



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2022 Term 4 Week 10 Edition

Last one for 2022



From the Principal's desk

2023 Leadership Team

Mr. Mansfield started his chemotherapy this term and will need six months worth of treatment and because of this he has decided to relinquish his Principal position. This was a very difficult decision for him, but he feels it is in the best interests of the school. He has been integral to the development of the new business plan, creation of the new Board and P&C, ensured the smooth running of the school during COVID and has set up some really effective structures within the school this year. We would like to thank him for his immense support and calm leadership.

The Principal position will be advertised Term 1 next year and I will continue in the Principal role until the end of week 6 or until the recruitment process is complete. Susan Reeves, Rob Reynolds, Tracey Bruse and Beth Foster will continue as Deputies.

Staff Leaving

As always, we have a few staffing changes for next year with a number of Teachers and Education Assistants moving into new roles. We would like to say a big thank you to:

Teachers: Stacey Black, Jack Buntain, Clare Conlan,
Donna Crimble, Emma Green, Claire Jeffrey,
Tracey Noonan, and Oonagh Smith.

Education Assistants: Bec Nelson, Lee-anne Druce,
Emma Docherty, Emma Court and Gem Tubbs.

School Structure

Vasse school numbers have dropped slightly, down to 781. In setting up the class structures for 2023, there are a number of composite (split) classes.

Split classes are created when there is an uneven number of enrolments across the year groups and they ensure classes remain within the recommended Education Department guidelines sizes.

Kindy: 20 students • Pre Primary: 27 students

Years 1 - 3: 24 students • Years 4 - 6: 32 students

As with any class, there is a wide range of abilities in each class and teachers are skilled at meeting the needs of students regardless of year level. Research shows that composite classes make no difference to the academic outcomes of students.



The biggest influence on student achievement is the knowledge, skills and expertise of the teacher. Teachers at Vasse work collaboratively to ensure all students in composite classes are provided with the same content as their year groups. If you have concerns or questions about this please speak to your classroom teacher.

Visible Learning

Further Reading:



Australian
Educational Services



www.smh.com.au

Volunteer Appreciation Morning Tea.

Our volunteers come in many forms at Vasse, from reading with our students, volunteering in the canteen, going on excursions or camps, our mentors, Breakfast Club, the P&C and School Board and more.



They were treated to a delicious morning tea, some delightful music and dramatic performances.

Volunteering is hard these days as many of us work and life is so full and busy. Thank you for sharing your most precious resource - your time - to help our school. Your generosity of time doesn't go unnoticed and it can have a lasting impact for students at Vasse.



Whole School Book Award Presentation

Our two presentation assemblies were wonderful last week. I love to see the pride in our award recipients faces as they receive their books.

Our teachers have the difficult task of choosing just two winners from their class and I know they could easily choose many. Congratulations to all our award recipients. Click the QR code for photos and more.



School Board Survey and Winners

Every two years the school participates in a nationwide survey which alternates between staff and parents.

This year we had a record number of 192 responses.

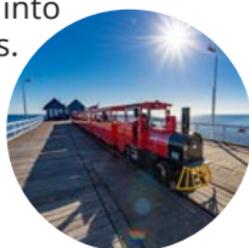
Thank you to all of the parents and families that completed the anonymous survey. The information in the survey is used as a reflective tool for the school and we take it into account when developing our internal processes. We will publish the results early next year.

As an incentive we did a prize draw of donated vouchers for those who opted in after completing the survey. The winners were:

Jo Light - *Clairault Streiker Voucher (\$200 value)*

Colleen Hayley - *Busselton Jetty Train Family Ticket (\$51 value)*

Mariah Jones • Alison White • Fiona Trendos • Peter Monkhouse each won a *VPS Canteen Voucher (\$20 value)*.



Thank you

Thank you for all your support in 2022. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Kind regards, Amy Sefton - Principal

PBS Expectations:
Only one week to go
and then holidays.
Don't forget to...



Be Responsible, Be Respectful
and Be Your Best all of the time.



Merit Certificates

Congratulations to:

PP: Abbey L, Darren S

Yr 1: Lacey G, Archie LQ,
Finn LQ, Parker M, Kai T.

