



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2023 Term 1 Week 6 Edition



From the Principal's desk

Wasn't it nice to have an extra day this weekend! I hope you had a chance to connect with those important to you, and also enjoyed some time to relax!

Class Charters

Over the last couple of weeks I have managed to visit all classrooms to have a chat about their Class Charters.

A class charter is one of the 'core routines' from our RULER strategy. It describes how students want to feel when they are in their classroom and how this can be achieved. Some popular words were Safe, Motivated, Happy, Calm. Ask your kids what their class charter words are over the dinner table tonight!



NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins on Wednesday 15 March for our Year 3 and 5 students. Whilst this is not the only assessment of student achievement at Vasse, it is still an important one.

As a school we use the data to reflect on and improve on our whole school practices and parents get a 'snapshot' of how your child was performing on the day.

It's important that kids experience 'test' conditions and all the feelings that go with it. It might bring about feelings of anxiety or worry and this is normal and sometimes useful for these situations. Some students even love the feeling of accomplishment that comes with doing a test! However you and your child are feeling about NAPLAN, it's important to remember that it's just part of the teaching and learning cycle. All your child needs to do is to try their best!

The Vasse Fathering Project

It was wonderful to hear of all the kids and fathers attending and enjoying the latest 'Planes, Plaits and Percussion' evening at the school.

The overall goals of the group is to get fathers or father figures to spend time with their children and to network and connect with other fathers.

Having strong male role models is important. If your child doesn't have an obvious father figure, see if you can find one by connecting with our local community- try Grandfathers, Uncles, Cousins or Friends. If you are struggling to find a role model please speak to the fathering group about how to build your connections.



P&C Priorities

Our P&C is up and running again for 2023. The P&C is a wonderful way to support the school and I'd like to thank our current members for their dedication. The P&C raises money to fulfil the priority list of projects for the school, so if you have any ideas or see something the school would benefit from, please submit them via email to pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au

The next general meeting is on Monday 13 March (see page 5) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held before April 30, at the school - *date to be confirmed*.

During the AGM, nominations will be taken for the different roles and we would love to see a big representation of the school community there.



CLO meeting

Thank you to all the parents who have put their hand up for this important role, Classroom Liaison Officer, acting as conduit between the classroom, school and home.

A CLO meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday 14 March at 2:30pm** and your class CLO will be in touch soon after. Please keep an eye out for an email in your inbox or connecting through your private facebook CLO group.

Kind regards, Amy Sefton - Principal

Bunuru Bonar

*The Second Summer,
long days spent fishing on the coast.*



Season of Adolescence

February to March



PBS Expectations:

This week (T1 Wk6)

Next week (T1 Wk7)



Be Your Best

Resolve conflicts sensibly

Be Respectful

Follow instructions

RULER feeling Word: Safe

Word of the week

FEELINGS WORD	DEFINITION
SAFE	Feeling like you are protected from anything that is harmful or scary. SYNONYMS: - Secure, cherished, protected, nurtured, unharmed

Sounds Like

Quiet, calm happy voices.
Pleasant interactions.
Friendly talking.

Looks Like

Happy, small smiles, relaxed body and facial features.
Calm body movements.

Feels Like

Pleasant but low energy feeling. Relaxed shoulders and whole body muscles.
Tummy feels calm.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Truth Telling Gathering

On Wednesday 22 Feb, the Year 6 student leaders and a few selected Year 5/6 students joined West Busselton students to attend the local 'Truth Telling Gathering.'

We listened to local Wardandi Elder Bill Webb and friends, tell the history of the local Wardandi Mob, bringing light to the events that happened in the Wonnerup area.

Historian Mary Blight spoke at the 'Truth-Telling' gathering, to share her research findings of the history of the Wardandi people.

The students reflections on the day were-

"We got to listen to other people perspective of happened to the Busselton Indigenous People" - Aliviah

"We don't have the Wardandi version of the story, and what happened." - Izzy

"We went to Buselton and people talked about the Wardandi people and listened to a song called Hope." - Lincoln

"We learnt about the Wardandi people and listened to some songs." - Flynn

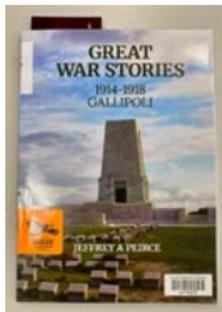
"We learnt about the wars happening between settlers and the Wardandi and about the crimes that were committed. We learn about how the Wardandi were robbed of their land and they don't have enough of their history told." - Hayley

Sarah Harvey - Teacher



Library News

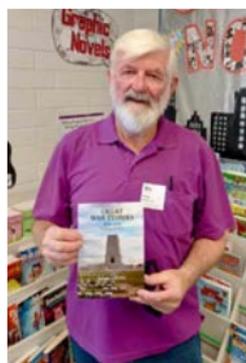
Local Author Jeffrey A Peirce popped into the VPS Library to donate his newly released book. *"Great War Stories - 1914-1918 Gallipoli"* is a collection of fourteen life stories of South West men who served in Gallipoli.



Copies of the book can be purchased at www.greatwarstories1914-1918.com

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr Peirce for his generosity.

VPS Library Team



Footy Tipping is back

Footy Tips 2023 will be a bit of fun but will also raise funds for Vasse Primary School P&C. Click or scan the QR code if you want to join.



Deposit \$50

Account Name: Vasse PS P&C Assoc.

BSB: 633-000

Account No: 167-610-567

Reference: Surname & first initial

If you need any information please email vasse.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Happy Tipping!





