



# LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2023 Term 1 Week 2 Edition

*First one for 2023*



## From the Principal's desk

### Welcome back to school

The school was buzzing with activity and excitement again last week and most students and teachers were glad to be back in the routine.

The novelty of a new room and year can sometimes lose its shine after the first week and we may start to see some students feeling uncertain. The focus of our classes over the next few weeks is to build connections with students and for the students to build relationships and trust in each other. This is important because without trust and connection it is difficult to learn, take risks and be at your best.

### Parent Information Afternoon

Teachers will also want to connect with parents and their first opportunity to do this will be on Wednesday afternoon.

Please make an effort to attend the classroom meeting if you can. There will be handouts for those who can't make it or have times that clash. Click QR for timetable and more info.



### Communication

In a school as big as Vasse, we need to have effective communication within and also between school and home.

Our **school website** is the one stop hub for school information and also where you can notify the front office if your child will be absent. Click QR code at top right of the page to see website. You can also subscribe to receive notifications of latest news.



**Newsletters** are sent out every fortnight and whole school **ClassDojo's** are sent more frequently as needed.



Your child's classroom teacher will use **ClassDojo** to send out class stories or individual messages to parents.

Your class teacher is always the number one place to start with any questions or concerns. You can reach them via Dojo, or by booking a meeting.

At Vasse we work to keep the communication open and encourage you to speak to the teacher earlier rather than later if you have any concerns. The Admin team is also available for discussion. You can book in a meeting at the front office via 9746 3700 or emailing [Vasse.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Vasse.PS@education.wa.edu.au)



FB: P&C

On **facebook** you will find the **Vasse Primary School P&C Page** and there is a **Vasse Primary Parent Support Page** (run by parents) which is a members page to join.



FB: VPS Parent Support Page

### Staffing

In Term 1, I will continue in the role of Principal. This role can only be held for a period of time before it has to be advertised so this will happen sometime during the term. I will keep you informed of any changes.

The Admin team this year includes Susie Reeves, Tracey Bruse, Rob Reynolds (Welcome back Rob!), and Beth Foster.

We also welcome 5 new staff members to our Vasse family.

*Pictured left to right: Zoe Braybrooke, Lucinda Foster (not pictured), Chloe McDonald, Andrea Old, and Scarlett Grono*



And finally welcome back to our returning teaching staff; Zoë Baker, Natasha Farmer, Emily Gianola, and Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer (AIEO) Kim Stanley.

*Kind regards, Amy Sefton - Principal*

## PBS Expectations:

This week (T1 Wk2)

**Follow school routines and procedures**

Next week (T1 Wk3)

### Be Responsible



Wear your school hat and uniform correctly

## RULER feeling Word: Calm

Word of the week

FEELINGS WORD	DEFINITION
Calm	When your body and mind are feeling still and quiet. SYNONYMS: Peaceful, serene, still, quiet, restful.

Sounds Like

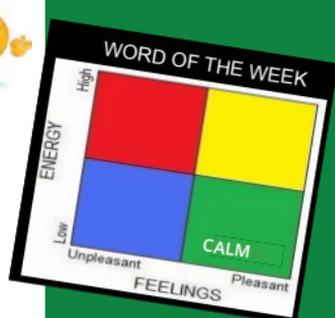
Quiet, calm voices. Subdued and soft tone.

Looks Like

Small smile relaxed lips and eyes. Loose relaxed body muscles and shoulders.

Feels Like

Pleasant and low energy feeling. Steady breathing and steady heart rate.



## Chaplain's Chat

Welcome back to a fresh new school year. I hope you all had a lovely, restful break from school and had many opportunities to spend time with loved ones – reconnecting and enjoying many happy moments.



My role as School Chaplain at Vasse Primary is in the area of pastoral care and wellbeing which sees me supporting the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of students, parents and staff in our school community.

This year I will be at school four days per week on Monday - Thursday. On Monday mornings from 8:30am, we have Breakfast Club where students can choose from fruit, toasties, pancakes and a warm Milo to start their week.



I hope to do more group work with students working on friendships, building confidence and self esteem through friendology, art and the drumbeat programs.

If you would like to have a chat with me, please call 9746 3700 and leave a message with the front office staff.

*Peace, love and joy. Chaplain Sam Curran*

# Vasse Primary School Board

Hi everyone and welcome back to school for 2023!

I hope all students and caregivers have enjoyed a well deserved holiday break and are excited for the year ahead.

