

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

Welcome back for Term 4 and a special welcome back to Annabelle and Fletcher Pereira. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

Congratulations to the students in Year 5/6 on their outstanding success at the Maitland Science and Engineering Challenge Discovery Day held late last term. Our students took out the coveted “Champion School” title which included a magnificent record equalling performance in the “Moon Buggy” task.

I visited the event and there was a real buzz of excitement and engagement in the hall from all of the attending students. Several of the organisers commented on the brilliant efforts of our teams on the various tasks. Well done!

This term each class will be holding a cake stall with the proceeds to go towards sponsorship of Maurin in Africa. The cake stalls will build on the \$129.45 raised by the SRC at the Country Carnival and the \$114.20 from the out of uniform sports day held last term. The first of the cake stalls will be run by Year 1/2 next Wednesday 17 October. Please ensure that there are no nuts and nut products.

Our Sports in Schools program commences this week and will require a special change to be made to Wednesday's belltimes throughout the term. Please note that lunch will begin at 12:30 to enable the Infants Sports in Schools to get started at 1:20pm. Primary Sports in Schools goes from 2:10 to 3:00pm.

On Thursday 20 September we joined with our Dungog Community of Schools group for the Olympics Day. The weather was glorious, the modified Olympic sports were fun, the athletes were friendly and the events were extremely well organised.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2013. If you are aware of anyone moving into the district, please let us know at school so that we can invite them to visit our wonderful school. We are very close to gaining an extra class for next year.

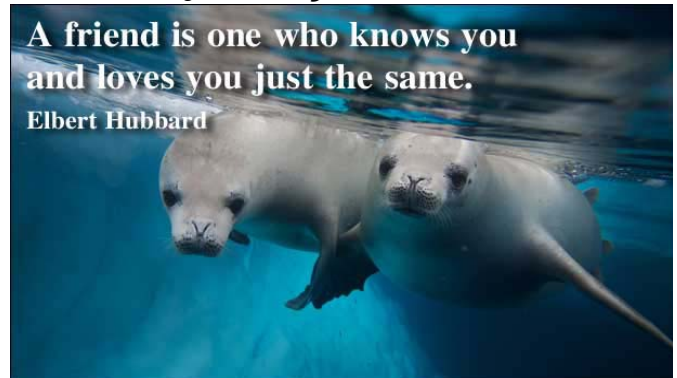
The Vacy Charity Cutting Day is on this Saturday, 13 October and the school benefits greatly from this event, sharing the funds raised with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. To view the Cutting Day, search YouTube through “Vacy Charity Cutting Day”. Leesa Priestley has organised a volunteer register for the day and if you are available to help, please contact the office to register a time. Thank you to those families who have already volunteered to help.

Regards, Graeme

Quote of the Week

**A friend is one who knows you
and loves you just the same.**

Elbert Hubbard



Congratulations to the Lutschini family on the arrival of their new baby girl, Gabriel Isabella.

Dates to Remember

October

- 10 Sport in schools commence
Drumming lessons commence
- 11 Canteen closed
- 12 Yr 6 Dungog High School testing
- 13 Vacy Charity Cutting Day
Volunteers needed
- 14 P & C morning tea for Vintage Car Club
Volunteers and cake donations needed
- 16 AASCP Cricket commences
- 17 Kinder Orientation
No drumming lessons
- 17 AASCP Tennis commences
- 23 P & C meeting
Kinder Orientation

Class News



Kindergarten

Welcome to term 4!

This will be a busy term so please make sure you check notes in communication folders and read the newsletter each week. Home Readers were collected at the end of last term and will go home through this week. Next Wednesday we welcome Kindergarten students 2013 to experience a taste of "big school". There will be no literacy groups on this day. Please read notes on the Sport in School program and Learn to Swim included in this newsletter.

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Welcome back. It was great to see the children all return yesterday and to hear all their holiday tales. Next week is our 1/2 cake stall. It will be held at recess on Wednesday 17th October so if everyone could remember to bring in cakes or slices (cut into individual pieces) it would be appreciated.

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I hope that everyone had a great break and we look forward to a wonderful term 4. Our topic of study in HSIE is "Cooperating Communities" which explores the ways in which environments and social systems and structures in local areas meet people's needs. We will also be undertaking "My Growing Self", a PD/H/PE unit which describes life changes and associated feelings.

5/6

Welcome back everyone from what hopefully was a relaxing break.

Firstly I would like to congratulate all of 5/6 for their outstanding performance at the Science and Engineering Discovery Day that was held on Wednesday of the last week of term 3 at St Peter's High School. Our teamwork and excellent skills enabled us to gain first place in the competition on the day. A great achievement considering it was our first time in the competition.

This term is a very busy one. Please be aware that camp money needs to be finalised by the end of Week 2. Notes will be going out shortly about our final preparation details.

On Friday, the Year 6 students will be visited by their new Year 7 advisor for 2013 from Dungog High. She will introduce herself to the students and conduct some testing in readiness for next year.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 21/9/12



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Lincoln Ney
1-2	Toby Carter
3-4	Amy Magri
5-6	Harry Flynn

CLASS AWARDS	
K	Fox Nicholson
1	Ethan Lechner
2	Bronte Parish
3	Bailey Hack
4	Indica Chapman
5	Chelsey Hughes
6	Ben Williams

School News

Vacy Charity Cutting Day

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Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Day

The first Kindergarten 2013 Orientation day will be on next Wednesday 17 October 9.30 to 10.30am.

Vacy Public School P & C - URGENT

The P & C will be hosting a Vintage Car Club on 14 October. We would love donations of cakes and slices for morning tea and also we would love a few volunteers to help out for a couple of hours. If you are able to help please contact Heather Williams on 4938 8090.

Drumming Lessons

Drumming lessons will continue this term. Permission notes have been sent home today. Cost for this terms lessons is \$60.00.

Learn to Swim Scheme

The school is again offering a learn to swim program for all students in Kindergarten to Year 4. The program will take place at Maitland Swimming Pool under the instruction of qualified Austswim Instructors. The program will be conducted over 10 days starting on 5 November 2012. Places are limited to 30 students. Cost per child is \$100.00 which covers bus fare, entry into the pool and lesson costs. Permission notes are included with this weeks newsletter. Please return notes and money promptly.

Sports In Schools

Our Sports in schools program starts tomorrow, Wednesday 10 October 2012. There are still a number of families who have not paid for this program. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Active After School Sports Program

Students who nominated for this program have received letters today confirming their placement into the cricket and Tennis program. Cricket will start on Tuesday 16 October and tennis will commence on Thursday 18 October 2012. Both programs will commence at 3.10pm and conclude at 4.00pm. Parents need to either collect their children at this time or organise a place for them in Before and After School Care. There will be program held during the week of 5 6 and 8 November 2012 due to Year 5/6 being away at camp.

Canteen News

Included with today's newsletter is the new healthy choices Canteen Menu. Only items listed on this menu will be available for sale.



Thursday 11 October	No Canteen
Monday 15 October	Kristie Roberti Eleesha Pereira

Olympics Day in Dungog



9 October 2012



Community News

Vacy Charity

Cutting Horse Event

Sat 13th October 2012

'Riverview'

Summerhill Rd, Vacy

2 handed snafflebit

\$1500 worth of prizes.

Spectators free Entry

Camp Oven, & BBQ, Cold Drinks & Restricted Bar

***Proceeds to Westpac Helicopter
and***

Vacy Public School

Prizes to 10th place

Encouragement prizes for beginners & under 21s

Limited to 40 entries

Entries strictly prepaid (Limit 2 rides)

Opens 27.08.2012

Closed October 1st or when full.

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