

# The Vacy Voice

## The newsletter of Vacy Public School

### Dates To Remember

Jun 15	P&C meeting
Jun 15-16	Life Education Van visit
Jun 21	ICAS spelling/writing competition
Jun 22	Scientists In Schools visit
Jun 23	School Athletics Carnival
Jul 1	Last day of Term 2
Jul 18	Staff Development Day
Jul 19	Students return for Term 3
Jul 20	Student reports distributed
Jul 29	School photos
Aug 1-5	Education Week
Aug 4	Open day – Aboriginal Experience
Aug 5	Zone Athletics

### Wet Weather Alert

I was asked this morning to report on how the weather is affecting us at present and any possible school closures in the area. I have advised that at this time we do expect to remain open over the next two days. In this time I have heard estimates of up to 200mm in rainfall. This will obviously impact on many local properties and would, I expect, see some road closures. If there are any changes to school routine I will advise of these on 1233ABC radio Newcastle and also on our school website ([www.vacy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.vacy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)). I do ask though that parents remain vigilant of the impact of the extreme weather and ensure that their children are able to get to and from school safely, especially bearing in mind the possible minor flooding that may occur.

### From the principal...

This weather is making life a little difficult for us at the moment but it is highlighting the usefulness of the new walkways and the covered area. At play times, our students have the option of staying in the warmth for a video or playing undercover and it now allows those who need a run around to get one. I am unsure as to what will happen regarding the athletics carnival as we were going to mark the oval tomorrow but for now do expect to go ahead.

Over the next couple of weeks, as the playground dries, we will be having some more works completed in the school. The new surface for the tennis court will be installed and the fence replaced on the southern end of the school. These works will restrict playground access a little but will see great benefits in the long

term. Last week we had new stormwater pits installed for the runoff from the new walkways and they have come in very handy already. There has been some damage to the car park due to the wet so soon after the completion of work that I will be asking to be repaired but this shouldn't affect most movement around the school.

Tomorrow night sees the next meeting of the P&C. I know this clashes with the State Of Origin but, seeing as the series victory is a bit of a fait accompli anyway, do still hope to see people along anyway. On the agenda will be uniforms, new works for the bush tucker/eating area and arrangements for mid-year assessments. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Regards,

Kevin Greaves (principal)

### Class News

#### Kinder/Year 1/Year 2

The school athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 23rd June 2011. During our fitness sessions each day the children will be practising for the various events so it would be a good idea to make sure that they are wearing appropriate footwear.

It is our turn at the Life Education van tomorrow. This is a great program for the children that is very interactive and reinforces what we are learning in class during our P.D, Health lessons. We are all very excited and looking forward to seeing Harold again!

#### Year 3-4

Mid-year assessments are being completed at present but are being affected somewhat by illness. Students will have the opportunity to catch up on assessments on their return so please don't feel that children need to be here in case they miss out. With the dampness and the illness going around at the moment, it is best for students to stay away when ill and ensure that it doesn't continue to circulate around the class.

#### Year 5-6

Projects are due this week. They need to be handed to me by Friday please. Today the children will get a time and date telling them when they will be presenting their 2-3 min. speech about their project topic.

## **School News**

### **Coming Up...**

#### **Life Education Van Visit**

The Life Education Van will be at the school over the next two days with Year 5-6 attending in the morning tomorrow, Year 1-2 between in the middle session and Kinder in the afternoon. Year 3-4 will attend Wednesday morning. Please remember that merchandise should only be purchased with the correct money direct through the Van itself.

#### **Mr. Greaves Away**

Mr. Greaves will be absent for the following two Mondays as he is involved with the panel for the selection of a principal for another school. Mrs. Greaves will be teaching Year 2 in his absence.

#### **ICAS Spelling And Writing**

The ICAS Spelling and Writing Competitions will be held next Tuesday morning in the special projects room.

#### **Scientists In Schools**

Next Tuesday we will host Kim Wright, a retired geologist with the CSIRO, as he becomes our mentor in the Scientists In Schools program. Next Tuesday at 2:00pm Kim will talk with our students regarding what it means to be a scientist and what scientists actually do. He will then be working with selected groups in devising scientific investigations over Terms 3 and 4. We are very pleased to be involved in the program and welcome Kim on board at Vacy Public School.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

Please note, as per the notification sent home last week, the athletics carnival will be held on Thursday June 23 starting at 9:45am. There is an order form included with the newsletter today for lunch at the carnival.

#### **P&C Meeting**

The next meeting of the P&C will be held next Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the staffroom. On the agenda will be the new works in our agricultural area, the opening of the new building and the painting of the old toilet block. We will also be discussing the proposed changes to the uniform that have been on display in the office foyer for the past two weeks. It is not a design change but rather a material change so please come along and have your say.

#### **Small Schools Soccer Knockout**

The first rounds of the small schools' soccer knockout will be played as a gala day at Lochinvar on June 29

this term. As soon as we can access some dry ground, we will begin training towards these games. Year 6 and one selected Year 5 each game will represent us in this competition again this year.

#### **Canteen**

##### **Thursday 16 June**

Bek Bennett and Nicole Carter

##### **Monday 20 June**

Tanya Waight and Wendy Farrow

#### **Assembly Awards**

##### **Student Of The Week**

K-1	Alec Grainger
2	Lillie Geddes
3-4	Joseph Ford
5-6	Victoria Lee-Williams

##### **Class Awards**

K	Tom Doyle
1	Lillian Richardson
2	Chloe Reid
3	Archer Woller
4	Liam Key
5	Isaac Bickerdike
6	Alice Washbourne



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AECG is an Aboriginal community organisation that works with schools & community to better the outcomes for Aboriginal Education.

If you would like to have a say in your child's education come along to our meetings, or if you just want to learn more about what we do please contact Rachel on 0431580086.