atmosphere.

A big thank you to Mrs Farmer and Mr Patterson for their work in organising and coordinating the event. These carnivals are a huge job and require meticulous planning and preparation. Thank you to all staff and others involved on the day. **Tap the QR for photos and more.**



The results were;

- 1st - Djidong - 732 point
- 2nd - Koomal - 688 points
- 3rd - Bardinar - 627 points
- 4th - Kwooyar - 611 points



School Board Parent Survey

The School Board will be sending out the biannual Parent Opinion Survey in the coming weeks. The more responses we have, the more valid the results. Therefore, I encourage all parents to take five to 10 minutes to complete the survey. The results will be published to the school community before the end of the term.

Alex Cameron - Principal

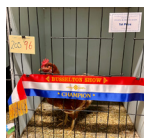
Vasse in
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WEEK 8
THURSDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER 2024

2024 Show
Friday 1st &
Saturday 2nd
November

See Vasse PS Art at the Busselton Show

See our students amazing Art at the School Art display at the show next Saturday.

Plus a reminder to anyone entering their **chicken** in the **Junior Purebred Section** at the Busselton Show to submit your nomination entry forms at the Show Office by **6pm tomorrow, Friday 24 Oct.**



VPS Students kicking goals at Country Week

Vasse Soccer Club is extremely proud of the following Vasse Primary School students who were selected to represent Leeuwin Junior Soccer Association at the recent **2024 Country Week Soccer Carnival**.



The players were involved in a 3-week selection program where as many as 50 other players tried out to be selected. The players were Hamish McR, Blake L, Mackenzie W, Charlotte H, Ava L, and Izara H.



Bianca McRae • Vice President Vasse Soccer Club

VASSE PS BLOG

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



Just in case you missed it!

Vasse Fathering Group Pines Mountain Bike Trail Ride

Yet another amazing morning on Sunday 24 August. The kids (and Dads) were brave enough to take on the possibility of some wild weather and took to the trails.

We were pleasantly surprised when the rain cleared away as the Vasse Fathering Group (VFG) trailer rolled up to the trailhead of The Pines near Margaret River.



P&C News

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated cakes at the Sports Carnival. We couldn't do it without you. Please join us at our **Final P&C meeting 2024**.



All welcome to come along and celebrate 2024.

Date: Monday 18 November 2024 @ 5.30pm

Place: Lentedal Winery

571 Vasse-Yallingup Siding Rd, Marybrook WA 6280.

Wood Fired pizzas and drinks are available to purchase at the bar.

Vasse Primary P&C team.

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Mondays Term 4 at The People Place

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Our GeckoSKILLS program is bursting with a variety of fun-filled mini SPORTS GAMES and skill building. This term, we're bringing you Ultimate Frisbee, T-ball, Cricket, Golf, Basketball, and so much more!

Vasse Primary School - Vasse

 Sessions run from Week 2-8

 Every Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30pm

Surprise Christmas special session at the end of term!!!

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Vasse Primary School
WEEK 9 OF TERM 4
2024



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Human Body



Minibeasts



Eco VR

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Parent Testimonials- WA Vasse Primary School- Camp Australia OSHC

"My boys have thoroughly enjoyed their time with Camp Australia, both in OSHC and Rocketeers. The flexibility of bookings has been incredibly helpful to our family, supporting my inconsistency with chronic illness and therefore varying needs of care for my children. The last minute booking options have been a lifesaver, and the wide array of activities are so enjoyed each time, to the point of the boys not wanting to leave at pickup time!"

"My child asked me to go every day because she loves going to Camp Australia after-school care so much"

"My child loves coming to before and after school care and so far we are loving the flexibility, care and customer service received from Camp Australia."

"My boys absolutely love going to before and after school care, they actually get upset if they can't go. They love the staff and the activities. Such peace of mind knowing I can leave them in safe and caring hands"

"My boys love attending. They meet kids from all different years of the school which then when they see them they get excited"

"Relating to the school holidays Rocketeer program: We've appreciated the varied price points offered each unique day. It's great to pick and choose which outings and day-to-day themes work with both the family budget and our child's interests."





Crunch&Sip[®] REGIONAL ROADSHOW

- Saturday Nov 2, 1-2pm and 4-5pm
Sunday Nov 3, 1-2pm
- Busselton Golf Club

Learn the basics of golf and make new friends at our FREE kids' golf clinics, taking place on Saturday Nov 2nd and Sunday November 3rd. All equipment is provided - just show up and have fun!

Registrations essential.



Register Here



COME AND TRY BEACH VOLLEYBALL



IN TERM 4

Ages between 11 and 14 year olds
for both Boys and Girls



Coached by: Level 3 Coach Mandy Combes as well as some State Junior Beach players.

FRIDAYS STARTING 8TH OF NOVEMBER AND FINISHING ON THE 13TH OF DECEMBER

Where: Busselton Foreshore in front of the Goose Cafe

When: 4:15-5:15pm

Cost: \$45/person for 6 weeks

TO REGISTER

Head to our socials page on either Facebook or Instagram and click on the link in our bio

Make sure to be quick as spots are limited and registrations close on the 31st of October



Vasse Primary School

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

28/10/2024 - 1/11/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Cooperation 4.2</p> <p>Chocolate Play Dough Make some chocolate flavoured Play Dough to imagine chocolatey creations</p>	<p>Creative Think... 2.6</p> <p>Monster masks Children to make their own monster mask</p>	<p>Creative Think... 4.1</p> <p>Pop out cat Create an impressive cat that pops out of a pumpkin</p>	<p>Adaptability 3.2</p> <p>Night in the Museum A theme, one guard and 8 moving statues, the guard must get all 8 moving statue characters out to win.</p>	<p>Creative Think... 2.6</p> <p>mini witch brooms lets make mini witch brooms threading beads on to develop fine motor and creative skills.</p>
<p>Confidence 3.2</p> <p>Crystal Candy Experiment Using water, sugar and food colouring, watch as we turn water into edible crystals as the days go on.</p>	<p>Persistence 2.4</p> <p>Yarn Pumpkins Creating some pumpkins for our Halloween display, using orange wool</p>	<p>Creative Think... 4.1</p> <p>Hama Beads Pumpkin Create a halloween Pumpkin using the Hama Beads!</p>	<p>Creative Think... 1.1</p> <p>bubble prints create beautiful patterns from bubbles</p>	<p>Building Conne... 5.2</p> <p>Story sharing Sharing their stories among with the group of children</p>



Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now](#)



Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

To register and book visit www.campastralia.com.au



Insight Series for families

Tips for transitioning to Big School

Free webinar

Monday 9th December
4:30pm AWST



with
Dr Kaylene Henderson
Child Psychiatrist, Parenting Expert and Mum



We know that starting school is a big milestone for families, often filled with excitement but also some challenges and uncertainty. With this in mind, we've created the Tips for Transitioning to Big School event to offer practical guidance from one of Australia's leading parenting experts (and mum of three 'Big Schoolers'), Dr Kaylene Henderson. Please join us for this live event.



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