



# LATEST SCHOOL NEWS

2024 Term 2 Week 2 Edition



## From the Principal's desk

### First Impressions!

Stepping into Vasse Primary School on Monday 16 April for the first time I immediately felt I was in a very special place. From the start, the staff have been very friendly and supportive. In particular, I have noted their commitment to the students and the desire to achieve the best outcomes for your children.

My impressions were only enhanced further when the students returned on Tuesday. I have been greeted with smiling faces, beautiful manners, and many engaging conversations.

Likewise, it has been wonderful meeting parents/carers in and around the school. From my conversations so far, it is clear that you too are proud to be a part of this great school. Like us, I can see you have many hopes for your children, and, working together, I hope we can meet your expectations.

Critical in supporting our students to develop their potential is good role modelling. Instilling good manners, respectful interactions, healthy eating habits, good sportsmanship, and supportive friendships, to name a few, is vital. As adults, we are ideally positioned to be the role models with the greatest impact.

Indian politician and social activist, Mahatma Gandhi, told the following story to illustrate the importance of positive and genuine role models for our children;

*A mother approached the Teacher for assistance with a domestic matter. "My son has horrible eating habits," she said. "Please, he will listen to you if you tell him to stop eating foods with so much sugar."*

*The Teacher listened sympathetically "I ask that you come back next week and make this request again." The mother agreed and returned seven days later. "My son's problem continues," she said. "I am greatly concerned about his health. He rarely eats vegetables or fruits. Please, won't you talk to him about the danger of eating too much sugar."*

*"Please, come back and see me in another week," the teacher said simply. Though the mother was disappointed, she left and returned a week later. Once again she made her plea.*

*This time the teacher agreed to talk with her son. When the conversation was completed, the mother thanked the Teacher, "I am grateful that you took the time to talk to my son, but I don't understand why it took three requests for you to do so."*

*The Teacher looked at the woman and said, "I didn't realise how hard it would be for me to give up sugar."*

Do we sometimes have expectations of our children that we would have difficulty achieving ourselves? Our children will learn more from how we behave than from what we say. I often remind myself of this thought when leading a school community. I look forward to meeting and working with you as we strive to provide a fulfilling future for our youth.



*We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and learn today, the Wardandi Bibbulmen people. We wish to thank Elders past, present and emerging for their continuing connection to our country and waterways.*

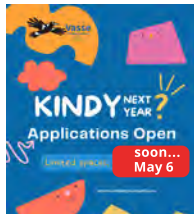
## Industrial Action

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding with this week's industrial action. The school's program was maintained and all appeared to go smoothly.

Since the start of the year there have been other SSTUWA directives to members including not attending staff meetings, outside of school hours professional learning, and not engaging in performance management. Whilst you may not notice these, they do have varying impacts on the day-to-day running of the school. Despite these actions, the Vasse PS staff continue to work hard to support your children. We are all looking forward to an agreement being reached very soon.

## Kindy Applications

Applications for Kindy 2025 will open on Monday 6 May and close Friday 19 July. Vasse PS is a catchment school, therefore students within this zone are prioritised for Kindy. The Catchment Map can be found on the school's website under 'Join Us'.



As there is high demand for places at Vasse PS I urge families to submit Kindy Applications to Enrol by the due date. Applications will be assessed after this date. If places are fully allocated following this process, those enrolling after 19 July will be placed on a waitlist.

## ANZAC Service

The school's ANZAC service will be held on Friday 26 April, 9.00am on the netball courts.

The Student Councillors and I will be representing the school at the march and service in Busselton at 9.30am tomorrow (Thursday 25 April). Any other Vasse PS students who are attending the service in Busselton are welcome to join the school representatives for the march to the Memorial.



## Future Newsletters and Correspondence

Newsletters will continue to be distributed every three weeks. We have started this cycle this week (Week 2) with subsequent Term 2 newsletters going out Week 5 and Week 8.

We have commenced a little earlier this term as Steph Argyle (Marketing & Communications) will be taking some well deserved Long Service Leave towards the end of the term.

It is my intention to delegate one set day a week as 'note day' where newsletters, excursion notes, significant correspondence etc will go out on the same day each week (e.g. Thursdays).

You would still receive Dojo messages from teachers and, as required, from the office at other points during the week. The hope is that this will help you manage the many communications and messages you receive in your daily life. We will notify you when this practice will be implemented.

Kind regards,  
Mr. Alex Cameron



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April to May



*The Autumn, Cooling temperatures.*



*The Season of Adulthood.*





## Students excited about the Ringtail Tally

Nicole from GeoCatch came to speak to the Year 5 and 6 students last Thursday (21 March) about the different types of possums and how the Western Ringtail Possum is native to our area and endangered. She talked about the need to keep pets inside at night to help protect them and how they use possum boxes to provide additional shelter and protection from predators.

