



LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

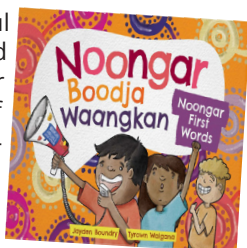
2023 Term 2 Week 6 Edition



Visiting Author - Jayden Boundry

On Friday 19 May, the Years 1 and 2's were enthralled by storyteller and author Jayden Boundry, a guest author at this year's Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival. Jayden entertained us all by sharing some personal stories and demonstrating his skills in playing the didgeridoo.

Jayden Boundry has written a wonderful book (Illustrated by Tyrown Waigana) called Noongar Boodja Waangkan: Noongar First Words. Noongar is the language of the Noongar nation and is spoken by 14 different groups across the southwest corner of Western Australia.



"I liked him playing animal sounds on the didgeridoo." Thea Rm 22

"My favourite part was the story of how the snake got his venom." Olivia Rm 20

"He told us he tells the stories over and over." Emma Rm 20

"My favourite bit was the second story when the snake was battling the lizard with the venom." William Rm 25

"I liked it because he told stories." Millar Rm 25

"I liked it when he played the didgeridoo and when he told us a story and we loved it." Ollie Rm 25

"My favourite thing at the incursion was that he played the didgeridoo because he made the funny sounds." Ruby Rm 25

"I liked the didgeridoo because I liked its sound". Kyna Rm 25

Mrs. Harvey

"Before" - a story by Emmy - Year 4

As part of our Inquiry Learning, students are encouraged to write about subjects that are of personal interest.

Emmy B has chosen to 'connect' (one of the 5C's) in the form of a heart-wrenching and thought-provoking narrative, which is appropriate to share during Reconciliation Week.

To read the full story click the image.

Before

By Emmy B.

Many moons ago, there was a little Noongar girl called Kylie. Kylie lived with her dad and her grandmother. Her mother had died from a terrible disease three years before. They all shared a big mia mia, a house made of wood, bark and leaves.

A few days later, Kylie went to go hunt for food. There were no yongkas around the mia mia because there was no grass. So it was a long walk through the bush. When Kylie was hunting, she saw something shiny on the ground. She walked over to it, wondering what it was. 'What is that?' She said, quietly. What she didn't know was that it was a gun. She picked it up and carried it back to the mia mia.



From the Principal's desk

CyberSafety

Last week I was made aware of some online *Mean on Purpose* behaviour amongst some of our Year 6 students, mostly via Snapchat. Some of it had been going on since Year 4.



I spoke to our local police as these behaviours were very worrying (*circulation and rating of images, making fake profiles, mean words including 'go kill yourself' etc*).

What concerned me the most is that our kids did not report this. They kept it to themselves and allowed it to continue for an extended period.

If you are choosing to let your child use Social Media then you must be continually monitoring their chats and must check in with them regularly. Many parents were unaware too and were surprised at the extent of the *Mean on Purpose* behaviours. The 'tween' brain is not ready to deal with social media and the effects of Cyberbullying can be so devastating. Please check in with your child if you haven't already. These are our kids and we need to keep them safe. *Click the image for eSafety tips.*

Room 21 and 23 Assembly

It was lovely to see our Year One's performing and speaking so confidently on the microphone at Monday's assembly.

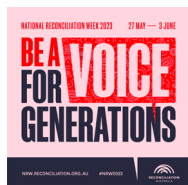


Their acknowledgment to country, beautiful drawings, and Wanjoo Song were such lovely tributes to our Wardandi Noongar people.

Thanks to their teachers for their organisation and our AEIO Kim Stanley and Gemma Bynder for their knowledge and for sharing our local cultures.

Reconciliation Week

It is Reconciliation Week and this year as a staff we found it particularly important to reflect as we will all vote on the Voice to Parliament later in the year. Vasse Staff held a breakfast where we watched the live stream of Reconciliation Australia's National Breakfast and on Friday we wore purple to signify **Sorry Day**.



