



## From the Principal's desk

It is a privilege to be working at Vasse Primary School, surrounded by a strong leadership team and staff who are dedicated to the education of every student. My substantive position is Dardanup Primary School, a school of 200 students in the Ferguson Valley.

Filling in for Mr Mansfield while he recovers is certainly a step up in school size made easier by the established whole school procedures. I have been impressed by the amount of students who initiate **Hello** and **Good morning**. The school atmosphere is professional yet chilled and from a public perspective Vasse has a strong school culture.

## Father's Day

Walking around the school last week I saw so many great gift ideas being built with hammer and nails, designed and decorated just for Dads. I hope Sunday was special with some quality time with your child/ren.



## Walk/Ride to School day

On Wed 31 Aug over 100 students took on the challenge to walk or ride to school joining the staff supervised walking bus. The weather was glorious and with a large group of students, parents and a few dogs we made our way to school from Kealy and Vasse Newtown. I was fortunate to have students show me the way from Harbeck Drive, otherwise I would still be walking in circles.

## Interm Swimming

After attending swimming lessons last week I noted the behaviour of our students has been outstanding. From the time students get on the bus to the time they return to school they are demonstrating responsible behaviour. At the pool every child is giving their best and being respectful to the swimming instructors by following instructions and listening attentively. It is great to see a high percentage of students involved in swimming. Physical Education is a requirement of all students at primary school and your support is valued.

## Parent Volunteers - We need you.

The P&C canteen really does a fantastic job feeding our students and staff. It has been a long time since I have been in a school with a regular canteen and I am taking full advantage of the delicious healthy options. The canteen needs your help. If you have some spare time during the week and would like to help out, you will receive a \$5 canteen voucher plus faction points (added to the tally for VPS Sports Carnival Day Oct 21) for volunteering. Please call 9746 3700 or drop in and see Lexie and Shannon in the canteen.



## Inquiry Expo 2022 - Sustainability - Big Questions

This will be my first Inquiry Expo and I cannot wait to see the final phase after "create" which is "communicate" where our students showcase their learning in some very creative ways. Students and teachers must be congratulated on the amount of work that has gone into the Inquiry Process. Some of the big questions students have chosen to investigate are high level.

"How many dolphins get tangled in plastic each year, what causes them to get tangled up in plastic and what are the effects on their health?" Alayah - Year 3

"What might the future effects of global warming be on the world's reefs and how could we reverse the impact of this?" Jack S - Year 4

"How did World War 1 and World War 2 affect the planet with pollution and how can we save the planet from the consequences of the wars?" Lilah Year 5.

## Student on After school Buses

In week 9 Parents of students who catch a bus home after school, will be asked to complete an online survey form by Tues 20 Sept. If your child catches or will be catching an afternoon school bus, even if it is once a term, please complete this form. From this information the school will create a database of every child that catches a bus, checked off each time they get on the bus as part of our duty of care and safety procedure.



Kind regards, Darryl Owen - Principal

## PBS Expectations:



This week (T3 Wk8) | Next week (T3 Wk9)

### Be Respectful

Respect others and their games



### Be Your Best

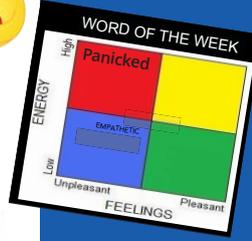


Include others in your games and take turns

## RULER feeling Word: Empathetic

Word of the week

FEELINGS WORD	DEFINITION
EMPATHETIC	Feeling like you understand and share the feelings of another.



## Merit Certificates *Awesome!*

*Congratulations to these students*

**Year 3:** Leah A, Violet C, Mitchell D, Harry E, Sienna H, Jai M, Billy McK, Elijah M, Kaden O, Finn P, Mila W.

**Year 4:** Charlotte H, Mark K, Jasmine N-G, Bridie R.

**Year 5:** Archer B, Indigo J, Katelynn O'H, Levi R, Costa W.

**Year 6:** Jade B, Mitchell C, Samuel D, Zalia H, Eli H, Noah K, Koby M, Samuel M, Chloe P, Arlen R, Hayden T, Lucas W, Kyra W, Emily W.



