
Vauxhall School Newsletter 8 Mar 2023

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Term 1, Week 6, Wed 8 Mar 2023.

Dear parents,

Vauxhall School Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all the senior school swimmers who took part at our school swimming

competition at the Takapuna Grammar School pool. The results can be found [here](#).



Battle of the schools:

Congratulations also go to our teams who took part in Belmont Primary School's Battle of the Schools fundraiser. Vauxhall came 1st, 3rd and 6th. A huge effort and commitment from all the teams and the supportive parents and I am sure Belmont Primary appreciates Vauxhall's strong support for their fundraising efforts. Thank you to the teachers for taking time out of their busy schedules to arrange the teams for Belmont.



Wheels Day Wednesday : 15 March

Stock up on plasters in the sick bay Shannon because 'Wheels Day' is back! On Wednesday 15 March children are allowed to bring anything with wheels to play on during morning tea and lunchtime. Helmets must be worn on bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, unicycles.... Years 1, 2 and 3 will have the top court and around the library to zoom around. Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the car parks and basketball court area.

Donations on Kindo

Thank you to those who have paid their school donation. They have a direct impact on the quality of education we can offer your children. We would not be able to maintain our resources and the teacher aide support we have in the classrooms without donations. We

have an additional donation option on Kindo (Koha) for those that are in a position to support the school further.

Teacher Only Day : Monday 24 April

The Ministry of Education has granted two Teacher Only Days for schools in 2023. The first of these days will be on Monday 24 April. This means Term 3 will begin on Wednesday 26 April (ANZAC Day is Tuesday 25 April). These days are being granted to schools due to the significant change to our national curriculum systems. The days are to support teachers in the implementation of these changes.

A few pictures from the fun and learning that occurred over the past week...



Pokemon cards, Minecraft cards, jibbitz etc

Some children at Vauxhall collect, trade and play with various collectable cards and 'jibbitz' (little Croc accessories) and have been doing this at school. We have been monitoring this and allowed it up to this point as there have been a number of positive learning aspects to the games.

A number of issues have been surfacing recently such as exclusion of children who do not have the expensive cards or jibbitz on their Crocs and unfair card swaps involving older and younger children. Although we have a view to educating children through these issues, we no longer see the positive influence of the merchandise. We please ask that collectable cards such as those mentioned are kept at home for the foreseeable future. Jibbitz are still allowed to be worn but not traded at school.

HEADS UP: POSSIBLE TEACHERS STRIKE DAY 16 MARCH

The teachers' union (NZEI) is currently surveying primary teachers regarding possible industrial action / teachers strike on Thursday 16 March following an unsatisfactory offer from the Ministry of Education regarding teachers pay and conditions. We will update you as soon as we have further information.

The teachers campaign is based around the following changes:



- Address widespread understaffing. Allow teachers enough time to complete their work during work hours. Support teachers working with high needs students.
- Value teachers' work. Recognise the importance of cultural skills.
- Better support for health and safety in schools. Provide job security for relievers.

Principals are also campaigning for the following reasons

- As the challenging nature of leading a school changes, so too should the support, expectations and compensation for these roles.
- Better staffing to support school leaders.
- More resourcing for support in our schools and kura.

SCHOLASTIC

The Scholastic book catalogues will be coming home with your child this week and the order cut-off is Monday 20 March. Online orders only. Please see below a note about needing some parent help to help coordinate this. Thank you.



Dear Parent,

Our school is looking for a new Book Club Organiser or shared input amongst a few volunteers.

Scholastic Book Club not only enables us to boost our home and school libraries but also improve children's reading skills and encourage at-home reading.

You can help to ensure Book Club continues at our school!

We are looking for a new Book Club Organiser or a group of parents to share the fun and help manage Book Club. You can help keep the reading momentum rolling at our school by providing children with more access to self-selected independent reading material all year long.

Plus, when you run Book Club, **everyone benefits**—every Book Club order earns **15% in Scholastic Rewards** to help purchase additional learning and literacy resources for our school!

Book Clubs help feed the reader.

There are eight issues of Book Club each year. You should consider offering them all in your school to keep the reading momentum rolling. Kids love choosing their own books.


When the catalogues arrive at your school, a Book Club Organiser distributes the brochures to students and advises them of the return-by date, usually by posting on the Facebook, Instagram or social media platform used by the school, or by placing the notice in the Newsletter.

