

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

From the Principal

Well done to all our students in Years 3 and 5 on their focused efforts in the NAPLAN tests last week. The papers have been despatched and we await the results later in Term 3. Thank you to our volunteers, Jacqui Brand, Maree Ford and Fleur Gilligan for their assistance in reading the questions for students in the numeracy test on Thursday. Your help was very much appreciated.

I spoke with the Principals of Iona Public School and Largs Public School following our recent Boys PSSA Soccer Knockout game and they shared Mrs Fonti's comments that the game was played in a healthy competitive spirit and was evenly contested. This follows a similar report of our Girls PSSA Netball game against Morpeth Public School. Whilst both teams were defeated, they played fairly and gave their best. Well done to all our team members.

Yesterday I attended a meeting for local Principals on the Government's new initiative "Every Student, Every School". This initiative sees an increase in available funding to support learning for students with a disability thanks to a federal Government injection of funding over the next three years. Our school has benefitted from a full day Learning and Support Teacher (LST) allocation to commence in Term 3. Our Dungog Local Management Group has also allocated funding to training for the LSTs.

Our Dungog Community of Schools will be getting together on Tuesday, 12 June for an 'Olympics Fun Day' organised by the Be Skilled, Be Fit group. Full details, together with a permission note and lunch order form will be sent home next week once the host school, Dungog PS have finalised the program. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet and mix with our small school friends.

A further reminder to students that where a seat belt is fitted, they MUST have the seat belt coupled. 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.

Our bus monitors are taking their responsibilities very seriously and are reminding students of the rules for safe bus travel.

I would appreciate all parents discussing the rules for bus travel with their children to ensure everyone's safety and comfort on the bus, particularly in regard to the dangerous state of some of our local roads.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

James M. Barrie

Class News



Kindergarten

Next week is speech week for Kindergarten. Yesterday a note was sent home explaining this task. Please take the time to assist your child to make this a worthwhile activity. Kindergarten have been learning about recounts this term in both Writing and Talking and Listening Activities. Students have identified a collection of words used to tell us who, when, where, what and why in recounts.

This week Kindergarten will begin "Guess the Baby". Drop by and see how many babies you can guess.

1/2

This week in maths, 1/2 will be working on measuring area. We will be using measurement units such as blocks to measure pencil cases and checking to see how many sheets of paper are needed to cover a desk. We are also doing a unit on keeping safe around the home. Could you please assist your child by making sure that they know their full address as we will be doing some work on how to call emergency services.

I am looking forward to the next 3 weeks with 1/2. We will be following Mrs Greaves' normal program.

Dates to Remember

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 continued

3/4

Please ensure that permission notes are returned to school as soon as practicable for our midday excursion to the Williams' Dairy farm. Thank you to David Williams for allowing us to visit and see first-hand how milk is produced before it gets to shops.

Today we started 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 all of the Year Five students who completed their Naplan testing last Thursday. I was very proud of the way you all conducted yourselves through the process. Your 'Hot Chip' lunch was well deserved!

A reminder that the \$100 deposit for camp is due by the end of this month. If you wish your child to participate please let us know by completing the relevant form and paying the deposit by that date. Finally, congratulations to all of the boys who competed in the PSSA Football Knockout Competition last Friday against Iona and Largs. It was a competitive game and all the boys played well. Man of the match for the game was Lleyton Lloyd.



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.

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

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.



Hunter Dance Festival

This year Vacy Senior Dance group are performing at the Hunter Dance Festival. The festival is held at Newcastle Panthers, King Street. They will be performing at 6.30pm on Thursday 26, July.

If you wish to come and support our dance group on this night tickets are on sale NOW and cost \$16 each. Tickets are known to sell out fast. You can either call into Newcastle Panters personally or call on 4926 6200 to pre-purchase your tickets.

Hope to see you there!
Jamie Corrigan

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.



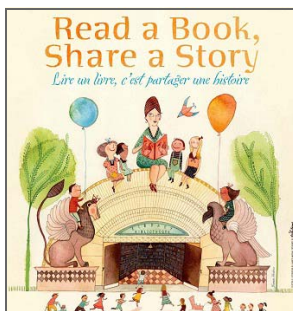
When the Life Education van visits the children have the opportunity to purchase merchandise and raise funds to support this valuable service.

The price list for this will be sent home closer to the visit. If the children wish to purchase anything it would be appreciated if they could bring the note and money on the day to hand to the instructor and not via the office.

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.



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.

Canteen News

The canteen is running a special Winter Meal Deal. Please see below for the Meal Deal.



Roster

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| Thursday 24 May | Bek Bennett |
| Monday 28 May | Rebekah Hancock Karen Turner |

Term 2 Winter Meal Deal

1 x Beef Lasagne



or

1 x Spaghetti Bolognese



1 x Hot Apple Pie (Lite)



1 x Apple or Orange Juice Popper



\$5.50

**Available
Monday
&
Thursday
from
28 May 2012**



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:

Eddie Figueroa
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