

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

From the Principal

Welcome back, Mrs Greaves. We hope you enjoyed some moments of relaxation during your break.

Tonight, the next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom at 7:00 pm.

Unfortunately, our Dungog Community Of Schools' Olympics Day was postponed due to the closure of sporting grounds by Dungog Shire Council. Considering the conditions today, it was fortuitous that we didn't need to brave the wet weather.

At our Local Management Group meeting on Friday, Principals were able to set a new date of Thursday 20 September. This was the closest available date that both the Be Skilled, Be Fit organising group and our local schools had available. Lunch orders and permission notes will remain valid for this event.

Life Education and Happy Healthy Harold will be visiting our school next Tuesday 19 June and Wednesday 20 June. This is a terrific resource that provides a clear health message to students across all ages. There are some students who have not as yet returned notes and money and we ask that they be returned by Friday 15 June.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 are looking forward to our excursion next Friday 22 June to see the Disney on Ice spectacular in Newcastle. It should be a memorable event for all.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week



*Choose a job you love, and you will never
have to work a day in your life.*



Assembly Awards



Student of the Week

Kindergarten	Fox Nicholson
1/2	Charlotte Hopkins
3/4	Mitchell Carter
5/6	Ellie Waight

Class Awards

Kindergarten	Lincoln Ney
Year 1	Nathaneil Chapman
Year 2	Kacia Rowles
Year 3	Lillie Geddes
Year 4	Archer Woller
Year 5	Kayla Hallinan
Year 6	Alexander Clayton

Dates to Remember

June

12	P & C meeting - 7.00pm
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
	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
29	Last Day of Term 2

Class News



Kindergarten

This week Kindergarten will complete their 42 Jolly Phonic Sounds Program. Small Jolly Phonic books will not be needed at school after this week. Please use this book at home to revise letter sounds.

No groups this week in K/1/2 due to shorter week and class assessments. Our fabulous helpers can have the week off!

1/2

Hi everyone, it is great to be back and am looking forward to the last few busy weeks of term with the children. Thanks to Mrs Graham for having the class in my absence and making sure everything ran smoothly. I have spent a lot of my leave time watching representative sports (A.F.L. & Basketball) and I must say it is amazing to see some of the great talent that NSW has in its Primary Schools. No homework this week due to the shorter week and assessments. As mentioned last week we also will not be having our usual groups for reading this week so all our lovely helpers can have a rest.

3/4

News time for the class will return now that our oral presentations are finished. We are currently selecting one student from each grade to represent the school at the upcoming Public Speaking competition to be held at Grahamestown next term. Details and information will be given to the selected students closer to the date.

5/6

Welcome back from your long weekend holiday. I hope everyone had a very relaxing time and enjoyed the few days of nice weather we had.

We have a very busy end of term with lots of "extra" activities to fill our time. Mr Armstrong will be doing the majority of teaching (under my supervision) until the end of term and the students are enjoying having a new face around.

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 are with today's newsletter. Delivery of all orders will be on 3 August. All orders must be **returned to school by 25 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 11 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, Rowles Family, Holding Family and the Richardson 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.

Life Education

The Life Education van will be visiting us next week. The van provides the children with structured lessons from a qualified teacher and focuses on aspects of the P.D. Health key Learning areas such as nutrition and drug education. To raise funds for the service the Life Education van sells some small items of merchandise which are optional. If your child would like to purchase an item I have included a price list with this week's newsletter. Please send this in with your child on the day they visit Harold's van and hand them to their class teacher not to the office. K/1/2 will be on Tuesday 19 June and 3/4/5/6 Wednesday 20 June.

Drum Lessons

Drum lessons are again on offer for Term 3. The cost is \$100 and must be paid in full by the start of the term. If you would like your child to participate fill in the form that is included with today's newsletter with full payment and return to the office with your payment.

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

Thursday 14 June	Nicole Long Belinda Geddes
Monday 18 June	Tanya Waight Wendy Farrow

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



Community News

Maitland

**Career Education
and
Employment for
Women**

Course No: 10697

Award: Certificate Level 11

Skills for Work and Training

Hours: Full time a minimum of 20 hours per week for 1 semester (18 weeks) over 4 days per week within school hours.

Subjects Studied: English for the workplace, Maths for the Workplace, Introductory Computing, Science/ Sustainability, Work Experience, Job seeking & Career, Development, Leaner Support.

Course Description: This course is designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either re enter the workforce or return to study.

How to apply in Semester 2, 2012:

To register your interest in the course please call Donna on 4930 2926 as soon as you can.

An information and enrolment session will be held on:

Wednesday 27 June 2012 at 10.00am in room C. 1. 22

Classes begin on: Tuesday 17 July, 2012

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**Introduction to Tertiary Preparation Certificate (Yr11)**

**Course No:** 9046

**Award:** Certificate Level 111

**Faculty:** career Skills Education

**Section:** Pathways

**Hours:** Full time a minimum of 20 hours per week for 1 semester (18 weeks) over 4 days per week.

**Subjects Studied:** Language & Learning Skills, Maths, Computing, Health Studies, Human Rights, Job Seeking & Career Development.

**Course Description.:** This course is the first stage of the Tertiary Preparation Certificate (Yr12). Successful students will be awarded a certificate 3 at the end of semester. Students wishing to complete Year 12 level studies and / or gain an ATAR for university will enrol in the course 9048 in 2013, taking credit points with them.

**This course will:** Offer a wide range of subjects at Year 11 level, give you skills to continue studies at Year 12 level, provide a certificate 3 in on semester, allow credit transfers into Year 12 level studies, assist in development of career goals.

**How to apply in semester 2 2012:** An information and enrolment session will be held at Maitland Tafe Campus on:

**Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 1.00pm in room C. 1. 22**

**Classes begin on: Monday 16 July, 2012**

**For more information or for people to register their interest for next year please call Donna on: 4930 2926.**