

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

Congratulations to all of the nominees for the positions of School Captain and Sports Captains for 2013. The calibre of their speeches and their delivery made for a very difficult task for all voters. It is a credit to all of our nominees and I would like to thank them all for nominating for the available positions. Unfortunately not all students who nominated will gain a position for 2013. Thank you to all students for their nominations and speeches. The positions will be formally announced at our 2012 Presentation Evening ceremony. This will be held at Tocal Agricultural College on Monday 10 December, commencing at 6:30 pm.

The P&C will be having a barbecue and get together at the Farmers Hotel on Sunday 16 December. 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 tonight, Tuesday 3 December commencing at 7:00 pm.

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner was held under oppressive heat last Friday Night. This didn't stop the celebration of the students' time at Vacy Public School. The Year 5 students did a great job in waiting on tables and our Year 6 students were very well attired. Special thanks to Carrie and Glenn Butler for coordinating the meal and to Mrs Fonti for her organisation and the great slide show of their progress through the years.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

You've got to take the good with the bad, smile with the sad, love what you've got, and remember what you had. Always forgive, but never forget. Learn from mistakes, but never regret.

By Unknown

Bunnings BBQ

On Sunday 25 November, the P & C ran a Bunnings BBQ stall at the Maitland Store.

The day raised around \$900, this being down on previous years owing to the new Bunnings store at Singleton and other competition in Maitland.

Thanks to the 7 parents who put in long hours manning the BBQ along with Vacy students, Jake & Ben.

A big thank you to Bunnings Maitland for allowing Vacy Public School the opportunity to raise much needed funds.

David & Heather
Williams
Vacy P & C



Dates to Remember

December

- 4 P & C meeting 7pm
- 10 Presentation Night 6.30pm at Tocal Ag College
- 19 Last day of school for students

January 2013

- 30 Years 1 to 6 return to school
- 31 2013 Kindergarten students start

Class News



Kindergarten

Thank you for all the lovely cakes last week for cake day. We raised \$84.50 for Maurin. This week I am collecting home readers and Jolly Phonics word list books.

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This will be our last week homework. Please return all home readers and Phonics word list books this week. Class parties will be coming up soon Mrs Rogers and I will send home a note regarding this early next week. Presentation night next Monday 10th December. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

3/4

The class started with a target of reaching 15 000 points to have a movie and pizza reward day. With just over two weeks remaining they are just 230 points from achieving their milestone. Well done to all the students. I'll let parents know of arrangements for the reward day when the target is finally reached.

5/6

Apart from the unbearable heat, last Friday nights graduation dinner was a great success thanks to the efforts of many. The students looked fantastic and all presented themselves beautifully as we celebrated their years at Vacy Public School. Again thank you to everyone, including Year Five who helped to make the evening special for everyone.

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

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



Thursday 6 December	Eleesha Pereira Kristy Rowe
Monday 10 December	Tanya Waight Wendy Farrow



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.

Website: www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au.

**Maitland City Library presents
Summer Night Flicks,
free movies for the
whole family to enjoy!**

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Watch Red Dog, a charming tale of Aussie larrikins in the Outback and the dog who brought them all together. Based on a legendary true story, it will have you laughing, crying, and falling in love with the characters, including Red Dog himself! Red Dog stars acclaimed actors Josh Lucas, Rachel Taylor and Noah Taylor.

Enjoy a good laugh with The Muppets, as they come to the big screen for a new generation to enjoy! Comedian Jason Segel from TV series *How I Met Your Mother* co-wrote, produced and stars in the film, described as a love letter to the original Muppets. Can three Muppet fans reunite Kermit and the gang to save the Muppet Theatre from an evil oil baron? Come along and find out!

Event details

The Muppets

Screening date:

Friday 11 January 2013

Red Dog

Screening date: Friday 18 January 2013

Free screenings under the stars at Maitland Gaol
 Gates open 6.00 pm, films screened at sunset
 Food and drink available for purchase or BYO
 Summer Night Flicks is an outdoor event, so bring chairs or a rug to sit on
 For further information phone 4933 6952 or see www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library



School Holiday

NETBALL Development Clinic

~Registrations NOW OPEN~

For children turning 9-12 years in 2013

Are you passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

Also offering after school Junior Netball Program in 2013

~Registrations open December 18~

For children turning 9-12 in 2013
 (only 10 positions available per age group)

For further info contact www.pivotnetball.com.au
 email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au





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.

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!

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

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)