We have Aboriginal people in our community, on our staff, and students and families connected to our school, so it is our responsibility as a community to be informed when voting. More information on this is available at Reconciliation Australia. *Click QR code.*



On Friday 2 June, the whole school will unite by joining hands on the oval during walk and talk, to show that we all belong at Vasse PS.

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Mrs. Eliza Keet who will be working in Room 10 for three days a week this term and then full-time in Semester 2 while Mr. Dehring is on leave.

Well done Hayley

Hayley T has been selected to represent Western Australia in the **2023 AFL 12s Girls Championship**. This team will be competing at the School Sport Australia National Championships in NSW in August. Congratulations and good luck to Hayley, we are very proud!



Kind regards,

Mrs. Amy Sefton - Principal

PBS Expectations:

This week (T2 Wk6)

Be Your Best

Ask for help when you need it



Next week (T2 Wk7)

Be Responsible

Seek man-made shelter when it's raining

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to:

PP: Elspeth, Emma, Fergus, Jack, Liam, Mackenzie, Max, Theodore.

Yr 1: Abbey, Amelie, Ava, Bodhi, Ethan, Isla, Jack, Noah, Phoenix, Theo.

Yr 2: Annika, Dudley, Elicia, Ella, Elsie, Gracey, Harry, Ruben, Taj, Wendy.



Super Slip Superstars

Well done to Jai, Caitlin, Amelia and Bentley who received super slips for being their best and enjoyed Dessert with a Deputy!



RULER feeling Word: INCLUDED

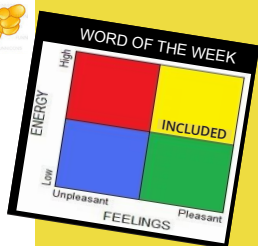
Word of the week

FEELINGS WORD	DEFINITION
INCLUDED	When someone feels part of a community and they have a sense of belonging through shared values, experiences or goals. SYNONYMS: Involved, committed, incorporated, belongs

Sounds Like
Happy with laughter, positive comments and shared ideas. Voices are medium to slightly loud. Lots of interaction.

Looks Like
Smiling faces open eyes and raised cheeks and eyebrows. Body language is open and upright. Confident.

Feels Like
A medium amount of energy with a strong feeling of pleasantness. People feel comfortable and welcome, happy an dpart of something.



National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday 24 May Vasse Primary School participated in National Simultaneous Storytime and joined students all around the country to listen to the same book read at the same time. This year "Granny Smith" and her amazing Year 6 superstars brought "The Speedy Sloth" to life! *Mrs. Hargrave*



The Kindy's first visit to The Hive this morning was spectacular!!

We joined the Years P-2 to hear the story The Speedy Sloth and watch it be brought to life by Miss Smith and the Dance - Drama Extension Students.



We giggled, watched enthusiastically and were entertained!

All the Kindy Teachers and EAs were beaming with pride as our Kindy students sat responsibly, listened respectfully and were their absolute best as audience members!

Inspired by the story, we've started painting jungles and sloths.

Miss House



National Sorry Day - 26 May.

"Today, I read the children a book about the importance of acknowledging the land we are so lucky to live on and we went for a walk and talk around the oval. We had a chat about how if we hurt someone's feelings or do the wrong thing we should say sorry and that's why it's Sorry Day. We then made this collaborative art piece."

Mrs. Erickson - Room 14



"On National Sorry Day we watched some videos about how hard it was for the Indigenous people. When we watched this video it showed how the stolen generation lived their lives. It also showed some clips from those times and how this affected our First Nations people. After we watched the video we went out onto Boodja and reflected on how that video may have made us feel. We listened to indigenous music while we wrote some wonderings in our wonder journals. We all showed different emotions on National Sorry Day. How did you feel and what would you do if you were in the Stolen Generation?" *Hazel - Room 9*

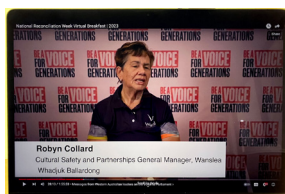


Reconciliation Staff Breakfast

On Thursday 25 May, the school's Koolbardi Committee organised a staff breakfast for Reconciliation Week.