Yr 4: Ethan R, Palas S.



PBS Pizza with the Principal

Congratulations to the students who were nominated from their classes to enjoy a free lunch with the Principal on Wednesday for following our school expectations with excellence.



Hunter A, Joey A, Archie A, Oaklie A, Max A, Kahlan B-S, Brandon B, Summer C, Nina C, Jackson C, Evie C, Oscar C, Brodie D, Harrison G, Isla G, Luka H, Zara H, Jarrah H, Darcie J, Ava L, Malani Mc, Khloe M, Gracie P, Ryu P, Sophia P, Lily R, Tasma R, Casper S, Luke T, Logan W, Jye W, Quinn W, Lincoln Z.

RULER *feeling* Word: Blessed

Word of the week

FEELINGS WORD	DEFINITION
BLESSED	You feel lucky to have something or someone that makes a positive difference in your life. SYNONYMS: content, fortunate, grateful, glad, favoured and blissful

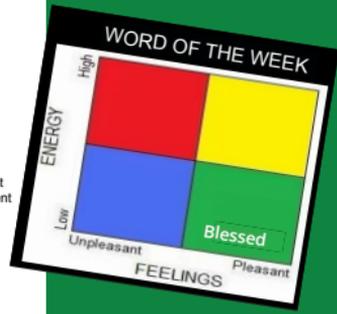
Sounds like
Soft, calm and positive voice. Listens warmly to others and usually shares a caring and kind attitude.



Looks like
Relaxed body language and posture. People can sometimes have a slight smile and relaxed facial features.



Feels like
A pleasant low energy feeling that brings about a sense of contentment and calmness.



Graduation Ceremony and Dance

Graduation at Vasse Primary is done so well. The evening sky is a stunning setting and I think the ceremony has just the right amount of formality and fun mixed together.

The Year 6's worked so hard on their song and their dances were just beautiful. Thank you to our Award Sponsors and Teachers who presented and worked so hard on creating such a memorable night.

A special thank you to Bonnie F-G who spoke to our graduates and audience about what to expect in high school in her "Former Student Address" with great confidence and maturity.

Also a huge thank you to the parents who decorated the Hive. You made it a night to remember for our students.

A big congratulations to all our award winners and to the graduating class of 2023- the biggest in Vasse's 153 year history! Click the QR code for more...



Amy Sefton



Graduation Disco

The Year 6 Graduation Disco was made possible thanks to the support of some fantastic local businesses including Margaret River Cowaramup Electrical Service, Yahava Kwik Coffee Vasse, Renew Skin & Beauty, One Rustic Bloom, Vasse Bakery, Bunnings Busselton and Red Dot Busselton. There were also many voluntary hours contributed by parents, grandparents and older siblings as well as students and teachers from Cape Naturaliste College, including Gemma Ward and Anna Simpson. The Year 6 graduating students, teachers and families wish to say a huge thank you to all of you for your generous contributions. They are very much appreciated.

Amy Gornall



Important Admin information

2022 Student Semester 2 Reports sent out

A link to your child's school report was emailed out on Monday 12 Dec. If you have not received this email please contact the front office before 3pm Thursday 15th Dec. The link will be valid until 6th January 2023. Please download asap.

Medication and Lost property

Parents are requested to pick up their child's medications asap before the end of term as it is policy that medications are not stored on premises. Any medication not picked up will be delivered to the chemist for disposal.

Lost Property - If you are missing items, please check the lost property in the Green Room. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity / second hand shop.

Thank you.

Finally...

The front office staff would like to wish you all a safe, relaxing school holidays and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.

The Admin Team

A message from the School Board

On behalf of Vasse Primary School Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Simon Mansfield for his leadership for the last 2 years. Simon was instrumental in bringing a fresh, proactive team together in the School Board and we are very grateful for his knowledge, expertise and mentoring this year.

We have missed Simon's calm and level headed manner, his passion for education and supporting students in becoming lifelong learners and of course his Lego® train sets.

We would like to wish Simon, and his family all the best for Simon's continued recovery.

Additionally we would like to wish our whole school community a safe and enjoyable festive season and we look forward to seeing everyone back and rejuvenated in 2023.

