

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## “Friendship and Learning”

### From the Principal

We welcomed some very keen and eager Kinder 2013 students and their parents last week. Thank you to our guest presenters, Samantha Hogg, BestStart Coordinator, Glenn Butler, P&C President, Kristy Roberti, Canteen Manager and Karen Sanders, Uniforms Coordinator for their time and input.

Mrs Rogers has continued her great work today by introducing the Kinder students to Year 5 buddies to ease the transition to 'big school'.  
The final Kinder Orientation session will be held next Monday 29 October from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

Our next P&C meeting will be held tonight at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Among the topics for discussion is the Paterson Rotary donation to the school, the 2012-2014 School Plan and feedback from the Vacy Country Carnival, the Cutting Day and planning for next year's Total Field Day.

This Thursday, we welcome the Gresford PS debating team as they contest a debate with our Year 5/6 students.

Parents should be aware that there has been a student at school diagnosed with whooping cough recently. A fact sheet from the Department of Health accompanies this newsletter for your information and the school is implementing guidelines as recommended by the Department of Health. Should you have any concerns about your child's health, please consult a doctor.

Regards,  
Graeme

**Presentation Night 2012**  
**Monday 10 December**  
**Total Hall**  
**From 6.30pm**

### *Quote of the Week*

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- [Maya Angelou](#)



### **ASSEMBLY AWARDS** **Week ending 19/10/12**

| STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| K                          | Tia Magri          |
| 1-2                        | Lillian Richardson |
| 3-4                        | Bailey Hack        |
| 5-6                        | Ashley Rowe        |
| CLASS AWARDS               |                    |
| K                          | Sienna Holding     |
| 1                          | Nathaniel Chapman  |
| 2                          | Mia Roberti        |
| 3                          | Amy Magri          |
| 4                          | Jorgia Watts       |
| 5                          | Nalani Basham      |
| 6                          | William Brunwin    |

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **October**

- 23 P & C meeting 7.00pm  
Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 11.00am
- 29 Kinder Orientation 9.00 - 11.30am
- 31 3/4 Cake Stall

#### **November**

- 5 Learn to Swim School & 5/6 Camp begins
- 9 5/6 return from camp
- 14 5/6 Cake Stall

## **Class News**



### **Kindergarten**

Today Kindergarten 2013 will visit our classroom again. This time they will meet their buddies for next year, tour the school and have a go at some activities in the classroom. A big thank you to Mrs Greaves and 1/2 for taking care of Kindergarten 2012 during orientation.

Next Wednesday 3/4 will be hosting a cake day for Maurin, don't forget your money to purchase a yummy morning tea. Sports in schools is on tomorrow please make sure children have correct footwear.

### **1/2**

Just a reminder Learn to Swim is filling up fast so get your notes in A.S.A.P. The program can cater for all levels of swimming ability and the program will be tailored to suit the child's needs eg: from non swimmer to those requiring stroke correction and practise. The first lesson will be used to assess what level the children are and they will be put in groups accordingly. It is a great program so take advantage of it if possible.

The children were sent home a worksheet on Milestones in their lives last week for homework. We will be working on these next week and using them to create a time line so if you could assist them with this it would be appreciated. They also have an interview sheet due in a few weeks. (see homework sheet)

### **3/4**

Next Tuesday 30 October, 3/4 will be visited by Amanda Gregory from the Hunter River Catchment Management Authority who will be guiding us through the Spring Water Bug Survey at the river. This activity looks at water quality and river health.

During the day, Amanda will run the students through bug identification and collection techniques, a visit to the Paterson River to collect samples and in the final session we will log the collection details on the website.

Our class will be holding a Cake Stall on Wednesday 6 November to help raise funds for our sponsored student, Maurin in Tanzania.

### **5/6**

Final camp arrangements are underway and a big thank you goes out to all of the parents for finalising their accounts. A final note will go home next week to

remind people of times etc.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Zoe Butler who has just had her tonsils removed. We hope she gets well soon.

Finally, good luck to our debaters who will be debating on Thursday against Gresford.

### **REMINDER:**

Year 6 students need to bring in a preschool and Kindergarten photo of themselves as soon as possible for their graduation slideshow presentation.

## **Cake Stall**

The first of our class cake stalls was held last Wednesday with \$64.55 being raised to support our Foster Child, Maurin, who lives in Tanzania and attends the School of St Jude. The next cake stall will be held on Wednesday 6 November and will be hosted by 3/4.

## **School News**

### **Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Day**

Our second Kindergarten Orientation Day was held today, with our final Orientation Day being held on Monday 29 October 9.00am to 11.30am.

### **Learn to Swim Scheme**

There are a few vacancies left in our Learn to Swim program. 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. Cost per child is \$100.00 which covers bus fare, entry into the pool and lesson costs. If you are interested in attending please return your note and money by Friday.

### **Active After School Sports Program**

There will be no program held during week 5, 6 and 8 November 2012, due to Year 5/6 being away at camp.

### **P & C Shopping Trip**

Invitations are being sent home to families inviting them to attend the P & C fundraising shopping trip on 18 November 2012. All funds raised will go to supporting programs for students at Vacy Public School.

## Enrolments

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.

## Canteen News

Unfortunately, there are still some vacancies in the roster for Term 4. Without parent support the Canteen can not operate. If you are free to assist on any of the following dates please contact the office immediately.

Thursday 1 November  
Thursday 6 December



## Roster

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thursday 25 October | Belinda Geddes<br>Nicole Long   |
| Monday 29 October   | Kristie Roberti<br>Karen Turner |

## Community News

### DUNGOG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Apply First Aid  
29 to 30 October**

Learn all aspects of routine first aid, to a certificate standard. What's covered: CPR for adults and infants, fractures, sprains, burns, control bleeding, responding to heart attack, asthma, snakebites and exposure, and much more. All led by experienced district local Sonja Mecalf (Registered Training Organisation Parasol Ltd).

Looking for re-certification? You can renew your current certificate by doing the same class without doing the preparatory first part, for a lower price. Note: Students without a current certificate are required to complete a workbook prior to the commencement of the course. This takes the place of a day's training and is done in a workbook with the help of your manual.

Students doing the re-certification do NOT need to do the workbook but must present their current certificate or wallet card.

**When:** Monday 29 & Tuesday 30 October

**Time:** 6.00pm to 9.00pm

**Where:** Gresford CWA Hall,  
12 Durham Rd, East Gresford

**Cost:** Apply First Aid \$150;

Apply First Aid Re-certification \$130.

Book A.S.A.P. For this essential course and be ready for trouble this summer.

Also on: Belly Dancing starting 24 October, Begin Yoga starting 23 October.

Book on 4992 1133 or  
[www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au](http://www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au)

## White Ribbon Fundraiser Violence Against Women 24 November 2012

at

**Vacy Farmers Hotel  
2pm - MIDNIGHT**

Car & Bike Display - \$10 entry fee  
Tug-a-war Teams (5 per side) - \$20 entry fee

### **AUCTION**

Bali Trip - 7 nights for 4 people  
Framed Footy Jerseys  
Snap-On Products  
Make over Pack  
Plus many, many more.....



## VACY SCHOOL PERFORMING





# 2013 Kinder Orientation



## Sports in School