*Tap the QR code above to read more.*



## Earth Day in Room 4

On Monday, our Year 6 students collated all of the rubbish that we created as a class on this day. We also celebrated Earth Day by watching a short video, completing a whole class quiz and then we all independently researched one fact to display on our board.

*Ms. Cara Christie*

## Parent free Friendology workshop!

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship. We are proud to be a URSTRONG School, empowering your children with friendship skills through their award-winning Friendology curriculum.

You are invited to attend an **ONLINE Language of Friendship parent-child workshop for URSTRONG Schools on Thursday 23 May at 6:00pm for FREE!** (*Tickets paid for by the school.*)

Dana Kerford (Founder of URSTRONG) will teach you and your children skills + language to foster healthy, feel-good friendships.

**CLICK HERE to Register.**

**Click here for instructions.**

*\*You will receive an email within 48 hours of the event with the zoom details.*

We believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope you can attend.





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# P&C AGM MEETING

ALL WELCOME

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

Annual General Meeting  
ALL POSITIONS VACANT  
Monday 29 April 2024  
6pm @ Vasse PS



## P&C News

If you are passionate about Vasse PS being the best school it can be, please come along to the **Annual General Meeting** in the staffroom, this Monday 29 April at 6pm.

*No matter how busy our lives may be, remember being involved in the P&C is an opportunity to help not only your child, but all the children of Vasse PS.*

NOMINATIONS (Individual and Shared/Joint Roles) will be taken. ALL POSITIONS ARE VACANT.

## 2024 Priority List

The 2024 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 to [pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pnc.secretary@vasseps.wa.edu.au)

If you wish to join our 2024 P&C committee, come along to the AGM to see what we are all about and help achieve great things for our school. Please check out our facebook page and web page for more info.



**P&C Executive Committee**



## Coffee Connect



We invite you to morning tea to meet other parents of neurodiverse students.

At Vasse Primary School we are working hard to improve our connections with and between families. We believe that through positive relationships and building a strong community, we can create the best possible school experience for your child.



☑️ Connect and meet other parents.

☑️ Meet our new Principal, Alex Cameron, and chat to the Student Services Team.

☑️ Contribute ideas about how we can best support your child(ren).

TUESDAY 14th MAY

9:00 – 10:00am

in the Staffroom

Tea, coffee and light refreshments provided

Please RSVP to:

Amy Gransden

by Tuesday 7th MAY

[amy.gransden@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:amy.gransden@education.wa.edu.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 term I will be teaching Vasse students 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**

## PIANO LESSONS 2024

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ VASSE HALL



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

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

For more information please contact:

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norico222@yahoo.com.au

**VASSE**  
ART AWARD  
EXHIBITION 2025  
planning starts now!

Seeking team members to join our fun VAA25 committee Major Fundraising Event for Vasse Primary School We will meet in Term 2. More info e: [art.award@vasseps.wa.edu.au](mailto:art.award@vasseps.wa.edu.au)





## It's affordable to enjoy quality care!

At Camp Australia, we believe every child deserves access to high-quality Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and engaging school holiday programs. Through the range of enriching experiences provided in our Before & After school care programs, your child can enjoy fun and learning with their peers while you get peace of mind that they're having fun with friends, as well as getting time back for yourself to work, study, run errands, or simply relax.

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) makes our services more affordable for eligible families. Through the CCS, your expenses could significantly decrease, offering immediate financial relief. And it's a simple process that could provide you with lasting benefits. So, take advantage of CCS and enjoy the savings!

**Did you know that After School Care could cost as little as \$4.55?**

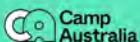
- For this, your child will have access to:
- A safe, supervised environment
  - Fun and learning through socialising with peers
  - Masses of toys, games and experiences to suit their interests
  - Afternoon tea

### Vasse Primary School

Before School Care	Hours	Full fee	Fee after max. CCS	Fee after 70% CCS
Recurring	6:30 – 8:45	\$27.00	\$2.70	\$8.10
Casual	6:30 – 8:45	\$29.50	\$5.16	\$10.57
After School Care	Hours	Full fee	Fee after max. CCS	Fee after 70% CCS
Recurring	3:00 – 6:00	\$37.00	\$4.55	\$11.76
Casual	3:00 – 6:00	\$39.50	\$7.05	\$14.26

To check your eligibility and find out how much you can save, visit Services Australia or go to [education.gov.au/early-childhood/child-care-subsidy/family-eligibility-and-entitlement](https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/child-care-subsidy/family-eligibility-and-entitlement) to learn more.

For further help with registration, bookings, CCS and more at Camp Australia, contact the friendly Customer Care team on 1300 105 343 or email [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au) for more information.



Guiding Children's Growth

### Outside School Hours Care

# Launch day

at Vasse Primary School

We are very excited to be coming to Vasse Primary School to provide Outside School Hours Care starting on 6 May 2024.