This year's theme is 'A Voice for the Generations' and runs from 27 May to 3 June.

Staff enjoyed a shared breakfast before school and watched a live stream of Reconciliation Australia's virtual breakfast that was streamed from Boola Bardip Museum in Perth. *Click the image to watch.* *Mrs. Sherrie Zacher*

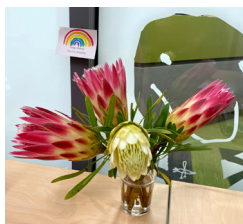


Thank you - Flower Power

The staff and students would like to say Thank you to Mrs. Laura Thorpe who dropped off a beautiful box of proteas which have brightened our day today.



Staff and students have been streaming into the office and collecting a flower or two for their classrooms, plus using the stunning pink and white proteas for investigations.



Well done to Emma and Correa in PP for painting these amazing pictures in Art.

17+1 = Sunshine

Room 18's Pre-primary class made the most of the beautiful sunny weather (when it was here) and conducted their maths class outside.

A change of environment is always beneficial for engaging students in their learning journey.

Miss Brown and Ms. Tapper



Library News

A huge thank you to the Vasse Primary School P&C for generously purchasing LEGO® for lunchtime play in the library. The students have been creating and playing with the LEGO® and blowing us away with their imaginative creations, especially Mark, Harrison and Zac from Year 5. *Mrs. Walker*



Why did the Chicken cross the Quad?

To get to the Chicken Club!

Selected Vasse Primary School students gather on Wednesdays during lunch playtime for Chicken Club. These students interact with the chickens teaching compassion, animal husbandry, and sustainable living practices. Chickens are cute funny and affectionate making great schoolyard pals.

Just like cats and dogs, chickens need physical and mental stimulation to live healthy and happy lives. We would like to add physical elements to our chicken coop to encourage them to explore, exercise, and perform their natural behaviours with environmental enrichment and we hope you might have the these items to donate. Please click the QR code to read the full story. *Mrs. Van Ranzow*



Recycling Hub in the Library



**We are
collecting...**
**-Plastic bottle
tops**
-Bread tage
-Batteries
-Markers

**Collections brought
to the library*

The Green Team has continued to work hard on managing waste around our school. We now have a collection service for our Containers for Change bin, and we have opened up a recycling hub in the library!

We are focusing on recycling 4 main items: batteries; bread tags; plastic bottle tops; and markers.

We also collect Nespresso® pods and dental items in Room 7.

The Year 2's are responsible for collecting these items around the school and delivering them to the library.

Happy recycling! *Miss Clark and the Green Team*



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P&C MEETING

ALL WELCOME

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



Monday 12 June 2023
6pm • VPS Staffroom

P&C News

COLOUR RUN!

Tap the photo to see the finally tally and photos of the Class Pizza Party winners and more.



Vasse Art Award 2024.

We are seeking members to join our Vasse Art Awards team. This is the BIGGEST fundraiser for our school and need members to help organise and run it. *Tap the ad below for more info.*

If you are in the art world or love our VAA event please reach out to pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au we would love to hear from you. Or if you know anyone who would be interested please ask them to get in touch.



We NEED YOU!

2024 VAA Exhibition and **major school fundraiser** is seeking a head coordinator and new members for the VAA24 committee.

VASSE

ART AWARD



2024 EXHIBITION

For more information please contact 9746 3700 or email pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au



Dads 'n' Kids Beach Walk.

A big thank you to the dads and kids that came to the Vasse Primary School Fathering Project VFP Dads 'n' Kids Beach Walk on Sunday 28 May.

We walked from Smiths Beach to Yallingup and as the photos show, fun was had by all. A big shout out to Swan Transit Busselton for the use of the bus. The trailer shone at Meelup, with plenty of public interest generated and we could share what a fantastic community group we are.

The Dads only camp at Jarrahdene is coming up 17th June. Click the QR and watch socials for more details. **Brian Blanchard**