

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 were enthralled by the characters at the **Disney on Ice** spectacular last Friday. The students were beautifully behaved and were a pleasure to take on the excursion. At the end of the show we heard all about how the show is put together and the huge number of people involved. Five children were randomly selected to receive a special prize at the end and Chloe Reid was lucky to be one of the chosen few.

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

Education Week is Week 3 and the theme this year is “Creating the Future”. Dungog Local Management Group awards evening is Wednesday 1 August at Dungog HS and will feature a performance by our Dance Group.

Our Education Week program includes our own mini Olympics day on the Wednesday with a special Opening Ceremony performance by our Junior Dance Group. On Friday we will be holding a special Assembly under the COLA commencing at 2:30pm. All welcome.

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 accompanies this week's newsletter.

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.

On behalf of the staff, I'd like to wish all of our families a relaxing and enjoyable break and we look forward to a wonderful Term 3.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Your time is limited,
so don't waste it living someone else's life. - Steve Jobs,
1955-2011

Class News



Kindergarten

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.

Last Friday K, 1/2 and 3/4 enjoyed a wonderful day at Disney on Ice. The show was excellent, we all loved seeing our favourite Disney characters dancing around the ice rink. A very big thank you to Mrs Greaves for organising the special day for us.

On Thursday is our Sports Carnival, it is usually the coldest day in Vacy, so make sure your child has plenty of warm clothes to wear. We ask children come in school uniform for our first event of the day, the March Past. All families and friends are welcome, please join us for a great day.

I wish everyone a well deserved break, take care and be safe.

Dates to Remember

June

- 28 Athletics Carnival
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- 29 Last Day of Term 2

July

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

August

- 03 Pie orders delivered

Class News continued

1/2

Thanks to all our helpers this term we appreciate your time that you give up to help us. Reading groups will resume Week 3 Term 3 due to routine changes.

Athletics carnival is on Thursday and we hope to see you all there. I hope the children all have a happy and safe holiday.

3/4

There will be no homework this week. Thanks for your support and encouragement for our 2 minute talks this term. They were impressive! A special mention goes to Amy Magri and Libby Cant who have been chosen to contest the HCC-10 Zone Public Speaking Competition in Week 5 of next term.

The students have worked hard this term and I'm sure that they are looking forward to the holidays.

5/6

As his time with us draws to a close, I would like to thank Mr Armstrong for the work and contributions he has made during his practicum placement at Vacy Public School. I know that his positive manner and dedication to become a good teacher has not only impressed the staff, but also the parents of our school and I wish him well in his future endeavours.

A few reminders for the week:

1. Don't forget a plate of food for our Australia's Biggest Morning tea on Thursday along with a \$2 donation.
2. Please return any soccer gear that you have washed after yesterday's game by the end of this week.
3. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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 Cant Family, for their book donation.

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.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

This year we will be holding our annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on 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

Athletics Carnival-Thursday 28 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.

Small School's Soccer Knockout News

Yesterday saw Vacy School field a team of fantastic year 5/6 students in the first and second rounds of 2012 Small School's Soccer Knockout competition. We travelled to Gloucester, leaving early in the freezing weather, to play our first game against an eager to win Barrington School team. Due to the fabulous efforts of our players we were able to defeat them 4-0.

After a scrumptious sausage sizzle cooked by Mr Dean Reid and with the assistance of Mrs Carrie Butler, Vacy played their second round against Booral School. Congratulations to Booral as they were the victors on the day, however Vacy can hold their heads high as they all played together with fantastic spirit and fairness.

A HUGE thank you needs to go out to our coach Mr Glen Butler who has given up his time to lend his expertise to the team over the past weeks. Without him we would have really struggled to do as well as we did. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Belinda Lloyd who organised our transport and drove us all to the field. Well done to all the players. We are proud of all of you.

School Disco

Vacy School will be holding their annual 'Disco' on **Friday 20 July at Vacy Community Hall** to help raise money for the costumes needed for our dancers at the Hunter Dance Festival later in the month.

