

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

Our Learn to Swim program wound up last Friday and it was very encouraging to hear about the improvements that so many of the students achieved. It is very important for our students to continue to put into practise the advice that their swimming teachers gave them during the program. Thanks again to Mrs Greaves and Mrs Rogers for their organisation.

The White Ribbon Day event will be held this Saturday on the oval and at the Farmers Hotel. This is a community event that we are supporting through performances by our dance groups and drumming group. Thank you to the students (and mums and dads) who are giving up their time to participate. Students have been busily working on posters which will be on display and available for sale at the event. The money raised will go towards supporting the charity.

Dancers will need to be ready at 2:15 for the first performance at 2:30 pm. Drummers will need to be ready to perform at 4:00pm.

Recently, I was approached by some of our students who travel on the late bus about students having mobile phones, electronic games and devices for their bus trips. The assurance was that any device would be handed in at the office in the morning and collected in the afternoon for personal use on the bus.

Unfortunately, there emerged a range of issues that led to me to review the decision. Despite warnings, some devices were not being handed to the office, some devices were being used at school and displayed for others. There were also security issues in that the school has no control over what is on the devices and the appropriateness of any material. As a result, electronic devices are not allowed at Vacy Public School and any device found will be impounded. Please be aware that impounded devices will need to be collected by parents.

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.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

*Positive thinking leads
to positive outcomes*



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 16/11/12

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Jackson Lambert
1-2	Mackenzie Peirce
3-4	Max Wysel
5-6	Elijah Ray

CLASS AWARDS	
K	River Rowles
2	Jack Magri
2	Bronte Parish
3	Daniel Jessop
4	Archer Woller
5	Caitlyn Chapman
6	Harry Flynn

Dates to Remember

November

- 24 White Ribbon Day
- 28 Kindergarten cake stall
- 30 Year 6 Graduation Dinner

December

- 4 P & C meeting 7pm
- 10 Presentation Night
- 19 Last day of school for students

Class News



Kindergarten

Well done to all children who participated in the Learn to Swim Program. It was fantastic to see the children progress in this very worthwhile activity. Thank you Mrs Greaves for organising the program. Next Wednesday, 28th November Kindergarten will host a cake day to raise money for our sponsor child, Maurin. Students are asked to bring in cakes cut into individual portions to the canteen next Wednesday. Please label containers to ensure they are returned. Cakes will cost 50 cents each.

1/2

Normal class programs have resumed this week. The children have brought home their homework sheets and there will be a quiz on Friday. We have been very busy over the past few weeks doing swim school and finalising our assessments. Thanks to all the parents who made sure the children had all the items they needed each day for swim school. Don't forget to return dance notes regarding attendance at Saturday's White Ribbon function if your child is in dance group.

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!

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

No News this week as Mrs Fonti has been away.

Cake Stall

Next Wednesday 28 November, Kindergarten will be hosting a cake stall to raise money for Maurin, our sponsor child. Cakes will be sold at recess for 50 cents.

School News

Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

On Sunday 25 November 2012, the P & F are hosting a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings. **Volunteers are**

desperately needed to assist on the day. At the time of printing there are only four volunteers. If you are able to help please contact Heather or David Williams **URGENTLY**. All money raised goes to support learning programs for every student at Vacy Public School.

Swim School

Another year of swim school has come to an end and I must say congratulations to the children who attended for their excellent behaviour and willingness to get in and have a go. (It was lovely to hear from the swim teachers and life guards how well behaved our Vacy students were!) We were lucky this year to have perfect swim school weather which made it a lot easier for the children to spend the 40 minutes in the pool without getting too cold. We were also fortunate to have two excellent and very experienced teachers taking our groups. From looking at the results and watching the children over the two weeks it was fantastic to see their progress over a short period of time. The council runs learn to swim intensive programs over the school holidays so if you have the time, the children would certainly benefit from continuing to build on what they have already learnt. Last Wednesday the children participated in safety lessons and learnt how to save themselves and others if in an emergency situation. As well as having lots of fun it was certainly a valuable learning experience for them all. We have included some photos in the newsletter of this activity.

Thanks To Maitland Council and especially Thomas Kuszelyk for putting together such a great program for Vacy School and to all the parents who supported it and made sure their children had all the necessary items for each day.

We look forward to another great swim school in 2013.

Maree Greaves

Learn to Swim Coordinator

Drumming Performance

As part of the White Ribbon Day fundraiser the students who are doing drumming with Col Hatchman will perform at 4.00pm on Saturday 24 November. Students are required to either wear their Hatchman Drum Corp t-shirts or to wear a plain black t shirt for the performance.

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.

Travelling By Bus

Parents are reminded that it is a legal requirement that all students use the seat belts provided if fitted on the bus. Please discuss this with your child.

Book Club

All Book Club orders need to be received at school by Friday, 23 November 2012. Unfortunately any orders received after this date will not be processed. This will be the last Book Club for 2012.

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 .

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.

Canteen News



Thursday 22 November	Bin Geddes Kris Doyle
Monday 26 November	Karen Turner Pat Williams

Learn To Swim

Swimming Lessons



Water Safety Lesson

Having Fun on the splash pad





Community News

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.

MAITLAND TENNIS CENTRE

January 2013 School Holiday Tennis Clinic

When: 14, 15, 16 January 2013

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (Family discounts available)

Age: 4years to 16years

Standard: Beginner to Intermediate

BOOK NOW: Phone 4934 5016 0421 882055 or

www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

Information Evening for Parents CYBERSMART

Date: Monday 10 December

Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Where: Dungog High Schools Library

The **Cybersmart** program is a national **cybersafety** education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to promoting online safety for children and young people.

The world online is powerful and engaging for young people and adults alike, offering a wealth of opportunity. The **Cybersmart** program enables children, parents, carers,

teachers to manage online risks, so their experiences are safe and positive.

The Cybersmart program aims to:

- ◆ Inform children, parents, teachers about **cybersafety** issues
- ◆ Educate audiences through information, resources and practical advice
- ◆ Empower children to be safe online.

The Cybersmart program includes:

- ◆ A comprehensive range of information and resources designed to meet the needs of children, parents and teachers. All resources are provided free of charge in Australia.
- ◆ **Cybersafety** Outreach Profession Development for Educators program for schools and Internet Safety Awareness Presentations for parents and children

Please come along and get up to date advice and support on Cybersafety!

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

Dynamic Sports Coaching

School Holiday cricket Coaching Clinic

Empire Park, Bar Beach

Wednesday 9 January - Friday 11 January 2013

Age Groups 6years to 15years

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

Cost: \$150 (\$60 p/d)

Contact: Luke Reynolds on 0408 495 766

Email: dscclinics@hotmail.com

Post: 29 Harp Street Belmore NSW 2192

Payment Options

(Payment to be made on first morning of clinic)

1. Cash

2. Cheque

3. Direct Debit (to be made prior clinic)