## It's almost here

Year 3 - Year 6 students will showcase their learning about their one BIG QUESTION to the whole school community in our Inquiry Expo 2022 - Sustainability.

We have a full day planned for our students, opening with guest speaker and sustainability warrior, Amy Gornall from the Busselton Jetty (9 - 9:20am).

From 9:20 -10am Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom where students can share and communicate their understanding after researching their Big Question.



## Pre Primary handmade Dad's Day Gifts

Thank you to Debbie and Gary from Busselton Bunnings who came and facilitated a hands-on woodworking workshop morning with all the Vasse Pre-Primary students.

The students made wooden screwdriver holders to give to a beloved family member as a gift. Many parents and grandparents came along and supported our students who had a lot of fun painting and building their gift using real hammers and nails.

*Mrs. Jack Buntain and the Pre-Primary Team*



## Vasse Student Art Exhibition

Please deliver your creations to the Art room on Monday 12 September.

Parents are welcome to come along to view the award winning and framed art on the library verandah Wednesday 14 September.

Thank you to the Carlyle family and @ the Shed Markets who donated the frames.

Click QR code for more info.



*Ms. Sonya Miezis - Art Specialist*

**Staff wanted: VPS Canteen  
Casual (Paid) Recruitment Pool  
Applications close 9 Sept**

### Casual (Paid) Recruitment Pool

The Vasse PS P&C are looking to recruit 3 Casual canteen staff to work cover relief and special events

- Hospitality Experience a plus
- The successful applicants will be required to attain Working with Children Check and Foodsafe Food Handler Certification.

For more info please contact Lexie via the email address below.

Please email your CV to [pnc.canteen@vasseps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pnc.canteen@vasseps.wa.edu.au)

Applications close 9th Sept, 2022

Ask



No qualifications needed

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8 September 2022



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## Magpies – Swooping and Safety Issues

### Magpie-Human Interactions

Magpies swoop to protect eggs and young from potential predators during the nesting season. They rely largely on intimidation to deter human intruders by flying low and fast, often clacking their bill as they pass overhead. The sound of their wings whistling past and the movement of air can be alarming, but is usually just a bluff.

Like dogs, magpies seem to sense fear and may capitalise on this by pressing on with harassing any perceived threat. Occasionally, a magpie will actually strike an intruder on the head with its bill. While such strikes are rare, magpies can inflict serious injuries. Information collected at hospital emergency departments has shown that the eye was the most common target. Magpies are more likely to swoop cyclists and postal workers.

If you find a sick or injured magpie contact the [Wildcare Helpline](#) on (08) 9474 9055 for information on registered wildlife rehabilitators and centres who can assist you with your enquiry.

### Reducing the risk from swooping magpies

If you have problems with a swooping magpie, several avenues of action are open to you. Keep in mind that the birds swoop only during the nesting and rearing period (from August to October) and each bird generally only swoops for a few weeks during this time. If we can understand the catalysts and the patterns of magpie behaviour, we can greatly reduce the risk.

### Living safely with magpies

The following steps can be followed to avoid or reduce the impact of a swooping magpie:

- Never deliberately provoke or harass a magpie. Throwing sticks or stones usually makes them more defensive. Magpies have good memories and they may continuously swoop a potential aggressor.
- Avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop. Remember, magpie hostility lasts only a few weeks and they usually only defend a small area of about 100m radius around their nest.
- Locate the bird and keep watching it when entering its territory. If it swoops, don't crouch in fear or stop: move on quickly but don't run.
- If you are riding a bike make sure you wear a helmet, and dismount and walk through nesting magpie territory.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella for protection. Magpies initially attack from behind but can swoop back around.
- Adopt a confident stance as this can have a strong deterrent effect.

Remember that the magpies are just trying to protect their young. Learning to live alongside wildlife is an important step towards building a better living environment, and observing and listening to magpies can be an enjoyable experience.

Taking a bird or nest from the wild is illegal without a permit and while such actions may temporarily stop attacks, it is not uncommon for another nesting bird to move in. It is better to avoid the area or live with the swooping bird for six to eight weeks until the chicks learn to fly and the problem ceases.

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