Katie Taylor

Chairperson • Vasse Primary School Board



Thank you Frederick's!

Special thanks to the Frederick's family for gifting the library with these home made library bags made for us as a parting gift as they graduate from Vasse PS after being here since Kindy. *The Library Team*



Year 2's head to Origin Markets



On Thursday all 5 year two classes went to the Origin Market for an excursion.

We rotated through four stations. Our class started at the bird watering station, upcycling milk bottles to bird watering stations.

Next we went to the plastic sorting. We had to sort plastic lids into colours like green and gold, blue and white.



After recess we had a look at the bee-hive and the artisan arcade where people made things by hand.

Last we did some weaving with more milk cartons. At the end we got to have an icecream from sub-zero. Bubblegum and chocolate were the favourite flavours.

By Miranda and Miss Clark.



The Green Team

This year we have implemented a 'Green Team' at Vasse!

We have student representatives from each classroom meet once a week to talk about recycling at school.

So far we have done an audit of scrap buckets and recycling bins in classrooms and worked at emptying these regularly and in the correct place.

Students from the Green Team are responsible for emptying the bins and educating their class on what can/can't go in them. It has been great to get the kids involved in this initiative to acknowledge their impact on the world, and their future.

Sustainability Team



Yongka and Wetj sausages a huge hit!

Yongka (Kangaroo) with Riberry sausages and Wetj (Emu) with Illawarra Plum sausages from Mahogany Creek Margaret River were cooked up by Mrs Zacher and the Koolbardi Team. The line of students extended across the quad with exclamations of "yummy" and "delicious" overheard in the quad.



Chaplains Chat

It has been such a great year getting to know everybody in our school community a little better. I can't believe that we are coming to the end of my second year at Vasse Primary School. It has been a wonderful journey and I feel privileged to be part of this amazing community.

This year we have been very fortunate to be gifted 3 huge Christmas hampers from the very generous residents at Busselton Lifestyle Village and a beautiful Christmas Hamper gifted from the amazing people at Vasse Cornerstone Church who also generously volunteer their time every week on a Monday to help with Breakfast Club.



Thank you to Matt, Gerlind and Russell, Deb, Helen and Jo for your help every week. I would also like to thank Vasse Bakery for the bread donations for our toasties at Breakfast Club and a big thank you to Donna and Chris Carlyle for the fruit and veg they kindly donated each week for our students to enjoy at crunch and sip.



Over the past few weeks a few students have expressed the stress they are feeling about Christmas. They say that their parents are really stressed at this time of year and they don't feel comfortable speaking to them about everyday things because they don't want to add more pressure.

In all the *busy-ness* that this time of year brings, let's not lose sight of what Christmas is all about - Peace, Love, Kindness, and Connection. Let's be more generous with our time for the people we love. This is much more important and meaningful than being generous with stuff.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with peace, love and joy.

Chaplain Sam Curran



Thank you from the P&C

The Vasse Primary School P&C would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and supported the P&C in 2022, especially Lee-Anne Walker who retired as Secretary after many years in the role.

Thanks also goes out to Lexie and Shannon in the canteen for all their efforts and hardwork over 2022.

We congratulate the Year 6's on their graduation and wish them the very best for the future.

2023 In Term 1 we hope to have a **Sundowner** to welcome everyone back to school and of course the famous school **Easter Raffle** fundraiser.



P&C

We look forward to hopefully welcoming more P&C members into our group next year. Click the QR Code for more info.



Vasse Art Award is looking for an Event Coordinator and seeking expressions of interest for this position with this major fundraiser.

Please email EOI to pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au

We hope everyone has a great holiday break with lots of fun and a safe return to 2023. *The Vasse P&C*

Busselton Mobile School Dental Service

The Busselton Mobile School Dental Service will be closed from Thursday 15 Dec 2022 until Tuesday 31 Jan 2023. **For emergency advice Mon to Fri 8am - 4pm, call 9313 0555. For After-hours emergency advice call 1800 098 818 or contact your local private dental practice.**

Wishing everyone a safe summer holiday and a Happy New Year. *Busselton Mobile Dental Therapy Centre.*

Ironkids 2022

Thank you to everyone that supported the Ironkids triathlon event and shared it with your students and their families. We had 279 young triathletes participate in the event. It was awesome to see entry numbers return to pre Covid times.

