

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## “Friendship and Learning”

### From the Principal

Our swimming program continues throughout this week and the participants have an opportunity to order lunch from the pool this Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Greaves and Mrs Rogers for their organisation of the swimming program. As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, swimming is a vital skill that all Australians should have to enjoy our rivers, lakes and beaches.

Welcome back to our Year 5 and 6 students after their camp to Canberra. Major overnight excursions such as these give our students not only great educational opportunities but a wonderful social experience. Thank you to Mrs Fonti for her organisation of this excursion. We look forward to hearing of their experiences and where they took ‘Splatter’, our platypus mascot.

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.

Paterson Rotary Club has generously donated \$2000 to the school for a ‘project’ that they will source and oversee. Our P&C agreed to make the focus water tanks for the COLA which can then be used to irrigate our vegie gardens.

Last week, David Hamilton (Itinerant Support Teacher – Hearing) spoke to staff and students about ear health and the effects that ear infections can have on student learning. Students learnt the correct way to blow their nose to ensure their ears stay healthy. If you have concerns about your child’s hearing it is important to have them checked by a GP.

Regards,  
Graeme

### *Quote of the Week*

*Positive thinking leads  
to positive outcomes*



### **ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Week ending 9/11/12**

<b>STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS</b>	
<b>K</b>	Ursula Thompson
<b>1-2</b>	Bronte Parish
<b>3-4</b>	Libby Cant
<b>5-6</b>	On Excursion
<b>CLASS AWARDS</b>	
<b>K</b>	Harriette Hopkins
<b>2</b>	Mia Roberti
<b>2</b>	Kacia Rowles
<b>3</b>	Hayden Reid
<b>4</b>	Shawn Pillidge
<b>5</b>	On Excursion
<b>6</b>	On Excursion

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **November**

- 5 - 12 Learn to Swim School
- 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

All students participating in the Schools, Learn to Swim Program are making great progress and enjoying their lessons. This week there will be no homework or literacy groups (our helpers can have a break this week, see you next week. Please remember if your child would like a lunch order from the pool canteen please return orders **tomorrow** . Also children at swimming school need to bring a T shirt and long pants for water safety activities on **Wednesday**.

### 1/2

No homework or reading groups this week due to swim school but they are welcome to change their readers. If your child attends swim school please check swimming news.

### 3/4

Thank you and well done to Libby, Anna, Rose and Shawn for organising ice blocks for Thursday lunchtime as a fundraiser to support Maurin. The ice blocks raised a further \$40 for Maurin. Well done also to our Year 4 students who took on additional responsibilities whilst the Year 5/6 students were at camp! No homework this week due to swimming.

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

### 5/6

Thank you to all of the Year 5/6 students for their excellent behaviour on camp. I was most impressed along with our parent helpers and guides with the participation and knowledge of all the students. You answered questions confidently and accurately which is every teacher's wish.

Thank you again to Mr Williams and Mr Butler for their contributions throughout the week.

A reminder that all Year Six students need to provide me with a photo of themselves in Kindy and pre school ASAP.

5/6 are providing the cakes for our cake stall tomorrow. Please bring in something (cut up) that can be sold to raise money for Maurin.

## School News

### Learn to Swim Scheme

Last week a note went home asking the children to bring in a t-shirt, long pants and plastic bag to put them in for Wednesdays safety lesson. Also on this note a list of items

available for lunch order day at the swimming pool on Thursday. To make this any easy process **please** put your child's order on a brown paper lunch bag with the correct money inside (no change will be given) as these will be given to the kiosk on Wednesday. Please note no late orders will be accepted.

The children are all enjoying their lessons and it is great to see them improving so much in such a short time. We are very lucky to have such a great program to offer the children at Vacy.

### Active After School Sports Program

Cricket and tennis will resume on Tuesday 13 November and Thursday 15 November respectively.

### Library

Library stocktake is complete and students may resume borrowing this week.

