



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2024 Term 4 Week 9 Edition



From the Principal's desk

2025 Classes and Teachers

There are still some positions to finalise, however the classes and allocated teachers for 2025 at this point are;

Kindy

- Rm 16 - Kristie Toner & Melanie McMillan
- Rm 17 - Jess House & Natasha Farmer

Pre-Primary

- Rm 13 - Zoe Baker & Emily Gianola
- Rm 14 - Kailla Erickson & Natasha Farmer
- Rm 15 - Claire Jourdain & Jen O'Neill

Pre-Primary / Yr 1 - Rm 12 - Gemma Amies

Year 1

- Rm 19 - Stacey Gardiner
- Rm 20 - Ebony Reynolds & Laura Brown
- Rm 23 - Sarah Tancred & Larissa Marchant

Years 1/2 - Rm 21 - Oonagh Smith

Year 2

- Rm 22 - Sarah Harvey
- Rm 24 - Kylie Hargraves & Natasha Farmer
- Rm 26 - Charmaine Fairbrother

Years 2/3 - Rm 25 - Annie Topham

Year 3

- Rm 27 - Annette Hodder
- Rm 28 - Chloe McDonald
- Rm 29 - Rebecca Laws
- Rm 30 - Tom Light

Year 4

- Rm 8 - Rebecca Wisewould & Carolyn Roberts
- Rm 9 - Clara Little
- Rm 31 - Steph Millen & Hannah Chadwick

Year 5

- Rm 4 - Joanne Glasson
- Rm 5 - Clair Wiltshire Skipper
- Rm 6 - Callie Clark
- Rm 7 - Helen Grigorakis & Melanie Ward

Year 6

- Rm 1 - Brandon Docking
- Rm 2 - To be confirmed
- Rm 3 - Janine Shaw

Specialists

- Science – Ian Ferguson
- Digital Technology – Linda Pritchard
- Indonesian – Jackie Drake
- Physical Education – Nadia Farmer
- Music – Karen Bigwood & Brigitta Pollard
- Art – Sonya Meizis & Jane McKimm

Key Teacher / Learning Support Coordinator

- Amy Gransden
- Ebony Reynolds (Literacy Coach)

- Deputy Principals
- Tracey Bruse
- Rob Reynolds
- Simon Mansfield
- Steph Millen

Principal - Alex Cameron

2025 Class Lists

A lot of time and consideration has gone into developing the 2025 class lists. Many factors have been taken into consideration into developing balanced class groups with input from a range of sources. Your child's 2025 class allocation will be sent via Compass on Monday 3 February.

Class Book Awards assembly

Yesterday, the Class Book Awards were presented to two students from each class, Pre-Primary to Year 5 (Year 6 awards will be presented at Graduation). The awards acknowledged themes such as citizenship and attitude to learning. The final decisions would have been challenging for the teachers, however, they could only present two per class. Congratulations to the following students;

Pre Primary

- Loxley H
- Mac M
- Charlie Q
- Marlee B
- Hudson C
- Elsie B
- Luca L

Year 2

- Viggo W
- Kobi L
- Kennedi W
- Henry H
- Joni T
- Abbey L
- Zoe F
- Louie P
- Nate L

Year 4

- Isabella W
- Miranda B
- Daniel S
- Peyton J
- Marika L
- Maxwell A
- Joseph Mc
- Lilly K

Year 1

- Mason P
- Jack K
- Mika W
- Ayla H
- Carter L
- Asoka R
- Toby G

Year 3

- Jarrah C
- Summer G
- Gracie P
- Taj B
- Ben L
- Emma W
- Elicia A

Year 5

- Katie K
- Xavier M
- Lilly C
- Paige S
- Coco V
- Sam B

Sustainability and Wicked Patch Kitchen Garden Awards

- Owen P (Yr6) - Sustainability Award
- Connor M (Yr4) - Sustainability Award
- Henry R (Yr3) - Wicked Patch Kitchen Garden
- Elicia A - (Yr3) - Wicked Patch Kitchen Garden

See
website
BLOG in
Week 10
for more



Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation ceremony has been well rehearsed over the past weeks and promises to be a very special evening. The ceremony commences at 6pm in the grass quad. Seating is limited and families and friends attending will need to bring chairs suitable for an outdoor event.

