

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

From the Principal

Congratulations to our award recipients at the Dungog Community of Schools' Education Week ceremony held last Wednesday evening.

Awards were presented to Mrs Robyn Thompson for her voluntary contribution to the school by a community member, Elizabeth Parish for student achievement, Miss Corrigan for excellence in teaching and to our Year 6 students for their student led fitness program.

Our captains, Elizabeth and Jake, showed what great leaders they are as co-hosts for the ceremony with the Dungog High School captains.

Thank you also to our senior dance group who performed on the evening and to the many parents who supported the event.

It was great to see so many parents at the parent/teacher interviews. This close communication ensures that we are able to work together to provide the best for your children.

We have quite a collection of plastic soft drink bottles in readiness to construct a 'hothouse'. Please keep sending them in. If there is anyone who has a garden shed that they no longer have a use for and would be willing to donate it, please contact the school.

The P&C meets this Wednesday 8 August. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the items for discussion include the upcoming Vacy Country Carnival fundraising opportunity and next year's Total Field Day, amongst others.

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

August

- 8 P & C meeting 7.00pm
- 9 Robotics for 5/6 visit from Dungog H.S.
- 10 Zone Athletics Carnvial
@ Smythe Field Maitland
- 14 ICAS - Maths test
- 21 Police Liaison visit for all classes
- 23 Robotics Workshop @ Dungog H.S. Yr 5/6
- 30 & 31 Gala Sports Day @ Dungog

Quote of the Week

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news.
The good news is that you don't
know how great you can be!
How much you can love!
What you can accomplish!
And what your potential is!"

Anne Frank

Asthma Medication

From July this year Asthma Australia has implemented a national policy that single person only spacers must be used when treating children with Asthma. This is now best practice for infection control and we can no longer reuse spacers that we have previously washed as this alone may not avoid the transmission of infection via mucous.

For this reason we would ask that if your child is asthmatic that you either :

- A: - ensure their medication and spacer is available to them in their bag each day
or
- B - provide a spacer that can be stored at school for use by your child only in an emergency.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact Mrs Greaves. Thanking you in advance for prompt assistance in this matter.

**Don't forget our next
P & C Meeting
to be held on
8 August from 7.00pm
All Welcome!**

Class News



Kindergarten

Today students enjoyed the "No Bears" performance by the Tony Bones Theatre Company. We were delighted to have children from Paterson Pre School and Vacy Playground join us.

Tomorrow Mrs Greaves and I will be attending The Early Years Conference, students will follow normal routines. No new spelling words this week, please revise words from last week.

1/2

It has been fantastic to listen to the children's speeches over the past week. They were all fabulous and I could tell a lot of hard work and effort had gone into them. It was very hard to choose our representatives for the Public Speaking Competition but I was, after much deliberation able to make a choice. Congratulations to Mackenzie Peirce and Kacia Rowles who will, I'm sure do us proud in the competition.

Thanks to everyone who made it in to discuss their child's progress with me. If there are any other parents who would still like to have a chat about how their children are getting along please ring me and I would be happy to arrange a suitable time. The children have been asked to bring a picture from the newspaper about the Olympics for homework Thursday week.

Please note Premiers Reading Challenge news as it has important information for the Infants class as well.

3/4

Well done to those students who having been keeping the class updated on the Olympic Games.

Olympics Mini-Project – Whilst the Olympic Games are on this fortnight, students are asked to select an Olympic sport and to prepare a mini-project (no larger than an A3 sheet of paper (30cm x 42 cm)).

The type of information to present includes Australia's history of involvement in the sport, achievements and records held, outstanding performances, famous competitors and results of the 2012 competition.

Olympic mini-projects are due to school on Monday, 13 August.

5/6

Congratulations to all of 5/6 on the presentation of their speeches. Good luck to Ellie and Ben who will go on to the next level to represent Stage 3 (Vacy Public School) at the district competition.

If any students need assistance with their projects please see me a.s.a.p.

A friendly reminder that Camp money needs to be paid before the end of term.

Dungog High (Year 9) students will be visiting us this week to help us with the robotics programming.