### 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.

<b>Thursday 15 November</b>	Kirsty Eyb Kristy Rowe
<b>Monday 19 November</b>	Kristy Roberti Liz Streeter

### Bunnings BBQ

This Saturday, 17 November, Vacy Public School will be running the BBQ at Bunnings and requires parent helpers. If you are able to volunteer a couple of hours please give Glen Butler a call on 4995 6008.

## 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](mailto: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 .

## Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school, have recently undertaken, an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy..

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civic and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 - per eligible student under the parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.



## Community News

### White Ribbon Fundraiser Violence Against Women

All raffle tickets will need to be returned to the school office by 16th November.

### 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



## A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL - NO. 1

Hello Year 6,

I have enjoyed meeting all of you over the past few weeks during my visits to your schools. I thought that I would provide you with some regular information about what's happening at Dungog High and what you have to look forward to in 2013. Remember that if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school on 49923022.

This year we have had many successes in the sporting arena, including students representing the school at zone, regional and even state levels in swimming, cross county and athletics. We have also had many teams participating in the Combined High Schools Knockout competitions (soccer, netball, touch football, rugby league, tennis, lawn bowls and others). We have also had some great lunchtime competitions; Indoor Soccer and the Mixed Netball Competition. School sport is held on Thursday afternoons, with many different activities to choose from such as yoga, football, cricket, fishing, table tennis, ten-pin bowling and many more. Year 7 will participate in Peer Support during sport time in Term 1 and then you will be able to choose your own sport from Term 2 onwards. Remember that a Year Advisor's Award will enable you to select your sport choices before other students. So, make sure you strive for your best and start collecting merit awards.

I am sure that if you are interested in participating in sporting activities, there will be something for you, whether it is for fun, fitness, health, competition or all of these!

Mrs van de Scheur J

## A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL - NO. 2

Hello Year 6,

When you come to Dungog High School next year you will study many different subjects (in many different rooms and with many different teachers!). The subjects you will study are: English, Maths, Science, PDHPE, HSIE, Design and Technology, LOTE, Music, SRE and Visual Arts. This gives you a chance to find out which subjects you really enjoy and are good at. In Year 8 you will get to have some choice in your elective subjects. There will be lots of people around to help you work out your timetable so that you know where you are meant to be and where you should be going. Don't be afraid to ask for directions or assistance. Students and staff will be more than happy to help. There are 8 periods in the day, plus DEAR (see next week's Snapshot) two recesses and lunch, so there is a lot to fit into the day!

It's a great idea to use your diary to keep a copy of your timetable in, write down any homework or assessments and to remind yourself of anything else that is happening that is important to you.

If you like to sing, dance, act, draw, paint, or construct we have something for you. Dungog High School students are known not only for their academic achievements but also for their involvement in extra-curricular activities. This year we have had many students participating in extra activities, to extend themselves in their interest areas and academic

abilities. These include activities such as: Maths and Science competitions, displays for Science week, Engineering challenges, Public Speaking, Debating, High Achievers Camp and Short Story competitions.

We also participate in Starstruck each year, Drama competitions / camps, Music performances at local events and assemblies, Cattle Judging, Improvisation Challenges, and fundraising events. Whatever your interests may be, there is a wide range of activities available for you to extend and enrich yourself.

Mrs van de Scheur J

# **Dungog High School Year 7 2013 Orientation Day**

Dear Year Six Students,

You are invited to  
**Dungog High School's Orientation Day 2012.**

**Time:** 9:15am – 3:15pm

**Date:** Wednesday, 5th December, 2012 (Week 9)

**Where:** Dungog High School

**Program:** General Information Session in the MPC  
(Students, parents/caregivers and teachers)

**Meet your Peer Support Leaders and Groups**

**Recess 1**

**Peer Support Activities**

**Recess 2**

**Mini Lessons**

**Lunch**

Various activities such as Music and Drama Performances

**What you need to bring:** pens, notebook, lunch/recess or money for canteen (see information book for prices)

\*Your parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. There will be an opportunity to buy book packs, purchase uniform items, take a look around the school and have some morning tea.