The Vasse Primary School (VPS) Board is looking forward to 2023. This term we will be reviewing feedback and promoting results from the recent Parent Survey. We're also keen for you to get to know more about your School Board Members and what we actually do – stay tuned! Click QR for more.

A new year brings new teachers, new things to learn and new friends to make. On behalf of the VPS Board we hope you all have a fantastic school year!

Kind regards,  
Katie Taylor - Chairperson VPS Board



## Important Admin News

### Updates on Contact Details /Student Medical

It is very important that Parents/Carer notify the front office staff of any changes to their contact details (Phone numbers/ email addresses) and your child's Health and Medical status.



### Online Payments

EFTPOS/Credit Card payments are accepted and can be made at the front office during term 8.30am - 3.30pm. Direct Credit payments are preferred and must be made 2 days prior to excursions/incursions to allow for processing.

**Direct Credit Payments to:**

**Acct Name: Vasse Primary School**

**BSB: 633-000 • Acct number: 182-526-996**

**Reference: Student Surname First Initial (Very Important)**

*Example: Smith A Excursion (a brief description of payment is also helpful if you have space).*

### Interm Swimming

Year 4 - 6 students will be participating in Interm Swimming Lesson at the Busselton Foreshore in Week 3 & 4 of Term 1. Swimming forms were sent home in your child's school bag on Wednesday 1 Feb. Please ensure forms are completed and returned to the classroom teacher ASAP. Payment is due by Wed 8 Feb. Scan QR Code for more info.



Front Office Team

## Beautiful Book Bags - Thank you

The Dunsborough CWA has made VPS Library some beautiful Library bags. We are very appreciative of them putting their amazing sewing skills to good use and helping us keep our books travelling safely to and from school. *Please join us in thanking them for their kind donation.*



The Library Team



**P&C Meeting**  
at 6pm

Monday  
13 February 2023  
VPS Staffroom

All Welcome

e: [pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au)

## P&C News

In Term 1 we will be having a **Sundowner on Friday 17th March** to welcome everyone back to school. Plus the famous school **Easter Raffle** fundraiser.

We look forward to hopefully welcoming more P&C members so come along to the first meeting of the year to see what exciting plans we have for the year.

The **Vasse Art Award** is looking for an Event Coordinator and seeking expressions of interest for this position with this major fundraiser. Please email your expression of interest to [pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au)

*Lyndon Miles - P&C President*



**MARCH 17**

Second act  
To be  
announced

**SARA STORM**  
5pm-6pm

VPS Choir from 6pm

Vasse Primary School  
**SUNDOWNER**  
presented by the VPS P&C

**5pm - 7.30pm**  
Live Music by the talented **Sara Storm** from 5pm, **VPS Choir** from 6pm and the last act to be announced From 6.30pm

Come down to the Vasse School Oval, Bring a rug & picnic dinner or support the year 5 camp fundraiser and buy a sausage sizzle and drink.  
Sit back, Relax and let the children play while we listen to live music & enjoy the company of family & friends.



## School Dental Service

Students who usually attend the Vasse Mobile Dental Clinic are now being seen at the Mill Road Dental Therapy Centre which is located within the Busselton Health Campus.

School Dental staff are there on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Parents/carers will be contacted to arrange appointments. For any queries please contact us via Mobile 0418 269 234 • Email [busseltonmobile@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:busseltonmobile@health.wa.gov.au)

# WPKG - What an AMAZING Harvest!

Mrs Walker and Mrs Pointon worked hard last week harvesting this amazing crop from the Wicked Patch Kitchen Garden (WPKG).



This fresh, organic produce will be used in our kitchen garden program on Tuesdays and Fridays as well as supplying our canteen with seasonal fresh produce.



## Fathering Project 2023

The Vasse Primary School Fathering Project (VFP) would like to welcome all students and their families back to school for the 2023 school Year.

With the influx of new students to the junior years we welcome all new families, especially Dads and Father figures to the school. We have a great school community and this year the VFP is looking at taking it to the next level so why not join us!

On Wednesday 8 Feb we will be cooking up a sausage sizzle at the school's Parent Information Afternoon and available to chat with any dads or families with questions about the group or how you can get involved. Come and say hello, we will be cooking using on our amazing new trailer.

**An indication of the 2023 Dads and Kids events are:**

Term 1 - Planes, Plaits and Percussion BBQ at the school.

Term 2 - Cape-to-Cape Walk - Sugarloaf to Yallingup

Term 3 - Bike Ride- Cowaramup to Margaret River

Term 4 - Marquee Event- The School Camp out.

