

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## "Friendship and Learning"

### From the Principal

We welcome Mr Lee Armstrong to our school for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year practicum with year 5/6. Mr Armstrong will be under the guidance of Mrs Fonti over the next four weeks and we know that what he learns on this practicum will give him invaluable experience towards his future career in teaching.

We also welcome back Sarah Wysel as she completes her Year 10 work experience program at Vacy Public School. Sarah's enthusiastic attitude has made her very sought after to assist in the classrooms across the school.

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 12 June at 7:00 pm.

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. Students have been given a note that indicates their country and the colours for them to dress in. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to meet and mix with our small school friends.

Tomorrow, a new sign will appear on the school fence to promote our Before and After School program. The sign is very eye-catching and promotes a wonderful service that the school's P&C makes available. The Before and After School committee are working hard to make improvements to the program and make it more appealing and accessible to all.

Regards,  
Graeme

### *Quote of the Week*



The human race has one really effective weapon,  
and that is laughter.

Mark Twain



### Assembly Awards



#### Student of the Week

Kindergarten	Charlotte Rienecker
1/2	Seth Deacon
3/4	Shay Deacon
5/6	Alexander Clayton

#### Class Awards

Kindergarten	Layla Clark
Year 1	Toby Carter
Year 2	Kasey Parker
Year 3	Brendan Lambert
Year 4	Libby Cant
Year 5	Zoe Butler
Year 6	Ty Deacon

#### Library Award

Non given

### Dates to Remember

#### June

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**

Congratulations students, last week's speeches were fabulous! I was very impressed with the preparation and delivery of students speeches'. Next week due to the public holiday and our Olympic Day there will be no literacy groups in K/1/2, so no parent helpers are required for next week.

### **1/2**

In 1/2 this week we will be working with time - working out how long things take and telling the time. We plan to take some time to research our flags for the Olympics day at Dungog and make some decorations for the day. As Mrs Greaves will be back next week, I would like to thank all the students in 1/2 for helping me with class routines and for the great work that they have produced over the last couple of weeks.

Next week there will be no literacy groups therefore no parent helpers are required.

### **3/4**

Homework resumes this week as we come to the end of our oral presentations.

Again, can I congratulate all our students on their oral presentations. Their preparation and practise has seen us all enjoy some brilliant talks and they have shared some interesting information about their interests and hobbies.

### **5/6**

I would like to welcome Mr Lee Armstrong to our 5/6 classroom. Mr Armstrong is a student from Newcastle University and he will be helping me to teach the 5/6 students during the next four weeks.

Last Wednesday, I attended a course at Dungog Public School regarding a new transition program that our local schools are running with Dungog High School. It requires us to work together with the students and some of the teachers from various departments on a robotics project. During Term Three, a group of students will visit us to teach us how to program our robot using procedures that they have written during their class time. We will then use that knowledge to program the robot to do anything that we want it to. Later, we will then visit the students at the high school to show them our achievements. More news will follow in the future regarding travel arrangements etc.

Finally, we have formed a debating team that will compete in the local small schools competition commencing for us on 20 June at Paterson. More news will follow soon.

## School News

### **P & C Fundraiser - Pie Drive**

The Vacy Public School's P & C have decided to run a Pie Drive this Winter in Term 3. All products will be supplied by Thompsons Bakery. Price lists and order forms will be handed out next week. Delivery of all orders will be on 3 August. All order must be returned to school by 27 July. Please support your P & C!

### **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 Panthers personally or call on 4926 6200 to pre-purchase your tickets.

Hope to see you there!  
Jamie Corrigan

### **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 14 fantastic books left in the office for you to choose from. Please settle your account with the office when you nominate your book. Many thanks to the Grainger Family, the Parish Family and the Rowles Family for their book donations.

### **Active After School Communities Program**

In today's newsletter you will find a permission form for A.A.S. Sports Term 3. Multiskill sporting activities are on offer next term on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will commence on Tuesday 24 July and conclude in Week 8. Sessions will run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Places are limited so acceptance will be on a first in basis.

### **Veggie Patch**

A big thank you once again to David Williams for the trellis for the snow peas and for tidying the strawberry patch.

## **Canteen News**

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

### **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**

### **Roster**

<b>Thursday 7 June</b>	Kris Doyle Russel Jessop
<b>Monday 11 June</b>	Public Holiday

**Volunteers for Thursdays are desperately needed. If you are able to help please give Nat a call on 0422 318972.**

### **Book Club**

All Book Club orders to be in by no later than Friday 8 June.



## **Community News**

### **Get qualified for work & life**

Subsidised, nationally recognised courses from Dungog Community College, starting late June/early July, in association with WEA Hunter. For more details email [johno@dins.org.au](mailto:johno@dins.org.au) or phone 4992 1133.

Certificate III in Aged Care. Normally over \$2,000 reduced to just \$362 for job seekers. A popular choice with career-changers and those returning to the workforce. Two days a week for 13 weeks plus a work placement. Limited places at this price.

Note: Apply First Aid also needed for a full certificate, offered separately.

## **Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day**

Hosted by: St Joseph's Primary School, Dungog  
& supported by Dungog Pony Club

**Friday 27 July 2012**

**8.30am - START**

**GEAR CHECK BY TEAM MANAGERS PRIOR TO THE FIRST  
EVENT**

**VENUE - DUNGOG SHOWGROUND**  
please use Chapman Street entrance

All forms available on the school website below:

[www.dungog.catholic.edu.au](http://www.dungog.catholic.edu.au)

**ALL ENTRIES CLOSE - Friday, 29 June 2012**

**COST \$20.00 per Rider** \*(see conditions of entry)

**Age Groups:** 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs,  
15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs & over

#### **Riding Events:**

Riding Classes

Hack Classes

Pleasure Hack Classes

#### **Sporting Events:**

Barrel

In & Out of Paddock

Running T

Flag

Ball

For further information please contact:

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**ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO:**

**Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day**

c/- Nicole Osmond

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# 3/4 Dairy Visit

