

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## “Friendship and Learning”

### From the Principal

It was wonderful to see our dancers and drummers perform at the White Ribbon Day event held on Saturday on the oval and at the Farmers Hotel. The students drew a crowd and accolades for their performance. A big thanks to Miss Corrigan and Col Hatchman for preparing the students. Thank you to the students (and mums and dads) who gave up their time to participate.

The P&C will be having a barbecue and get together at the Farmers Hotel on Sunday 16 December from 3.30pm. Everyone's welcome and it is an opportunity for families to get together and celebrate the year's events. Families are asked to bring their own food and barbecue facilities are available at the hotel.

A reminder that our final P&C meeting for 2012 will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 4 December commencing at 7:00 pm.

Nominations have been received from eight students who will deliver their election speeches for Captains for 2013. Following the speeches, students in Years 2-6 will cast their votes and the two students who gain the most votes will be the School Captains for 2013. Captains will be announced at the Presentation Evening.

This Friday, 30 November we will be holding our Year 6 Graduation Evening at the Vacy Community Hall commencing at 6:30 pm. Dress is smart casual and hopefully we will get some respite from the heat in the evening. The Graduation Dinner is a celebration of the students' time at Vacy Public School and Mrs Fonti has put together a great slide show of their progress through the years.

Regards,  
Graeme

### Quote of the Week

*When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.*

*Alexander G. Bell*



### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 23/11/12

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Sienna Holding
1-2	Nathaniel Chapman
3-4	Saskia Bickerdike
5-6	Kayla Hallinan

  

CLASS AWARDS	
K	Layla Clarke
2	Tom Doyle
2	Mia Roberti
3	Chloe Reid
4	Max Tanner
5	Caitlyn Chapman
6	Isaac Bickerdike

### Dates to Remember

#### November

- 28 Kindergarten cake stall
- 29 Captain Speeches' - 2pm
- 30 Year 6 Graduation Dinner

#### December

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

## Class News



### Kindergarten

This is our last week for literacy groups, I would like to thank all of our wonderful parent helpers for their help and support throughout the year. This is also the last week for homework and home readers, next week I will be collecting home readers and Jolly Phonic Word List booklets. This Wednesday Kindergarten is hosting a cake day to raise funds for our foster child, Maurin. Kindergarten students are asked to bring in cakes cut into individual portions. They can deliver their cakes to the canteen Wednesday morning.

### 1/2

Kinder are having their cake stall tomorrow so don't forget to bring your 50cents to purchase a cake. All money raised goes to Maurin.

This will be our last official week for reading groups. Thanks to all the wonderful parents who have given up their own precious time to help us. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Could all children please return their home readers and phonics list next week as this will be our last week for the year.

### 3/4

This week will be the last week that homework sheets will be given out. Thank you to parents for your support with homework this year.

Students are completing their research and will be presenting their PowerPoints to the class on either the platypus or rakali. They have found out some very interesting information about these local native species.

### 5/6

Our graduation dinner is fast approaching and final preparations are being made. Year 5 are receiving a note today about their involvement.

Good luck to all our nominees who are performing their speeches this Thursday afternoon for School Captain and Sports Captain for 2013. The afternoon's procedures begin at 2pm sharp.

### 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

### 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.

### 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 .

## Canteen News



<b>Thursday 29 November</b>	Michelle Hughes Fiona Wysel
<b>Monday 3 December</b>	Kristie Roberti Heather Williams



## Community News

### TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne Axam on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

## Learn locally in 2013

Get on the **Dungog Community College** mailing list and be first to get confirmed dates, times & other details.

### “Yes you can” with these skills and lifestyle courses:

February - Day In The Roses (learn to care, cut, show, sketch & cook with roses) at Mount Rivers. March - First Aid, Cheesemaking, Art-Photography masterclass, & some short practical computer courses. April - Drawing The River in Claro, Begin Golf, Pack A Perfect Picnic, and Holiday Shenanigans.

Belly Dancing starts late Feb. Begin Yoga starts early March. Cook A Wood-fired Pizza is on every month. Culture A Love Story (talks with panache) is on occasional Thursdays.

### “Upgrade your career” with these Certificate courses

(depending on subsidy from State Training Services): Cert III/Diploma of Children’s Services, Small Business Skill Set, Cert IV Training & Assessment, Home And Community Care upgrade, Medications skill set.

email: [education@dins.org.au](mailto:education@dins.org.au).

Website: [www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au](http://www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au).

## Maitland CEEW Course Career Education and Employment for Women

**Course No:** 10697 **Award:** Certificate Level II

### Skills for Work and Training

**Faculty:** Career Skills Education **Section:** Pathways

**What are the hours?** Full time - 20 hours per week for 1 semester (18 weeks) over 4 days per week, within school hours.

**Subjects Studied** - English for the Workplace - Maths for the Workplace - Introductory Computing - Science / Sustainability - Work Experience - Job seeking & Career Development - Learner Support

This course is designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either re enter the workforce or return to study.

This course is fee exempt. Students are expected to buy a USB drive (2gb), an outlay of approximately \$10.

**How to apply in 2013:** To register your interest in the course please call Donna on 4930 2926. An information and enrolment session will be held on:

**Thursday 24 January 2013 at 10.00am in room C.1.23**

Classes begin on Tuesday 5 February, 2012.

## Maitland SWAT -

### Skills for Work & Training

**Course No:** 10697 **Award:** Certificate Level II

**Faculty:** Career Skills Education **Section:** Pathways

**What are the hours?** Full time - 20 hours per week for 1 semester (18 weeks) over 4 days per week.

**Subjects Studied:** English for the Workplace - Maths for the Workplace - Computing for the Workplace - Science/ Sustainability - Job seeking & Career Development - Learner Support.

This course is for people who have completed their School Certificate or those who have left school and who want to improve their chances of entering the workforce.

**An information and enrolment session will be held at Maitland TAFE Campus on Wednesday 23 January, 2013 at 1.00pm in room C.1.23.**

**Classes begin on Monday 4 February, 2013.**

## Maitland BREW Course

### Blokes Refresher for Education and Work

**Course No:** 10697 **Award:** Certificate Level II

### Skills for Work and Training

**Faculty:** Career Skills Education **Section:** Pathways

**What are the hours?** 20 hours per week for 1 semester (18 weeks) over 4 days per week.

**Subjects Studied:** English for the Workplace - Maths for the Workplace - Intro Computing (including social media) - Sustainability - Plumbing - Workplace Awareness - Job Seeking & Career Development - Learner Support.

This course is designed for men who want to return to work or study and encourages the development of personal and new skills in a very supportive learning environment. It aims to assist and encourage men to establish a career direction and develop new skills, knowledge and attitudes.

To register your interest in the course please call Kylie on 49302827.

**An information and enrolment session will be held on: Wednesday 23 January, 2013 at 10.00am in room C.1.23  
Classes begin on: Monday 4 February, 2013.**



## Community News continued

# **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.

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## **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](http://www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au)

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## **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!**

## **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:** [dsclinics@hotmail.com](mailto:dsclinics@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)