GMAS (Georgiana Molloy Anglican School) won the Schools Challenge for 2022, with 31 entries

Vasse Primary School had 8 entries.

Look out for a new format for the Schools Challenge in 2023!

Val Best • Director of the Ironkids Triathlon 2022

Two out of the 8 entries were Vasse PS students', Grace G and Izabell J who competed in this year's event for the first time.



"This was Grace's first triathlon and she absolutely loved it so much that she has signed up for the next kids in April 2023 and has convinced [her sister] Sarah to do it with her".

"Izabell did the IronKids and absolutely loved it and can't wait for the next one! Her face says it all"



See Events on our school website for fun and free school holiday events and more at www.vasseps.wa.edu.au



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At Home



PLAYGROUP WA INVITES EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR:

Vasse Primary School Playgroup



Would you be interested in being part of a local playgroup with your children aged 0-4 years in 2023?

Vasse Primary School is offering space at the school for a playgroup to meet in 2023.

Playgroups typically meet for two hours per week for families and children to come together to socialise and learn through play.

At playgroup you can have fun playing and learning with your child and meet other local parents. Your child can make friends and become familiar with the school environment ready for future school years.

To register your interest please contact Vasse Primary by phone/email:
phone – 9746 3700 email – Vasse.PS@education.wa.edu.au



School Holiday Activities



Summer Reading Club Oceans of Possibilities

Head over to the Busselton and Dunsborough Libraries these summer school holidays for a whole lot of fun!

All activities are FREE and no booking necessary- just come along and have some fun!

LEGO Club

Dunsborough Library Thursday 5th Jan 10:30am - 4:30pm
Busselton Library Friday 20th Jan 2pm - 3pm

LEGO Masters unite!
Use other like-minded LEGO fans for building games, challenges and free creative building time.
For ages 7 - 13

Sea Fairy Show

Busselton Library Tuesday 17th Jan 10:30am - 1:00pm
Dunsborough Library Tuesday 17th Jan 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Join us for singing, games, storytelling and more as we invite a REAL LIFE sea fairy to visit the libraries!
For ages 2 - 12

CRAFTernoon

Busselton Library Monday 6th Jan 10:30am - 1pm
Dunsborough Library Friday 13th Jan 2pm - 4pm

Drop into the library at anytime during our beautiful term craft afternoon sessions.
We'll supply an array of crafts so you can let your imagination loose!
For ages 5 - 12

Make a Reef Craft Activity

Busselton Library Friday 20th Jan 10:30am - 1pm
Dunsborough Library Tuesday 10th Jan 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Make your very own glow-in-the-dark reef!
Create a magical underwater world for all your little fishes!
For ages 4 - 12

Pop-Up Library

Find us on the road this summer!

Thursday 15th December
Vasse Village, 9am - 12pm
Christmas Storytime at 10am

Thursday 22nd December
Busselton Central
Christmas Storytime at 9:30am

Monday 19th December
Heritage Park, Vasse
Baby Bounce in the Park
10am - 11am

Thursday 12th January
Vasse Village, 9am - 12pm
LEGO Club at 10am

Thursday 19th January
Vasse Village, 9am - 12pm
Mini-Craft Morning at 10am

PSST!
Join our Summer Reading Challenge to unlock an invitation to our special end-of-summer PARTY!
Tues 24th Jan in Busselton and
Wed 25th Jan in Dunsborough!



Ocean Heroes is coming to Margaret River!



'Ocean Heroes aims to improve the wellbeing of those on the autism spectrum and their families through surfing'

We're finally coming to the South West for a free surfing event and can't wait to share the stoke with the local autism community!

- Where: Redgate Beach - Margaret River
- When: Sunday 5th February 2023 8:00am-1:00pm
- Who: the autism community
- How much: Free!



For more details contact: Sam Moyle
sam@oceanheroes.com.au

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Registrations via EventBrite, www.oceanheroes.com.au

