

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

Our Year 5/6 students were out of bed and ready for their 6:00 am departure on Monday for Canberra. They arrived in Canberra by midday and all reports are that things are going smoothly. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience first-hand many of the offerings available in our nation's capital.

Our swimming program has been fully subscribed and I would like to commend parents for enrolling their children in the Learn to Swim program. With summer approaching, swimming is a vital skill that all Australians should have to enjoy our rivers, lakes and beaches.

Yesterday I attended a training day hosted by the contracted providers to the Department of Education and Communities including Dell, Intel, Microsoft and Lenovo. The focus was on 21st century learners and how best to engage them. It was also an opportunity to develop an appreciation of how to use of the many programs that are available on DEC computers including OneNote, SharePoint, PowerPoint, Windows Live Movie Maker, Adobe Premiere Elements and Audacity to enhance teaching and learning for our students.

Our SRC team have organised a range of lunchtime events for this term including chess challenges, handball competitions, 5-a-side soccer and a colouring-in competition. The cost to enter any event is 20 cents per activity and the money raised will go towards Maurin in Tanzania. Well done to our SRC on this initiative.

From what I heard at the training day, our move to a wireless network and the close to one-to-one laptop ratio for a class of students have placed us in a strong position to meet future needs.

Regards,
Graeme



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 2/11/12

	STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
K	Jackson Lambert
1-2	Kasey Parker
3-4	Shay Deacon
5-6	Daisy Brunwin
	CLASS AWARDS
K	Ursula Thompson
1	Jack Magri
2	Lillian Richardson
3	Saskia Bickerdike
4	Rose Washbourne
5	Ruby Wilson
5	Tom Priestley

Dates to Remember

November

5 - 12 Learn to Swim School
5 - 9 5/6 Camp
14 5/6 Cake Stall
24 White Ribbon Day
30 Year 6 Graduation Dinner

December

10 Presentation Night
19 Last day of school for students

Class News



Kindergarten

Yesterday we began our school learn to swim program, the weather was great and the children were assessed and put into groups. Some children do not have names on clothes, please ensure all clothing is labelled. There will be no homework during the school swim program, children may change readers if they like.

1/2

No homework this week but children are still encouraged to change their readers.

No reading groups this week either so our helpers can have a well deserved break.

Don't forget to return all library books for the Library Stocktake.

3/4

Thank you to Libby Cant (and Mum, Kylie) have organised ice blocks for Thursday lunchtime as a fundraiser to support Maurin. The ice blocks will be 40 cents each and will make a cool option during this hot spell.

We are continuing our investigation of local, native animals following WaterWatch last week. Students have paired up and are researching either the platypus or rakali to be presented as a PowerPoint to the class.



5/6

The students arrived in Canberra about lunch time yesterday. Mrs Fonti has reported that they are all enjoying themselves and looking forward to visiting all the attractions in Canberra.

Maurin fundraiser

On Thursday as a way to raise money for our sponsor student, Libby Cant and her Mum (Kylie) will be selling iceblocks for 40 cents at lunchtime. Please remember to bring in your money and enjoy a nice cold treat.

School News

Learn to Swim Scheme

The Learn to Swim Scheme commenced yesterday Monday 5 November and will conclude on Friday 16 November 2012.

Swim School got off to a great start. The weather was beautiful and the children have all been assessed and placed into the appropriate groups.

Just a few reminders

- Tie back long hair or provide a swim cap
- Ensure children have their lunch and recess packed
- It has been recommended that the children wear goggles to protect their eyes from the water and the sun
- Please label all clothing to assist us in ensuring their clothes do not become mixed up.
- Children should wear their swimmers under their school clothes and pack underwear. It makes the start of the sessions run more smoothly.

Active After School Sports Program

There will be no program held during this week. Cricket and tennis will resume on Tuesday 13 November and Thursday 15 November respectively.

P & C Shopping Trip

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers the P & C shopping trip has been cancelled.

Library

All Library books should have been returned. There will be no borrowing until the library stocktake is completed.

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.

Holiday planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>



Canteen News

Parents are reminded that if your child is attending the Learn to Swim Program they are unable to order recess and lunch from the canteen during the program due to the start and finish times at Maitland Pool.



There will be no canteen held on Thursday 8 November. Please pack food for your child for recess and lunch.

There is still a vacancy in the canteen roster on Thursday 6 December anyone who is able to assist please contact the office immediately.

Roster

Thursday 8 November	No canteen
Monday 12 November	Tanya Waight Wendy Farrow

Newsletter Advertising

If you would like to advertise a community event in the newsletter, please send a copy via email to vacy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The editor can reserves the right to amend or change articles depending on space available and the content of the item.

Deadlines for advertising in Tuesdays newsletter close on Friday afternoon at 3.10pm.

Unfortunately articles received after this deadline will be kept until the following week .

Head Lice

There have been some reported cases of head lice recently. Please check your child's hair and apply any relevant treatments. Please do not rely on your child's head to be itchy before checking as this is only ONE symptom of head lice and is not conclusive to either having or not having head lice. To ensure that this problem is eradicated from the school we require all parents to check their children's hair and to be vigilant in following up the treatment to break the egg laying cycle.

Community News

White Ribbon Fundraiser Violence Against Women

Included in todays newsletter is a letter and raffle tickets for each family outlining White Ribbon Day.

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.....

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