WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to school. Term 4 promises to be a very busy term. Planned events include: Hawkesbury Music Festival, Swim School, K-6 Excursion to Jenolan Caves, attendance at the Youth Eco Summit, Hawkesbury City of Freedom Ceremony, our continued participation in Active After School Sport: Softball, Oz Tag and Mini Moves and Science, Presentation Day, Year 6 Graduation Assembly, Community Helpers Morning Tea just to name a few.

I have attached a calendar with this newsletter to assist you with booking dates in your diary. Dates are subject to change.

CLASS FORMATION FOR 2015
We are currently organising class structures for 2015. Please advise the school office if you are relocating and your child/children are not returning to Vineyard Public School in 2015. Also, please inform us if your child will not be returning due to extended leave at the beginning of the year, but will be returning later in the term so they can be considered in the student enrolments.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2015 – 2017
From now until the end of the year, a new strategic plan is being developed for our school to define our directions and vision over the next three years (2015-2017). Opportunities for parents, students and staff will be provided to engage in discussion and consultation, looking at what we do well, what we could do better and ideas for the future.

This planning process will enable us to develop a shared vision for the education of our students looking at where we want our school to be in 3 – 5 years’ time. The three strategic directions that are selected will focus on continuous educational improvement, delivering consistently high standard educational programs in providing quality education, building the capacity of all staff to deliver high quality education that is driven by research, data analysis and assessment data.

I encourage you to be part of this process as what you think and hope, needs to be part of a collective vision for our school.

COFFEE AND CHAT
Thank you to the parents who attended our Coffee and Chat on Monday 20th October, 2014. It provided an opportunity for us to discuss what makes Vineyard a Great school and what we can improve in the future.

Parents also had the opportunity to complete the parent survey which can be accessed online through survey monkey or alternatively a paper copy has been sent home to all families.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
As part of the Annual School Report, we are required to conduct a school self-evaluation to reflect on the school’s achievement and effectiveness of the programs that we have initiated. These surveys allow us to collect data on the opinions of parents and caregivers about different areas of school life. This year we will be distributing a survey about: Mathematics. Staff and students in years 3 – 6 will also complete surveys in regards to this focus area.

Your assistance in completing the questions as completely and accurately as possible is appreciated. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.
SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY
Our first survey, about school satisfaction has been sent home to all families or alternatively it can be accessed on line through survey monkey. The web link is available in the covering letter of the survey which was sent home. A copy of the survey and covering letter can also be found on our website: http://school.schoolenews.com.au/vineyardps/.

BEGINNING SCHOOL: Ready Set Start
Our Ready Set Start program, is an innovative 4 week program which has been developed to help children become more familiar with school and assist them with their transition from home to school began on Tuesday 14th October, 2014. Children were involved in activities that focus on preparing them for Kindergarten in 2015.

Ready Set Start was held again last Tuesday morning and will continue until Tuesday 4th November, 2014. Any child enrolling in a school as a Kindergarten student in 2015 is able to participate.

If you are interested in having your child attend this program please contact our school’s office on 9627 1621. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to our school.

A brief outline of the planned activities are:
Tuesday, 27th October, 2014 & Tuesday, 4th November, 2014
Time: 9.20 am – 11.45am
Children will be in the Kindergarten classroom with the older students who will be in their class in 2015. Today the buddies will remain with your child for some fun activities. Their Buddy will take them to Crunch and Sip and eat lunch with them and take them out at play time.

Children can bring their lunch boxes with fruit for Crunch and Sip and a sandwich and drink for their lunch.

COFFEE AND CHAT - Ready Set Start
Kindergarten parents for 2015 are invited to Coffee and Chat in the school library on Tuesday 4th November at 9.20am. Come and meet some of our parents at an informal gathering where you will have an opportunity to hear about Vineyard Public School.

Discussion will be held about our school routines and expectations, Best Start, a day at school in Kindergarten, preparing your child for school, and the variety of programs and events that our students participate both at school and in the wider community. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about the school or discuss any concerns that you may have in regards to your child starting school.

School uniforms will be available to purchase and/or order on this day.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Grandparents are such an important part of our community. Grandparents Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the special moments you’ve shared with your grandparents. Grandparents Day gives families the chance to celebrate the special times they have shared with their grandparents and recognise the role of older Australians in our communities.

This year the theme for Grandparents Day is At Nan and Pop’s Place. Vineyard Public School will be holding a Grandparents Day on Wednesday 29th October, commencing at 10.30am.

Proposed Program
10.30am K – 6 School Assembly
10.50am Classroom Visits
   • Sharing Memories
11.30am Morning Tea
   Special Moments
12.00am
   • Café Central
   • Games
HAWKESBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL
Our choir, performed at the Hawkesbury Music Festival on Wednesday 15th October, 2014. Our choir members, Charlotte, Jacob, Hunter, Chloe, Maddison, Eva Rose, Tara and BJ joined with other school choirs from the Hawkesbury Schools to form a mass choir and performed at the Windsor Function Centre.