The disco will **begin at 6.30pm** and the dress up theme will be **"Sporting Heroes"**. During the evening the students will be provided with a drink and a bag of goodies and prizes will be allocated during the night for various reasons.

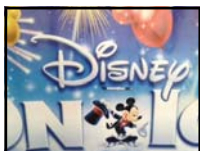
Parents will need to **pick their child/children up at 8pm** on the dot from the hall.

Please Note - Only children with a note from their parents are able to travel home with other families.

The cost of the event will be \$5 per child with all money going towards the purchase of costumes for our dancers. After the festival, the costumes will become the property of the school and will be used for various events in the future.

Disney on Ice

We had a great day at Disney on Ice. The children were all very attentive and well behaved which made for a great time.



The children enjoyed the show and the workshop after, which gave the children lots of interesting facts and information about what it takes to stage a production of such large proportions. Chloe Reid was chosen to participate in a Quiz about Disney on Ice and got the difficult question of "How many unbirthdays do we have each year". After much deliberation she got the answer

364". Chloe received a lovely program to remember her visit. Thanks to all the children and the staff for making this such a lovely excursion.

Disney on Ice through the eyes of Kasey Parker

Last Friday K-4 went to see Disney on Ice for our excursion. When we got there we had recess, then K-4 buddied up and we went inside. We watched the dancing broomsticks and my favourite part was the skeletons. There were some exciting parts and some parts were funny. After the show we listened to the lady speak about the show then we buddied up and got on the bus. It was a long trip and I couldn't wait to get back to school.

Disney on Ice through the eyes of Mia Roberti

Last Friday K-4 went to see Disney on Ice for an excursion. I got a headache it really hurt. First we got on the bus and Mrs Greaves had to do the roll so she knew who was here. We had to go on the bus for one full hour. When we got there we had recess. I was very hungry so I ate it all up. After we ate we went inside to find our seats. I was next to Mackenzie and Mrs Greaves. I really liked the Halloween one because it is the day after my birthday. Then I was sad that we had to leave but I still had a great day. I am happy that we went

Disney on Ice through the eyes of Bronte Parish

K-4 of Vacy School hopped on the bus to Disney on Ice at Newcastle Entertainment Centre and we saw Celebrations, it was on Friday 22 June. We had recess on the green grass. We sat in our seats after we recess. First we saw Celebration. At the start the music came on. I could not wait. The lady talked to us at the end. I really enjoyed the show. I can't wait to go again if we are allowed.

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 28 June	Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle
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Community News

Hunter region National Parks presents:

DISCOVERY WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

Winter 2012

‘Rainforest Ramble’ at Copeland Tops State Conservation Area

Explore unique rainforest habitats - you'll be amazed!

When: Wednesday 4 July 2012

Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tour Costs: \$10 per person

Grade: Easy

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‘Let’s Explore - Wingham Brush Nature Reserve’

When: Tuesday 3 July at Wingham Brush Nature Reserve

Time: 12 noon

Grade: Easy

Cost: \$10 per person

Discover the wonders of Wingham Brush. Meet the strangler figs and the flying foxes!

A great family day out!!!

Book and pre-payment is essential for all tours as numbers are limited. Book online at <http://www.wildwildworld.com.au> or contact our Regional Office on 02 4984 8200



Hunter Region Botanic Gardens

Port Stephens Examiner’s Children’s Discovery Day

**Release the kid’s
into the wild**

on

Tuesday 3 July 2012

**at the Botanic Gardens Heatherbrae
Cost \$3 per person (under 2’s free)**

- **Meet the Mine Subsidence Board’s
Maurie Mole**



- **Oggie the Froggie**
 - **Ship of Fools**
 - **Story telling - Raymond Terrace
Library**
 - **Indigenous Dance**
- *Kookaburra Cafe *Raymond Terrace
*Lions Club Hot Food Van**

- ◆ **SOFAR** ◆ **CMA** ◆ **Beekeepers**
- ◆ **Native Animal Trust** ◆ **Earthcare**
- ◆ **Wilderness Society & much more**

