

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## “Friendship and Learning”

### From the Principal

Congratulations to all of our award recipients for 2013. The Presentation Night certainly showcased the outstanding achievements of the students and the talents that exist in our school. The drumming and dance performances were highlights and thanks go to our performers, Col Hatchman and Miss Corrigan.

This newsletter includes an ‘honour roll’ of all of the award winners as well as School Captains and House Captains for 2013.

I would like to especially applaud the role that our current School Captains performed as chairpersons for the Presentation Night. They did a marvellous job as they have done at every occasion during 2012 and have continued a great tradition of being excellent role models for all students. Well done, Lizzie and Jake.

This will be our last newsletter for 2012 and a reminder that school resumes for students in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday, 30 January 2013 and for our new kindies, big school will start on Thursday, 31 January 2013.

To our departing families, thank you for your contributions to Vacy Public School and good luck in the future.

To all families, on behalf of the staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to another exciting year in 2013.

Regards,  
Graeme

### *Quote of the Week*

At Christmas, all roads lead home.

Marjorie Holmes

The Staff of Vacy Public School wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas & New Year.

Year 1 to 6 return to school on 30 January 2012 and Kindergarten children return to school on 31st January, 2013 .



### Dates to Remember

#### December

19 Last day of school for students

#### January 2013

30 Years 1 to 6 return to school

31 2013 Kindergarten students start

## Class News

Please keep a look out for a note from your child's teachers regarding class parties.

## School News

### **Premier's Reading**

Congratulations to all the children who completed the challenge this year. Unfortunately our certificates didn't arrive in time for our gold awards to be handed out at Presentation Night but these children will be recognised at assembly when they arrive. The children can also visit the Premier's Reading website and click on the link [smh.com.au/prc](http://smh.com.au/prc) and get a personalised message if they completed the challenge.

Don't forget all reading from September 2012 counts towards next years challenge, so write them down and record them on the website when the 2013 challenge begins.

Happy reading!

Mrs Greaves

PRC Coordinator

### **Dance Group**

I would just like to thank the students and parents involved in dance group this year. It has been a pleasure teaching the groups and watching them perform has been terrific. A special thank you to the parents who have taken the time to organise costumes and to bring their children to performances outside of school hours. I can't wait to see what we can produce next year!

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Jamie Corrigan

### **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.

### **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 13 December</b>	Fiona Hack Amy rowles
<b>Monday 17 December</b> <b>Last day of canteen</b>	Kristie Roberti Eleesha Pereira

### **Canteen Special** **"Wedges Day"**

**Thursday 13 December**

**\$2.00 with sauce**

**\$2.50 with sour cream/sweet chilli sauce**



## **Community News**

### **White Ribbon Day**

I would like to thank all the Staff, Parents and children of Vacy Public School for there help and support for the recent White Ribbon Day held on Vacy oval.

I would like to commend everyone that attended for their behaviour as there were many people from far and wide and they were all very impressed with the children. The dancing and drumming displays were a huge hit on the day. Thank you to Miss Corrigan and Col for all the hard work. I do think the high light of the day was Mr Oke being a great sport with the wet sponge throwing completion. I don't think I have ever seen the children run so fast when it was announced to start.

We have just received a final figure for the day which totalled **\$34477.39**.

I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts and make sure everyone gives themselves a great big pat on the back, especially to those parents that jumped in and gave a hand. Vacy people have the biggest hearts when it comes to great causes.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the children for their wonderful drawings, they were very good. You are all stars!

Thank you

Kate Gillespie

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

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](http://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library)



## 2013 Netball Registration

Where: Paterson School of Arts Hall

When: Saturday 2nd February, 10.00am to 12.noon

Wednesday 6th February, 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Saturday 9th February, 10.00am to 12noon

New Players and Teams welcomed!

**Paterson River Netball Club** - for more information please contact Sue on 0429385442 or Shona on 4938 5563.

## 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)

## 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)



## **Community News continued**

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