Thank you to the students who were ambassadors for our school throughout all the rehearsals and the performance. Mrs Laing attended the rehearsals and trained the students and should be commended on the way in which the students were prepared for the event. Thank you to Mr Holmes who accompanied the choir on the final rehearsal and supervised students on the night of the performance.

Going above and beyond, I thank you Mrs Bevan for assisting on the night fulfilling our contribution to the Music Festival organisation by manning the entrance doors.

Lastly, thank you to the parents who have assisted with transporting students to and from rehearsals and to those who supported their child and our students at the night performance.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
This term we will be participating in Softball. We also had BMX riding booked for the students to enjoy although, unfortunately last term the provider had substantial damage to the bikes and is unable to repair them immediately due to the time and cost that it would take to do so. Therefore K – 2 will be participating in a mini moves program to develop their fundamental movement skills such as throwing, jumping, skipping. Years 3 – 6 will be refining their skills in Oz Tag.

Our sports day for Term 4 will be Monday and Friday.

CRUNCH ‘N SIP
In the last three weeks of school, to promote for Fruit and Vegie Week, we ran a three week competition between the classes to encourage students to bring a piece of fruit / vegies to school for Crunch n Sip Each day, the classes counted and recorded the number of students who brought a piece of fresh fruit / vegies. 3/4/5/6 enjoyed a fresh fruit platter for being the winning class.

Thank you to Lilyarna’s mum and Cooper’s Grandmother for cutting up the fruit for the fruit platter.

K-6 SCHOOL EXCURSION TO JENOLAN CAVES
An excursion has been organised, for the students in K – 6 to visit Jenolan Caves on Wednesday 5th November, 2014. Students will have the opportunity to experience the majestic views of the Blue Mountains, in particular the Three Sisters. At Jenolan Caves, we will be participating in a guided visit of the Lucas Cave and time permitting we will do the Blue Lake Loop Bush Walk, an easy 700 metre walk around the Blue Lake.

Students must wear their full school uniform with black or white joggers. They will need a small back pack to carry their recess, lunch and drinks.

The permission slip and the payment of $30 must be made to the school office no later than Thursday 23rd October, 2014.

SWIM SCHOOL
The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim and water safety program developing water confidence and providing students in Year 2 - 6 with water safety and survival skills. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills or are unable to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme.

Instruction will take place at Riverstone Pool, Corner of Market Street and Piccadilly Street, Riverstone and the Scheme will continue daily for ten days over two weeks from Monday 17th November, 2014 to Friday 21st November, 2014 and Monday 24th November, 2014 to Friday 28th November, 2014 (Term 4 Week 7 & 8).

A permission note and the cost of participating will be sent home shortly.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2016
Selective High Schools cater for highly achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational material at the appropriate level.

Offers for selective high schools placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2014.
Applications for placement for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school are open to parents of students in Year 5 from Tuesday 14th October, 2014 to Monday 17th November, 2014. No paper applications are available this year and all applications must be made on line only. No late applications will be accepted.

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The application information booklet is available at:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/k_6assessments/ss/ss_apppackage.pdf or alternatively you can request a copy form the school office.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY, 2014
This year we will be holding our annual Presentation Assembly on Tuesday, 9th December starting at 9.30am. We will be holding the assembly under the covered area outside the school office. All parents, families and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Mrs Bevan on the arrival of her granddaughter Taylah Lilly. Mrs Bevan is now the proud grandparent of twelve grandchildren; 6 boys and 6 girls.

BIRTHDAYS
Noah 8 years  Joshua M 9 years  Patrick 11 years  Ronald 9 years
Joshua H 10 years  Hunter 11 years

WELCOME
This term, we welcomed three new families to our school: Patrick and Caitlin, Noah, Zac and Jack. We hope that they will enjoy attending Vineyard Public School and that they look forward to meeting the students, teachers and parents of our school.

FACEBOOK
Vineyard Public School now has its own official Facebook page. Like us and keep up to date with the information as it happens. Your can find us at www.facebook.com/vineyardpublicschool.

BASKETBALL SKILLS WITH THE SYDNEY KINGS
CLASS AWARDS
CLASS K/1/2
Noah: A great start to Term 4.
Jack: An excellent start to his new school.

3/4/5/6
Alexander a positive start to Term 4.
Cooper: An excellent attitude towards learning.

PICK OF THE BUNCH AWARDS
Green   Yellow
K/1/2   K/1/2
Jon H   Lachlan W
Jeremy H

CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY

NOTES SENT HOME
Longneck Lagoon Windsor High Transition
Riverstone High Transition Visits
Grandparents Day
Kindergarten Buddy Letter
Jenolan Caves

Year 6 attending Windsor High in 2015
Year 6 attending Riverstone High in 2015
K - 6
Years 4 & 5

YEAR   COST   PERMISSION NOTE DUE
Longneck Lagoon Windsor High Transition
Riverstone High Transition Visits
Grandparents Day
Kindergarten Buddy Letter
Jenolan Caves

Friday 24th October, 2014
ASAP
Friday 24th October, 2014

All notes that are applicable to all K – 6 students can be found on our website at: http://school.schoolenews.com.au/vineyardps/
If you require the user name and the password, please contact the school office.
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