

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

From the Principal

A HUGE congratulations to our senior dance group on their successful audition for inclusion in the Hunter Regional Dance Festival. This is a major coup for Vacy Public School and heralds many weeks of frantic practise to prepare for the Festival. Well done to Miss Corrigan for a fabulous routine that impressed the Festival team. To Miss Corrigan and the senior dance group, we are so very proud of you for your efforts and look forward to your performance at the Festival in August.

It is great to hear from our canteen volunteers when they mention the respectful show of manners that our students display in their interchange with them. They really appreciate when you say 'please' and 'thank you'. Keep it up!

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN tests from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May. They have been preparing for NAPLAN by familiarising themselves with the format and features of previous tests. Thank you to our volunteers who will assist in reading the questions for students in the numeracy test on Thursday. Your offers of help are very much appreciated.

At our recent P&C meeting, Trevor from Linq Coaches met with us to address some concerns regarding student bus travel. As a result, we have instituted bus monitors for the bus runs. The bus monitors will be helping to ensure that students stay safe when travelling on the bus. We will also be reminding students about bus safety issues at our weekly assemblies.

Last week, we reminded students that where a seat belt is fitted, they MUST have the seat belt coupled. Also, irrespective of the availability of a fitted seatbelt, students must REMAIN SEATED and face towards the front of the bus. Once seated, students are not to leave their seat nor move around the bus.

Bus monitors will remind students of the rules and if a student repeatedly breaks the rules, they will be placed on detention. Please be aware that the transport company has the authority to revoke bus travel for repeated rule infractions.

I would appreciate all parents discussing the rules for bus travel with their children to ensure everyone's safety and comfort on the bus.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

"Confidence comes not from always being right but not fearing to be wrong"



Student of the Week

Kindergarten	Hayden Wilson
1/2	Kacia Rowles
3/4	Indica Chapman
5/6	Tom Priestley

Class Awards

Kindergarten	Natasha Lutschini
Year 1	Ethan Lechner
Year 2	Kobi Chapman
Year 3	Daniel Jessop
Year 4	Jasper Lloyd
Year 5	Ruby Wilson
Year 6	Lleyton Lloyd

Dates to Remember

May

15-17 May NAPLAN Tests Year 3 & 5
22 May ICAS Computer Test

June

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

Class News



Kindergarten

Kindergarten and year 1/2 have been learning about famous artworks. Last week we explored Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, the students created artworks in a "Michelangelo" fashion and we hope to hang our finished work on our ceiling this week.

Please continue revising sight words and sounds at home. Home Readers can be changed on students news days.



1/2

The children have been supplied with a user name and password so they can access some revision activities for homework using study ladder. I am only new to this great resource so am learning how to navigate through it with the children. If they would like to complete a little bit of extra homework have them log in and give it a try.

Each term the 1/2 students vote for our S.R.C representative who will attend the Student Council meetings every second Thursday. This term our representative is Mia Roberti. Congratulations we know you will do a great job. Thanks to Alec Grainger, who was our member of the S.R.C in Term 1, for keeping us informed about what was happening in the school.

I will be away from this Friday. Mrs Graham has been in to meet with me so she knows our routines and has my program so there will be no interruption to the children. I look forward to seeing everyone again on the 12th June.

3/4

Good luck to all of our Year 3 classmates as they sit the NAPLAN tests this week. We know that you will do your very best.

Next week, we will have the first of our 2 minute oral presentations. Thank you for your help in supporting your child in their talk and we look forward to hearing about their interests and hobbies.

5/6

Congratulations to our netball team who played really well against Morpeth Public School last Friday. Even though we came second on the day, all of the girls had a great time and learnt a lot thanks to the coaching skills of Mrs Clark.

This Friday, the boys are playing soccer in the P.S.S.A. Knockout competition against Largs and Iona. We will commence our game at 1.00pm at Bowthorne Park, Wallalong. If there is a stop work meeting on Friday, it will not affect these arrangements.

Please take note - if you are a parent transporting students on the day, your registration and licence details are required at the office.

Good luck Year Five with your Naplan Tests this week.

School News

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Vacy School will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. This promotion has started and for every \$10 spent you will receive a sticker that you must place on your sticker chart that went home in last weeks newsletter. When your sticker chart is full bring it to school and place in the promotion barrel in the office and ask for a new one if needed.

Vegetable Garden

A big thank you to all families who donated strawberry plants. We will be planting on Wednesday and we are looking forward to tasting our delicious berries.

