

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

It was marvellous to see such a great turnout at the Anzac Day march and ceremony at Gresford. Our 27 students showed great reverence and pride as they represented our school. Special mention needs to be made of our wonderful School Captains who capably filled the breach in the spirit of the Anzacs to give impromptu speeches on the day. To Lizzie and Jake, you performed admirably and made your family, the school and the organisers very proud of your efforts. Well done, you are true leaders!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Harry Williams and our thoughts are with the Williams family at this time.

Families of students in Years 3 and 5 will find a letter accompanying this newsletter with information about the upcoming NAPLAN tests from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May. If you have any questions concerning the information and the tests, please feel free to contact me at school.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us. - Helen Keller

Dates to Remember

May

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| 1 | P & C Meeting 7.00pm |
| 15-17 | NAPLAN Tests Year 3 & 5 |
| 22 | ICAS Computer Test |

June

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| 6 | ICAS Science Test |
| 11 | Queens Birthday |
| 12 | LMG - Olympics Day |
| 18 | ICAS Writing Test |
| 19 | Life Education visit & ICAS Spelling Test |
| 20 | Life Education visit |
| 22 | K-4 Disney on Ice excursion |
| 28 | Athletics Carnival |
| 29 | Last Day of Term 2 |

Class News

Kindergarten

Welcome back to school!

This term Kindergarten will be provided with numeracy homework tasks, these sheets can be pasted into their homework book. During this term I will provide students with word lists to help students practise segmenting and recording sounds. Students will require a separate homework folder for readers and homework tasks. Please send these in ASAP.

Could parents please send in a baby photo (about 6months old) of Kindergarten students, I will copy and return.

Library day is Tuesday this term, students are required to bring their library bag to borrow.

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Great to hear everyone had a great holiday and it is lovely to see all the children back, happy and ready for a busy term.

Homework resumed yesterday with spelling lists being sent home and home readers will be changed on the appropriate day

3/4

This term, 3/4 will be undertaking the HSIE unit “Who Will Buy?” which deals with needs, wants and the provision of goods and services. Homework commences this week and a reminder that completed homework needs to be returned on Mondays.

5/6

Congratulations to all of our Zone Cross Country representatives, especially Lletyon, who progressed onto the State Carnival

Please look out for important notes regarding the Naplan testing for Year Five students and camp.

Please note that studyladder has practice questions for Naplan on it. This practice would benefit students greatly.

School News



Cross Country at Tocal

Last Friday 25 students from Year 2-6 attended the Zone Cross Country at Tocal.

Although it was a very hot day the students were all keen to run and represent our school and I must say that I was very proud of all their reports. All the students gave it their best and everyone managed to finish what was a long and difficult course.

We had several great performances on the day that saw our runners just coming in outside of the top 10, Zoe Butler 11, Lillie Geddes and Ty Deacon 14 which made it a very successful day for Vacy School. A special mention must go to Lleyton Lloyd who managed to come in under qualifying time and this will mean that he will go to the State Carnival to compete in his category.

Thank you to all the students who represented us so well and also to our group of parents who transported and cheered for our team.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Vacy School will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. If you would like to participate, please keep your Woolworths dockets and place them in the Earn & Learn box in the foyer of the school administration office.

A Champion in the Making

Congratulations to Year 6 student Lleyton Lloyd, who, competed at the State PSSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush in Sydney during the last week of Term1.

Lleyton was triumphant during the two day swimming competition in the following events; Breaststroke, in which he came 9th out of 18 competitors and gained a 2 second PB in his time, Freestyle where he also placed 9th out of 25 competitors, Backstroke, where he placed 3rd out of 19 gaining a 6 second PB and finally Butterfly, where he also placed 3rd out of 7 competitors.

Due to his hard work, Lleyton is now first reserve for the NSW State Team. Fantastic effort, Lleyton!

P & C Meeting

Vacy Public School P & C Association will meet tonight, Tuesday 1 May in the staff room commencing at 7pm.

Drum Lessons

Drum lessons will commence tomorrow Wednesday 2 May 2012 for those students who have returned permission notes and paid the tuition fee of \$100.00 for the term. Students who have not paid for the term in full will not be able to participate in the lessons.

Disney on Ice

Permission notes for this excursion are included with this newsletter. Students in Kinder to Year 4 will participate in an excursion to Newcastle Entertainment Centre to see Disney on Ice on 22 June 2012. This will replace the usual excursion at the end of the year when the students in Years 5 and 6 are away at camp. The cost of this excursion will be \$35.00.

Life Education

The Life Education Van will visit the school on 18 and 19 June.

The cost of this excursion is \$8.00 per student. Permission notes are included with this newsletter.



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Canteen News



Please note a new winter menu was sent home with students on Friday. A letter requesting canteen helpers was also sent home. If you are available to assist please return the bottom portion of the note by Thursday 3 May 2012. If you have previously completed a canteen helper note in Term 1 it is still necessary to fill in the current form.

Roster

Thursday 3 May	Bek & Kenny Bennett
Monday 7 May	Kristie Roberti & Jo Magri

Active After School Sports - Reminder

Our Active After School Communities Athletics program will commence on Friday 4 May 2012 at 3.15pm. Parents are reminded to make alternate arrangements with their children if the program needs to be postponed due to wet weather.



Community News

Total Field Days

From Friday May 4 to Sunday May 6, the Tocal Agricultural Centre will come alive for Total Field Days. Every year, on the first weekend of May, the three day event plays host to a range of activities aimed at farmers, farming enthusiasts, and people looking for a great day out.

This year's line up of activities and events include the best deals on farm machinery and equipment, an extensive array of entertainment and a comprehensive talks and lectures program.

Farmers have the opportunity to compare features, benefits and prices of a range of rural equipment. The 4WD track at Tocal will also be in use with demonstration drives on the specially designed track.

Features for 2012 are 'Honey' including talks on its medicinal properties, 'Healthy Soils' for healthy crops and the 'World Cup Heavy Horse Championships'.

The 'Bake or Burn' cooking competition is back with a new category for ages 12 – 16 years. In line with our 2012 features the key ingredient in all recipes will be honey. Coordinated by Hunter Valley Slow Food the competition gives visitors the opportunity to show off their cooking skills and also showcases the best local produce.

Following along from last year children coming in with a paying adult can enter the event free of charge.

The 2012 Tocal Field Days offers the latest innovations for the rural sector as well as country hospitality and entertainment. Entry is \$12 for seniors and \$17 for adults, kids under 16 accompanied by a paying adult can enter for free. Discounted 'Early Bird' prices available until April 20. More information on the event is available from the website www.tocalfielddays.com

Visit from Dr Nicholas Alsop

During the school holidays Dr Nicholas Alsop and his children visited the school. Dr Alsop is a past student and attended Vacy School in the 70's and 80's. His father Barry Alsop was Principal of Vacy School.

Dr Alsop currently lives in Sweden and he was keen to show his children where he lived (in our current office block) and went to school when he was a boy.

