

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## “Friendship and Learning”

### From the Principal

**Drama Workshop** – Congratulations to Samantha Cowley and Madison Hack on being accepted into the Hunter/Central Coast Regional Primary Drama Workshops to be held from Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 August at Maitland.

**Life Education and Happy Healthy Harold** will be visiting our school on Tuesday 19 June and Wednesday 20 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.

Hopefully the weather will remain kind for us and allow the oval to dry out for our **athletics carnival on Thursday 28 June**.

**Small Schools Sports Gala** – In week 2 of next term, over two days 26 and 27 July at Dungog High School we will be joining with a number of small schools for the Small Schools Sports Gala. The event will include a visit from Mario (the Falcon) Fenech and a range of activities conducted by students of the Hunter Academy of Sport.

Students attending the Dance Festival will be supervised at school by Miss Corrigan until they depart for their rehearsal in Newcastle on the Thursday. Whilst they will miss the activities on Thursday, they will be able to participate on Friday.

A permission note, cost and further details will accompany next week's newsletter.

To support the Dance Group and their performance at Newcastle Panthers on the 26 July we will be having a disco on Friday 20 July as a fundraiser. The dress theme for the disco is 'sport'.

**Reports and Interviews** – Semester One Student Reports will be distributed on the first Tuesday in Term 3 (17 July). Parents are invited to discuss the reports with class teachers at interview. Interviews for Kindergarten and 3/4 will be held on Monday 23 July, followed by 1/2 and 5/6 on Tuesday 24 July.

**School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 25 July.** Envelopes and price lists will be distributed with the first newsletter of Term 3.

Regards,  
Graeme

### *Quote of the Week*

Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life.  
Laughing at someone else's can shorten it.—  
Cullen Hightower, 1923-2008

### Assembly Awards



#### Student of the Week

Kindergarten	Sienna Holding
1/2	Bronte Parish
3/4	Lillie Geddes
5/6	Jake Eyb

#### Class Awards

Kindergarten	Jackson Lambert
Year 1	Charlotte Hopkins
Year 2	Mackenzie Peirce
Year 3	Emilia Gibson
Year 4	Jorgia Watts
Year 5	Samantha Cowley
Year 6	Damian Hancock

### Dates to Remember

#### June

- 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

#### July

- 16 Teachers return
- 17 **All students return**
- 24 2013 Kindy Orientation
- 25 School Photos
- 26 HDF Performance rehearsal @ Panthers
- Small Schools Sports Gala Day @ Dungog High
- 31 ICAS -English test

#### August

- 03 Pie orders delivered

## Class News



### Kindergarten

No groups next week, thank you to our marvelous helpers for all your support this term.

Next term we would love to see regular parent helpers and any new parent helpers for literacy groups, Monday to Thursday 10am to 11am. Next term literacy groups will commence in week 3. This Friday we will be traveling to Newcastle for our Disney on Ice excursion and we are very excited. I ask parents to read the excursion note and make sure they are aware of the arrangements for the day.

Today we enjoyed a visit from the Life Education Van. The children made friends with Harold and learnt about healthy eating habits and safety.

### 1/2

The children all enjoyed their visit to the Life Education van today, as usual it was a very worthwhile program for the children that is part of their P.D. Health subject for the year.

We are all very excited about our trip to Disneyland On Ice on Friday and cant wait to go.

Please encourage your child to clear out their communication folder each night and give any notes to you as some important notes are being missed and not sent back to school.

### 3/4

Students in 3/4 will be undertaking assessment tasks across a range of subject areas this week. The Life Education visit has come at an opportune time as Healthy Harold has a new program on the body that fits in really well with our science unit 'What's Inside?'

In HSIE we have been studying primary industries and to conclude the unit we are looking into the forestry and paper industry. We will be attempting to make our own paper next week.

### 5/6

I would like to pass on my sincere gratitude to all of the parents who have assisted their children over the past term to complete their homework projects. The work presented to me today is outstanding on many levels and I am proud of each and every person who managed to complete their assignment on time.

Next term, (Week 2) all of the students will be presenting a speech to the class. I have incorporated this task into their homework project so that there is only one topic to research for both. The students have the new project in their bag so please make sure they discuss their topic with you as soon as possible and get started on their research for their speech and written project.

Please note that if your child needs assistance with their research they will need to see me as soon as possible as their speech is due in Week 2 next term.

## 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 with payment must be **returned to school by 25 July**. Please support your P & C! If you did not receive an order form please see Chris in the office.

### 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 9 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 Rienecker Family, the Wintle Family and the Gillespie Family, for their book donations.

### 2013 Kindergarten Orientation Day

In Term 3 we would like to invite Kindergarten 2013 to join us for recess each Tuesday ( beginning Tuesday 24th July ) for more details and confirmation of participation please contact the office 4938 8153.

## Active After School Communities Program

Please note: This Friday 22nd June will be the last week of Athletics with Mark .

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

This year we will be holding our annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea next Thursday 28 June in conjunction with our Athletics Carnival. Each family is asked to bring in a plate of food to share. (Please refrain from providing food that contains nuts).



To participate in the morning tea, we ask that each child/adult provides a \$2 donation towards this worthy cause; Cancer research. Plates of food can be left in the canteen on the day.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

Karen Fonti

## Life Education

The Life Education van will be visiting us this week. The van provides the children with structured lessons from a qualified teacher and focuses on aspects of the P.D. Health key learning area 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 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 was on today, 19 June and 3/4/5/6 will be tomorrow, 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, please send in your permission note which was sent home with full payment and return to the office with your payment.

## Uniform Orders

In today's newsletter you will find a new order form for school uniforms. All orders and money need to be returned by Friday 22 June.

## Athletics Carnival-Thursday 28 June

In today's newsletter an order form for the annual Sausage Sizzle is included. Please fill in and send back to school with money **by Friday 22 June**.

The carnival will take place on the Vacy Sports Ground commencing at 9.10am.

Students are to wear their full school uniform to school and for the march past. As it is going to be a cold day I would suggest that students make sure they have warm clothing to wear in between races. Students will be required to sit with their house during the day.

Please **do not** let your child/children paint their face or dye their hair in their team colours.

## Vacy Before and After School Care

As of next week there will be staff changes in BASC. As most of you know who currently use the service, Nat has a new beautiful baby girl and has decided to spend more time at home with her. Nat will be working this Thursday and Friday. This will be her last week so if you get a chance pop in and say goodbye. I'm sure you will join the BASC committee in thanking Nat for everything she has contributed to the service over the years and we wish her well.

Margaret Clark will be working most afternoons in After School Care and Lorraine will continue with before school care and some afternoons. Both Margaret and Lorraine do an excellent job and look forward to seeing you next time you use BASC.

Thanks

The Basc Committee

## Canteen News

### Vacy Canteen Needs You!!

On occasion, only one volunteer operates the school canteen and this presents Work , Health & Safety issues.

One idea is to 'Buddy - Up' with a friend, partner or relative to keep our canteen running. Or make yourself available to "fill any gaps". Helping in the canteen just once a term is a great opportunity to see just what is happening at our wonderful school. Nat is working on Term 3 roster if you would like to volunteer or need to change your day give Nat a call on **0422 318972**.

## Roster

Thursday 21 June	Bek Bennett
Monday 25June	Jo Magri Karen Turner

## **Drama Workshop**

Madison Hack and Samantha Cowley our drama workshop participants.



## **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.**