The evening is made special by the generous donation of awards from the following local businesses, politicians, schools and associations. Thank you to these sponsors.

- Callows Office Choice
- Bio Soil Solutions
- Cape Naturaliste College
- City of Busselton
- Libby Mettam MLA
- Hon Nola Marino MP
- Hon. Dr Steve Thomas MLC
- Hon. Jackie Jarvis MLC
- Lions Club of Busselton
- Naturaliste Lodge
- Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay
- Vasse Estate
- Vasse & Districts Community Centre
- Vasse Primary School P&C Association

Vasse In Verse

The final for Vasse in Verse was held last Thursday 28 November. The following students were selected to represent their year group after class and year-level competitions, so you can imagine the standard was very high. Congratulations to the following finalists, especially the junior students who bravely performed in front of the senior students;



- **Year 1 - Francesco L** - Poem: Green Giant by Jack Prelutsky - *"Courageous. Restarted after an error. What a Pro"*
- **Year 2 - Charlotte A** - Poem: Last Night I Dreamed of Chickens by Jack Prelutsky - *"Great expression. Engaging. Clear and concise."*
- **Year 3 - Scarlett J** - Poem: There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. - *"Great vocal range. Fantastic facial and physical expressions."*
- **Year 4 - Dru U** - Poem: Timbuktu - *"Great introduction and clarity of voice, eye contact, and voice projection"*
- **Year 5 - Violet C** - I Should Have Stayed In Bed Today by Jack Prelutsky - *"A theatre performance! Actions enhanced audience understanding"*
- **Year 6 - Harrison S** - Exploding Pineapples - *"Original, good props, good actions and well-rehearsed" "very entertaining sound effects"*

It was very hard for our three judges, Miss Millen, Miss Gransden and Mrs Bigwood, to choose just one.

Congratulations to our **2024 Vasse In Verse Champion Scarlett** who showed up with great *"confidence, costume, preparedness, and humour - very funny"*. The judges were impressed with Scarlett remembering all the words of this lengthy poem.



See more photos in the Blog in week 10.

2025 NAIDOC Week Competition

Abi C (Year 2) was one of 25 students in Western Australia awarded a NAIDOC Medal of Excellence by the Prime Minister's Office. Abi submitted a colour-in piece of work to the competition which was judged by Aboriginal Elders, agency delegates, and members of the community as worthy of the special medallion of excellence. Congratulations, Abi!



School Board Parent Survey

Thank you to those who completed the School Board Survey. The survey closed last Friday and the results are being collated for analysis by the Board when they return in the new year.

2025 School Year

The office will close for the summer break on Friday 13 December and reopen on Thursday 30 January. The staff will return for two days of professional learning on Monday 3 February with students returning on Wednesday 5 February.

Vasse PS's school development days (student free) are schedule as follows;

- **Monday 3 Feb & Tuesday 4 Feb** (*non-negotiable*)
- **Friday 28 February** (*leading into the Labour Day weekend*)
- **Friday 30 May** (*leading into the WA Day weekend*)
- **Friday 22 August**
- **Friday 19 December** (*non-negotiable*)

It is hoped that the scheduling of Fridays in the middle of Term 1, 2 and 3 will act as a mid-term break and assist those travelling for long weekends.

Final Note

It has been a big year at Vasse PS. The school has experienced a number of changes over the past few years and this year has been no exception. Having commenced in April, I immediately sensed the staff and wider community were hoping for stability. We have aimed to do this, where possible, in terms of staffing.

