



Memo from Mr. Mansfield.

Covid's toll at Vasse PS

Over the last few months 70% of the Vasse staff have tested positive for COVID. As you can imagine the uncertainty of not knowing which staff may be away has been tough on the school. The admin team has worked tirelessly to ensure the best scenario possible for all students. In some situations that meant collapsing classes and specialist programs.

Teachers have also gone without planning time to support their colleagues. I am optimistic that although we still have many staff out, the pressure on the school will start to ease.

The Department of Education recognizes the increased workload placed on schools over this last semester and has put measures in place to support their already strained workforce. One such measure is the capacity for schools to adjust the structure of the Semester 1 2022 Student School Reports. *Please see the attached letter for further information.*

Your support of these strategies has been appreciated.

National Reconciliation Week

This week we celebrate National Reconciliation Week. Its theme – **Be Brave. Make Change.** – sets us with the challenge to continue making ever important strides towards a culturally responsive and reconciled society. This challenge is essential to becoming an equitable education system.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

So let's Be Brave together. Let's reflect deep within our hearts to ignite our empathy and compassion, to enact positive and practical actions to Make Change.

Let's walk together on this journey through deep listening and understanding of diverse experiences and unify our awareness and intelligence in building our strengths to continue the important work that takes place each day in our schools and our communities.

E-Rideables at School

E-Scooters use in our community for transportation is increasing. In accordance with the current laws, E-Rideables (scooter/skateboard) with a power output of 200 watts or above can only be ridden by a **person 16 years+; the rider must wear a helmet** and only permitted to travel at 10kmph on a public footpath and 25kmph on a shared path.

Students with E-Rideables are strongly advised not to ride them to school.



E-Rideables

If a student is riding an illegal E-Rideable (200 watts+) the E-Rideable will need to be picked up by a Parent.

E-Rideables (less than 200watts) ridden to school will be stored in the bike racks on arrival and charging facilities will **not** be available. For further information Tap or Scan QR above.

VPS School Board: Introducing Katie Taylor

I would like to welcome Katie Taylor to the position of Chairperson on the School Board.

"Hi I'm Katie, the new Vasse Primary School Board Chair. I'm excited to be joining a team of fellow parents and community members who are motivated, skilled and passionate about supporting our school to achieve the best outcomes for students, now and into the future.

The role of the school board is to take part in business and strategic planning, providing advice in regards to policy, formulating codes of conduct for students, approving annual contributions and charges, determining dress codes in consultation with students, parents and staff, evaluating the schools performance as well as promoting the school in the community. A few of our current priority projects include developing our new Business Plan, conducting a Parent survey and ensuring the school is meeting the objectives set out in the Department of Education's Focus 2022.

As VPS Board Chair I aim to ensure the Board works effectively as a team, we work with integrity and accountability and are transparent within the whole school community.

I look forward to working with the Board and representing the school for the next year. I encourage you to pop onto the website to get to know the rest of our VPS Board members."



Meet the
School Board

Trees

Over the year we have seen quite a few injuries caused by the roots of the London Plane Trees on the border of the oval. I have investigated and sought expert opinion on possible solutions. Generally, I am against the removal of trees as they contribute shade and add to the rural look and feel of the school.

Unfortunately in the case of two Plane Trees situated directly in front of the steps leading to the oval, the Department has supported the removal of them and their root systems. Their removal will not resolve the issue entirely, but will remove obstacles from the major foot-traffic routes.

Kind regards, Simon Mansfield - Principal

PBS Expectations:



This week (T2 Wk6) Next Week (T2 Wk7)

Be Your Best



Ask for help when you need it

Be Responsible

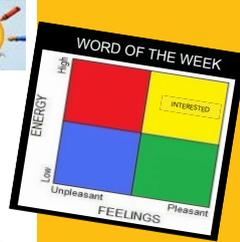


Be tidy

RULER feeling Word: Interested

Word of the week

FEELINGS WORD	DEFINITION
INTERESTED	Wanting to know more about something or someone.
	SYNONYMS: keen, absorbed, attentive, fascinated



Merit Certificates *Awesome!*
Congratulations to these students

Year 3: Lexie A, Banjo C,
 Samuel F, Alayah G,
 John G, Luka H,
 Kade H, Mio M, Jack O'H.



Year 4: Levi A, Harley A, Knox B, Jesse B,
 Seth B, River B-B, Evie C,
 Laycee C, Kye D, Noah F,
 Ivey H, Cory M, Bronte McD,
 Olivia M, Ayla M, Emmy P,
 Stephan R, Sienna R, Jinx R,
 Emily R, Izaack T, Fletcher T,
 Ben W, Aliviah W.



Kobi showing Mr M some excellent work



See Latest News on the School Website

Admin Important News

Vasse PS Kindy Applications are now open. Kindergarten is not compulsory and we have limited space. If you know anyone in our catchment area who are hoping to attend Kindy in 2023 please ask them to call the school or download the Application form from the school website. Once placements are filled, 2023 kindy applications will be put on a wait-list so it is worthwhile to submit your applications asap.

All current Kindy Parents will hopefully have received a hardcopy of the VPS Application Form for 2023 PrePrimary Enrolment in their child's school bag. Please return these to the front office at your earliest convenience. You can download the Application Form from here. [Enrolment FAQs](#)



Statements of outstanding balances have been sent home with students this week. Please contact the front office if you have any queries about these.

We still have free RAT test kits at school available for collection at the front office if you need them.

Please join Luigi Cocco for the **biggest morning tea**

31st May • 9am to 12pm
 Bohemian Brew, 24 Oaks Dr, Vasse.



The cafe' will be open for business as usual, plus there will be Luigi's delicious home made biscuits and pastries and more to purchase.

Awesome Raffle prizes from local businesses. Thank you for your support.

30 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, COVID-19 continues to impact our school community and has presented us with challenges in managing both student and staff attendance. I am pleased that together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's continued learning.

As we navigate through these challenges, we will need to do some things differently to ensure our focus remains on your child's daily learning program. For this reason, Semester 1 reporting will look different to what we shared with you at the start of the year.

The report will include the A to E grades (or equivalent 5 point scale) for required learning areas. Information regarding your child's attitude, behaviour and effort will continue to be reported. We have adjusted the extent to which comments are provided. Teachers will supply only a general comment. If you are seeking additional information on your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. As we progress, I'll be sure to keep you updated with any new information.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9746 3700.

Regards,



Simon Mansfield
Principal