Our next project will be a winter veggie garden bed, any seedlings would be appreciated.



Premier Reading

Don't forget to keep entering your books on line for the Premiers Reading Challenge. If you have any difficulties accessing the site through your portal please come and see me. Also keep in mind that you can add books that your teachers have read to you in class and that there are lots of non-fiction and senior picture books that you can add to your list. (They don't just have to be novels).

Year 3 children are also eligible for their Gold certificate if they complete the challenge this year. In order to gain this accreditation you must have completed the challenge four times.

Keep up the great work everyone and happy reading.

Maree Greaves

P.S.S.A. Boys Soccer Knock Out News

A P.S.S.A. boys soccer team has been chosen to play a combined Largs/Iona team on Friday afternoon 18 May. **Please note** that this will go ahead even though there is industrial stop work for teachers in the morning.

End of Naplan Luncheon for Years 3 & 5

All Year 3 and Year 5 students are invited to attend our "Hot Chip" luncheon on Thursday 17 May. The students, as a reward for their hard week of testing, will feast on hot chips (sandwiches if they wish), a can of soft drink and an ice block. There is no cost to the students however, they will need to bring their recess as normal.

Disney on Ice

Permission notes for this excursion were sent home with last weeks 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 is \$35.00. If you did not get a permission note, please see your teacher for a replacement.



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 were sent home in last weeks newsletter.



If you did not get a permission note please see your teacher for a replacement.

Book Week 2012

The Children's Book Council of Australia has announced the 2012 shortlisted books, winners will be announced during Book Week (August 18-24). We would love to have these amazing books for our library. In order to do this we are asking families to donate a book to the library. There are 17 fantastic books in the office for you to choose from. Please settle your account with the office when you nominate your book.



Canteen News

Roster



Thursday 17 May	Nicole Long Belinda Geddes
Monday 21May	Wendy Farrow Tanya Waight

Head Lice

A reminder for parents to check children's hair for lice. There have been a couple of occurrences at the school lately. An information sheet regarding head lice was sent home on last Friday. The information contained is very relevant for the treatment and prevention of head lice.

To treat head lice properly so that it does not return, each child should have their hair examined regularly and treatment commenced immediately if lice are found. Products used for treatment should also be checked for their effectiveness. Once hair has been treated parents should continue to check their child's hair every two days until no lice are found for ten consecutive days.

We ask parents to please check your child's hair tonight for any signs of lice.

Staff News

We wish Mrs Hope a restful break over the coming weeks. Mrs Hope will be replaced by Mrs Chris Davies through to the end of term.



Community News

**Vacy Red Cross Invites
you to**

**Wedding Dresses
Through The Years**

Vacy School of Arts

**26 May 2012
2.00pm**

Entry \$8.00

Please join us for a parade and display of gowns and memorabilia courtesy of local families followed by afternoon tea.

RSVP by 22 May to Janet Lambert on
49388115

We will also be raffling an antique style crazy patchwork quilt, hand crafted by members of the Vacy Red Cross with all proceeds going to the Red Cross.



Position Vacant

Casual Kitchen Hand
16-17 years of age
required for the
Court House Hotel.
Please drop your resume in person.

COMMUNITY COACH TRAINING PROGRAM (CCTP)

Course Date(s):

**Two day course: Thursday 24 May 2012 &
Thursday 31 May 2012**

Times:

5pm – 9:30pm

Venue:

**Maitland Basketball Stadium, 10 Bent Street,
Maitland**

What will you learn?

The training will support you to develop the necessary skills to deliver sport and other structured physical activities within the Playing for Life philosophy, a requirement for delivering the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. The course will also provide you with ideas, strategies and resources to deliver game-based activities for sports such as basketball, hockey and rugby league, as well as other structured physical activities such as dance and circus skills.

The course covers theory and practical work, and is presented in an interactive competency-based environment.

Why Playing for Life?

Playing for Life is a coaching method that focuses on learning through **game play**, rather than repetitive drills, to introduce the principles of a particular sport or other structured physical activity. Playing for Life is a game-based, inclusive philosophy, which seeks to equally include all children regardless of their level of skill.

The AASC program has adopted this philosophy as it creates a fun and inclusive environment for the introduction of sport and other structured physical activities to primary-school aged children. This approach ensures traditionally inactive children of all abilities are engaged in the activities and have a positive and successful experience.

Enrolments

To enrol in this **free course** simply complete the course enrolment forms available from course facilitator Eddie Figueroa.

Please return via fax to Eddie on 4965 7504 or via post:
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