Some of our 2024 teachers were genuinely hoping to stay on at Vasse PS, however were offered exciting opportunities in other schools or are returning to previous permanent positions. These are Eliza Keet, Zoe Braybrooke, Cara Christie, Mark Patterson, Hayley Gaff, Rebecca Larkin and Sheree Zacher.

Other staff leaving to travel, access leave or return to relief work are Andrea Old, Georgi Garrick, Matt Vardanega, Gemma Bynder, Susan Gibellini, Alison Anthony, Corrine Chiverton and Shannon Scott. Thank you to all of these people for your work at Vasse PS and we wish the very best for your plans in 2025. We hope you may return to Vasse PS in the not too distant future.

Focus areas for ongoing development and implementation for teaching and learning in 2025 are the clear articulation of learning frameworks in Walker Learning, Inquiry, Explicit Teaching, Well-Being and PIVOT (supporting Autistic students).

On our return in February, one of the school development days will be devoted to the various working groups sharing these frameworks and ensuring that there is common understanding across the whole staff. We will also be establishing systems to ensure these frameworks are being implemented in all relevant classrooms with fidelity and consistency. This will include peer coaching, performance management and professional development.

Whilst I am looking forward to a break and time with my family, I am also excited about 2025 and leading Vasse PS in its improvement journey. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous and safe New Year, and safe travels!

Alex Cameron - Principal



Some Elves (Bertie, Addison & Noah) with their very merry handmade Rudolph and Santa's Sleigh!

This Saturday - See Vasse PS Choir at the

Carols
by the Jetty

SATURDAY 6PM - 7.30PM
7 DECEMBER FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES 4PM-6PM

BUSSELTON FORESHORE AMPHITHEATRE



and at the VASSE CAROLS - Vasse Oval 14 Dec.

Library News

Congratulations to our 1st - Room 24 students for being the first class to return all their library books. 2nd prize went to Room 29 and 3rd prize went to Rm 20 superstars.

All library books are now overdue. Please return to the library ASAP so the Library Dragon can get ready for the holidays!



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Wicked Patch Kitchen Garden Program

Thank you to Lisa and Emma

The Year 3's have thoroughly enjoyed growing vegetables and learning how to cook with them. They have created delicious meals in the kitchen garden program and brought those skills home to their families.

Dear Lisa and Emma,

I love kitchen garden because you learn to cook, and make new recipes all the time. You also learn how to use knives safely to chop the food.

Emma I love the garden because it is fun, exciting and awesome growing the food we cook. The new black chicks are so cute too.

From Jordan Year 3



Dear Lisa and Emma,
I loved doing kitchen garden, it was so much fun to do kitchen garden!

I learnt so much stuff.

I learnt to cook, I learnt about parsley and all kinds of stuff.

We learnt to grow potatoes.

My favourite thing about the kitchen was eating everything we made and in the garden I liked holding the chickens.

Thank you so much,
From Zaiden Year 3



Dear Emma and Lisa,

Thank you for letting us get our hands dirty in the garden and hold the chickens.

Thank you for teaching us how to cook different types of healthy food.

I love the fresh sandwich sushi, my favourite bit of it was the capsicum we grew in the garden. You helped me learn good techniques.

From Wendy Year 3



PBS SuperSlip draw. Asoka and Bobby enjoying Dessert with a Deputy for being their best.



Our Expectations:



Sybil

Be Responsible



Be your Best

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)



Spec

Be Respectful



Come to our "Let's Go Surfing Days" at Bunker's Bay

Event Dates

Sat 14th December 2024 @ 9:30am

Sat 11th January 2025 @ 9:30am

Sun 16th February 2025 @ 9:30am

Sat 8th March 2025 @ 9:30am

All Volunteers Welcomed With Open Arms - no experience needed

Free for All Participants, Carers and Volunteers

Participants must be accompanied by carer

All surfing gear supplied on the day

Free sausage sizzle and fruit, presentation of awards after event

For more info; Phone Ant 97554037

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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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AGE 4 TO 7

4.05PM - 4.50PM

AGE 7 TO 12

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