As a Book Club Organiser, placing your class orders is simple. It's a click of a button either online or by phone. When the orders are placed by each class, the books arrive back at the school pre-sorted, which makes your job of distributing the books easy!

Interested in making a difference at our school?

- Provide continuous access to the best books at the best prices for families!
- Help to feed readers with regular access to independent reading material.
- Help us earn free books for the school!
- Rewards help us purchase extra resources for our school.

If you are interested in becoming the next Book Club Organiser, please contact Martin Laurence on martini@vauxhall.school.nz today.



WATERWISE

If you are interested in becoming a WaterWise Instructor, the next instructors course will

begin in April and enrolments are being accepted now. Absolutely no sailing experience is needed, the instructors course teaches you everything you need to know. Here is the [link](#) to more information about WaterWise in our schools and the course dates. Vauxhall School covers the \$50 course fee and the extensive course is offered for free. We are very lucky to have these courses delivered by really experienced instructors. If you are interested, please fill out the form in the office and send it to us at waterwise@vauxhall.school.nz. We're looking forward to welcoming you aboard! If you have any questions you can also contact Christina Gibbes 021 0821 7007.

EZ LUNCH

Order ezlunch for delivery from Monday 27 March to Monday 3 April and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email. Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering.



COATS FOR KIDS

We are running our annual charity coats for kids in Northland appeal. They accept second-hand jackets/raincoats/puffer jackets, etc. They also take new packets of underwear/socks. Thank you for your ongoing support. (The collection box is in the school office.)

THE PJ PROJECT

From 1 April to 30 June the PJ Project will provide warm winter pyjamas to kids all over Aotearoa!

Over 210,000 kids are living in poverty or hardship. This means one in five children go without the day-to-day basics including access to fresh food and warmth in the colder months. When children are warm they can have a good night's sleep and wake up for school feeling refreshed and ready to learn. After the recent devastating weather events and as the cost of living increases, we know providing a pair of warm, winter pyjamas is one way we can collectively make a difference.

Last year's PJ Project provided almost 11,000 pairs of pyjamas to children from 88 schools and services from Kaitia to Queenstown. Let's see what we can do this year!

If you are able to help, please drop a new pair of winter pyjamas to the Vauxhall School office and we will send them to the Kindness Collection. You can also donate directly to the [Kindness Collection](#) and they can purchase the pyjamas for you if you prefer.



IMPORTANT DATES 2023

Wed 15 Mar - Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos

Wed 15 Mar - Wheels Day

Wed 15 Mar - Pie Day, order through KINDO

Thurs 16 Mar - Possible Teachers Strike Day

Fri 17 Mar - Peninsula Swimming Sports Day

Tues 28 Mar - BoT Meeting

Tues 4 Apr - Miro trip to The Pumphouse

Tues 4 - Wed 5 Apr - Parent Interviews

Thurs 6 Apr - Term 2 ends

Wed 26 Apr - Term 3 starts

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE WHITE TO BRIGHT FASHION SHOW & GLOW DISCO!

Voice Drama Holiday Programmes are mixing it up with a one-time fashion show followed by a glow DISCO! Book in for a new funky wardrobe design - caps, pumps, tees, socks, tie-dye accessories you name it! Join in or be part of the audience. Suitable for all primary ages. Also, optional outdoor sports/swim/play every day! Shoe sizes needed in advance so please book in early - limited spaces. Bookings & info: voicedrama1@gmail.com.

DANCE CLUB IS BACK!

We are super excited to welcome our new teacher, the lovely Jessica (our German Student Teacher who happens to be an experienced Dance Teacher)! Her first two classes were a complete success and the kids loved it!

We offer family discounts, multiple-class discounts and free trials. Simply get in touch with Shannon devodanceclub@gmail.com.

DANCE CLUB

DANCE CLUB IS BACK!
Our lovely Vauxhall School Student Teacher Jessica is running our classes and the kids are loving it!
Monday 3 - 4 pm Lyrical Jazz
Tuesday 3 - 4 pm Hip Hop
Family discount & multiple class discount options
FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL:
devodanceclub@gmail.com

ART + PLAY

Term 1 2023
A happy and fun environment
where children can relax, play and create after school.
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
3 pm to 5:00 pm
\$25 + gst per day for regular attendance, casual attendance \$33 +
gst depending on availability
For enrolment and more information:
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