Vasse Child Health Clinic is open

Mondays and Wednesday will be our clinic appointment days. Tuesdays are allocated for home visiting our newborn families.

The Vasse Child health nurse is Rosemary Austin and you can call to book an appointment on **1800 457 949**.

We do offer parenting groups from Vasse, with our early parenting groups on Wednesday afternoons.

We also offer an immunisation clinic on the 2nd Tuesday (morning clinic) and 4th Tuesday (afternoon clinic) of each month.



Click or scan the QR to see the Clinics schedules and workshops

Planes, Plaits and Percussion

What a great evening!

Thanks so much to the 115 people who came to the Vasse Fathering Project's first event of 2023 for Dads and kids.

We were an enthusiastic, fun group who had a memorable time with kids whilst having the chance to meet or catch up with other Dads.



The percussion workshop with Scott Pearce was amazing, and the talented hairstylists from Evolve Hair Busselton taught the Dads a thing or two about plaiting their kids hair.



Chef Dan topped it all off with a great burger and sausage sizzle meal and we had the makings of a fantastic event.

Thanks to Geo Bay Butchers, Fresh Corp, and Bluewater Print.

Look forward to seeing Dads at the Lawn Bowls event this Thursday and the whole Vasse PS family at the P&C Sundowner on Fri 17 March.

Brian Blanchard



Dads Only Lawn Bowls tonight!

Thursday 9 March at Macca's - Vasse General Store

Community Bowls • 6pm to 9pm. \$10pp - Dinner, a drink and green fees are *(cash on the night)*.

Come along, network and meet other Dads and Father figures in your school community.



Chaplain's Chat

I listened to these recently and was blown away by the content that our kids are seeing on a regular basis without even seeking it out.

I thought I was quite aware of what of what my children were seeing and listening to, but after listening to these podcasts I realised I had no idea. An interesting and shocking realisation.

To increase the wellbeing of you and yours, I would highly recommend tuning in to these podcasts.

The Dangers of Social Media Content Pt 1



Tech Addiction: Digital Madness Social Media is driving out Mental Health



Peace, love and joy.
Chaplain Sam Curran



P&C Meeting
at 6pm

Monday
13 March 2023
Lentedal Wines

All Welcome

e: pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au



P&C News

Everyone is invited to our next general P&C meeting on Monday 13 March, 6pm at Lentedal Wines, 571 Vasse-Yallingup Siding Rd, Marybrook WA 6280.

Come along for a bite to eat and hear all the great things we have planned for Vasse PS.

The 2023 Priority List is now open for submissions.

Is there something you feel our school needs, that will benefit our students and whole school community?

Please email your submissions by Wednesday 5 April 2023 to pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au

The P&C Family Fun Sundowner is on Friday 17 March from 5pm - 7:30pm. Bring the whole family, a rug & picnic dinner and/or support the 2024 Yr 6 Camp fundraiser with a delicious sausage sizzle and drink, all while listening to live music, plus a performance by our Vasse School Choir. There will be a silent auction plus information on how to list your business on our school business registry.

Easter Raffle tickets will be coming home in your child's school bag this week. Please return sold tickets and cash to the front office. Extra tickets will be available in the Front Office. Remember the person who sells the most tickets will win an epic hamper. We have some amazing prizes which will be drawn on Tues 4 April.

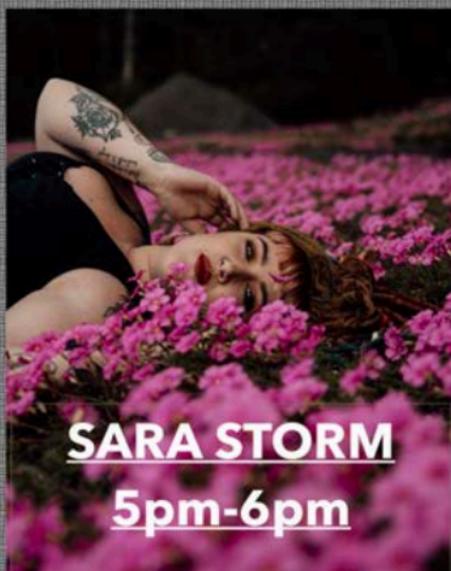
Plus watch this space for our upcoming AGM.

Vasse PS P&C Committee

SAVE THE DATE

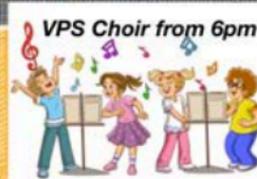
MARCH

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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
Dean Gittos from 6.30pm What a NIGHT!!

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.



Small changes,
big differences.



Triple P – Positive Parenting Program **FEAR-LESS SEMINAR**

- appropriate for parents of children and teenagers aged 6-14 years -

Everyone experiences anxiety occasionally. Anxiety is a normal response that can be helpful and typically passes quickly. However, anxiety can sometimes get overwhelming. Learning to manage anxiety effectively is a vital life skill.

This free two-hour seminar offers information about:

- ✓ Key anxiety-management skills that parents can teach children
- ✓ An understanding of how anxiety works
- ✓ Knowledge of how to help children develop coping skills and face feared situations
- ✓ How to manage children's anxious behaviour effectively

DATE: Monday 27th March 2023
Doors open at 8.50 am for coffee/tea
9am start time

The session will take place at the Staff Room - Vasse Primary School.

You can book your free place to the session now:
Scan or click the QR Code

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/triple-p-fear-less-seminar-tickets-567489906587>



* No child-minding available, and it is recommended that children are not brought along to the sessions.