**Plus two Dads only event's each term.**

We like to mix up the activities to try and get an option that encourages everyone to come along, whilst offering a bigger focus this year on reaching out to Dads only activities to help build strong local contacts and families.

Like us on Facebook - Vasse Primary School Fathering Project - to see all the events as they come up, however the school newsletters and Dojos will also be used for communication.

Alternatively, click the QR code to go to the Fathering Project website to join.

*Brian Blanchard*



## Creative Kids Workshop Series



### Fun, inclusive & hands on children's workshops

Learn and explore a creative project each week

- ♥ Macramé ♥ Watercolour ♥ Mono Printing ♥
- ♥ Pebble Families ♥ Botanical Loom Weaving ♥
- ♥ Group exhibition for family and friends ♥

Starts February 14th Tuesdays 4 - 5.30pm for six weeks  
\$150 per person includes tuition & materials for years 4 - 6

Light Heart Collective, 2/14 Burler Drive, Vasse  
 [lightheart\\_collective](https://www.instagram.com/lightheart_collective) [www.lightheartcollective.com.au](http://www.lightheartcollective.com.au)

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## PIANO LESSONS

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DURING SCHOOL HOURS

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**Wednesdays & Thursdays  
from 11- 3 @ Vasse Hall**

Piano Lessons for beginners and intermediates  
at any age, who is interested in broadening  
music language in fun and logical way.

- Interest in developing music theory, and all styles of practical music playing/ performing.
- Committed AMEB exam training.
- Advanced composition, song writing.

For more information please contact:

**Summer Chi**

**m: 0434 386 470 e: [norico222@yahoo.com.au](mailto:norico222@yahoo.com.au)**

## Drum Lessons for Vasse PS Students



Hello Vasse Primary School Community,

My name is Paul McDaniel, I am a drum tutor and I have been teaching Vasse PS students for over 10 years.

This year I will be teaching Vasse students during school hours on Wednesdays at the Vasse Community Hall.

**If your child is interested in learning to play the drums, I have a limited number of time slots available.**

The tuition fee is \$30 per lesson paid by term, plus a \$20 term levy for the Vasse Community Hall usage.

Please contact me directly on **0408 788 835** or contact the school on 9746 3700 for more info.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Paul McDaniel ~ Professional Drum Tutor for 40+ years**



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](mailto:Vasse.PS@education.wa.edu.au)





## Naturaliste Community Health - Triple P Seminar Series

The community health services and programs are available to all families in the community at no cost.

<p>Term 1</p> <p>Busselton Health Campus Conference Room 1</p>	<p>Week 7 – Seminar 1 The Power of Positive Parenting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 09:30am - 11:30am</p> <p>Week 8 – Seminar 2 Raising Confident, Competent Children Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 09:30am - 11:30am</p> <p>Week 9 – Seminar 3 Raising Resilient Children Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 09:30am - 11:30am</p>
<p>Term 2</p> <p>Busselton Health Campus Conference Room 1</p>	<p>Week 8 – Seminar 1 The Power of Positive Parenting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Week 9 – Seminar 2 Raising Confident, Competent Children Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Week 10 – Seminar 3 Raising Resilient Children Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 12:30pm - 2:30pm</p>
<p>Term 4</p> <p>Margaret River Venue TBC</p>	<p>Week 6 – Seminar 1 The Power of Positive Parenting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Week 7 – Seminar 2 Raising Confident, Competent Children Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Week 8 – Seminar 3 Raising Resilient Children Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 12:30pm - 2:30pm</p>

To register please email [WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@health.wa.gov.au)  
or phone Maddison and Kya on 08 9753 6476

Visit the Triple P website for more information <https://www.triple-p-parenting.net.au/>



## Bringing Up Great Kids

### FREE 6 Week Parenting Workshop for Parents of Children Aged 5-12

The BUGK is an evidence based program that uses a suite of activities and tools that are unique and offer all parents and carers a fresh way to understand and be with their children. The program aims to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children and to promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of children's positive self-identity.

#### YOU WILL LEARN:

- Your own parenting style
- Improve understanding your child's thoughts and feelings
- Children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development
- What families need to ensure your children's best possible health and wellbeing outcomes
- Ways to take care of yourself and get support when needed.

Bookings Open until 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

samantha@southwestparenting.com

0409 102425

When: Mondays 10am-12pm  
20<sup>th</sup> February-3<sup>rd</sup> April  
(Excluding Public Holiday  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

Where: The People Place  
Kent Street,  
Busselton

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