Come and meet the team, see the service in action and find out about the programs that are offered.

**Date:** Monday, 6 May 2024

**Time:** 6:30am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** Vasse Primary School



**Coffee Cart**  
6:30am – 9:00am

Visit our service and grab your morning coffee on us.



**Animal Farm**  
3:00pm – 5:00pm

Stop by after school and have fun with fluffy animals from The Hygge Farm.



### Register with Camp Australia

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via your Parent Portal.



### Download the smartphone app

Make and manage your bookings with ease. Download the Camp Australia app now from the Apple App Store or on Google Play.



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[www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)





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**\$135**

Vasse Primary School

# Multi-Sports

After-School Classes

THU 3:10-4:10pm

Weeks 3-11 Term 2

Commences April 25th (Anzac Day)

Limited Spots Available

Join our active non-competitive classes where kids get to try their hand at different sports and no week is the same. Build confidence and learn sports skills the fun way!



**Sports Include:**

- AFL • Athletics • Baseball • Cricket • Hockey • Lacrosse • Netball
- Rugby • Soccer • Ultimate Frisbee • Volleyball & more

To book go to: <https://bit.ly/gsswt1c>

0473 878 774 southwest@geckosports.com.au

**Gecko Sports**



## Vasse Primary School Playgroup



**WEDNESDAY ENROLMENTS AVAILABLE**  
9:00 am - 11:00 am • Kloorup Road, Vasse

There are still spaces available for our Wednesday Playgroup Sessions. If you or your friends are thinking of joining a fun, friendly, child-led playgroup session then come and check us out. We are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays during school term. If you are new to Vasse Playgroup you qualify for 2 free trial days.

At playgroup you can have fun playing and learning with your child and meet other local parents. Children between 0-5 years can make friends and become familiar with the school environment ready for future school years.

For more information please visit our facebook page (Vasse Playgroup) or contact us via email: [playgroupvasse@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupvasse@gmail.com)



## TERM 2, 2024 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

<p><b>KEEPING KIDS IN MIND</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Child &amp; Parent Centre Carey Park, Frankel Street, <u>Bunbury</u></p> <p><b>When:</b> Thursdays 9 May – 6 June 2024</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 12noon - 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 0405 116 553</p>	<p><b>MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Hudson Road Family Centre, 95 Hudson Road, <u>Bunbury</u></p> <p><b>When:</b> Every Tuesday during school term</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 08 9795 9308</p>
<p><b>MATERNAL WELLNESS PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Child &amp; Parent Centre Collie Valley, 6 Cable Street, <u>Collie</u></p> <p><b>When:</b> Wednesdays 15 May – 5 June</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9.30am – 12noon</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 9734 3364 (creche available)</p>	<p><b>CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Hudson Road Family Centre, 95 Hudson Road, <u>Bunbury</u></p> <p><b>When:</b> Tuesdays 30 April – 18 June</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am-11:30am</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 9721 6991 (creche available)</p>
<p><b>BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS – FOR DADS (in the first 1000 Days)</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Shelter Brewing Co, 11 Foreshore Parade, <u>Busselton</u></p> <p><b>When:</b> Tuesdays 28 May – 25 June</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 5.30pm – 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 0490 094 994</p>	<p><b>YOUNG MUMS GROUP (aged 16 – 24 yrs)</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> <u>Busselton</u> Youth &amp; Community Activities Building, 21 Foreshore Parade</p> <p><b>When:</b> Wednesdays 24 April - 26 June</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 9:30am – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 0490 094 994</p>
<p><b>PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS TOUR</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Northcliffe, Manjimup, Bridgetown, Boyup Brook, Collie</p> <p><b>When:</b> Wed 1 May – Fri 3 May 2024</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> SouthWest.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au</p>	<p><b>TUNING IN TO KIDS</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> <u>Bridgetown</u> &amp; <u>Manjimup</u></p> <p><b>When:</b> Term 2 (6 weeks)</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> SouthWest.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au</p>

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### WORKSHOP BOOKINGS DETAILS

PARENTING CONNECTION WA - South West

Phone: 08 9720 9200

0408 927 555 (Sue) or 0492 845 339 (Esther)

Email: SouthWest.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au



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## Bringing up great kids – for Dads

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Light meal provided

Tuesday 28 May – 25 June  
From 5.30pm–7.30pm  
Free 5 week course

The Bringing Up Great Kids - First 1000 Days group program is a free parenting course that nurtures new dads and dads-to-be as they commence their journey into parenthood.

Join us to:

- explore your parenting style
- understand parent communication and its impact on families
- overcome obstacles to parenting
- learn to support yourself and each other
- meet other dads

Parenting Connection WA are the proud sponsors of this program.



Get in touch, register or find out more

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