Good luck to all of the students who are competing at the Zone Carnvial at Smythe Field Maitland this Friday.

School News

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the following students who will be speaking at the Zone heats next week.

Ben Williams, Ellie Waight, Libby Cant, Amy Magri, Kacia Rowles, Mackenzie Pierce, Lincoln Ney and Tallon Convery. Good luck everyone!

Maitland Regional Art Gallery

Portrait Competition

Once again the students of Vacy PS have created portraits for the MRAG Portrait Competition. Congratulations to the following students who have had their portraits selected for the competition; Drew Reid, Kyle Lechner, Mia Roberti, Lillian Richardson, Tom Doyle and Harriette Hopkins. Good luck, results will be announced early September.

Premier's Reading

Primary children will need to have their books entered by August 24 in order for Mrs Greaves to validate them. Infants children have already completed their challenge in class with their teachers during fruit break.

N.B. Once entered and validated the students are automatically provided with a certificate and their name is placed on the honour roll in the Sun Herald. We will use the permission slip filled out at the beginning of the year indicating what forms of media your child's name can be displayed in. If anyone wishes to change what is on their form (ie: not give or give permission) please contact the office. If you require further information please contact Mrs Greaves.

* Congratulations to Amy Magri, Libby Cant and Ana Lutschini who have completed the challenge. There are still several students who are close to finishing so keep reading!

2013 Kindergarten Orientation Day

During Term 3 we would like to invite Kindergarten 2013 to join us for recess each Tuesday. We have found this to be a successful part of their transition to school. For more details and confirmation of participation please contact the office on 4938 8153.

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 10 August 2012 at Smythe Field, Maitland. All other arrangements remain unchanged. Students attending Zone will need to meet Mrs Fonti on arrival to have their names marked off.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Students in Years 3 & 4, and in Years 5 & 6 are invited to contest for one of two positions to represent their Stage in the Premier's Spelling Bee. The word lists for students to prepare themselves can be found on the school's website www.vacy-p.school.nsw.edu.au Go to the 'Curriculum and Activities' section then click on 'Academic Opportunities'.

Found

Last week a Nintendo D.S. Scooby Doo game was found. No one appears to know if it belongs to them so could everyone check their games and let us know if it belongs to them.

Father's Day Stall

For the past few years Nicole Carter has generously volunteered to organise the Fathers Day Stall for our students. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Carter can no longer perform this task and another volunteer is needed. Thank you Mrs Carter for your past efforts. If you would like to assist our school by organising the Fathers Day Stall please contact the office.

Heart Foundation Thankyou

The Heart Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank our school's for our past participation and ongoing contribution to Jump Rope for Heart with a Bronze plaque. This plaque has been put on show in the foyer of the office. This significance of this plaque means that Vacy Public School have been skipping to make Australian kids' hearts healthier for 5 years. Well Done!



Statement Of Accounts

Accounts were sent home yesterday to all families who still owe for Texts books and excursions. Your prompt settlement of your account would be greatly appreciated.

Tony Bones Performance

Students of Vacy Public School were entertained today by the Tony Bones Performance of "No Bears".

Some of our students from Year 1/2 have written stories about the performance:

On the 7.8.12 we had a lovely performance from Tony

Bones. The actors were wonderful, the costumes were colourful and the same as in the story book. The Preschool came to watch. It was a book that I like. The name of the book is "No Bears". Alec Grainger

On Tuesday I and Vacy Public School had two visitors and their company was called Tony Bones. They performed "No Bears". There were loads of characters, the characters were a monster, a girl named ruby, a fairy godmother and much more. The students could take a little Teddy because the story was about bears. In the end I felt sad and happy. Sad because they left but happy because I liked it. Lillian Richardson.

Today the school has seen a Tony Bones performance. The book they performed was called "No Bears". I really enjoyed it because it was really funny and it looked like all the other kids liked it too. We also at the end got to know about how they do it. My favourite costume was the monster it looked funny. Mia Roberti

In the morning we had an earlier bell at 8.00am to watch a Tony Bones performance. We watched "No Bears". There is a big monster, a purple King a yellow and red Princess and lots of fairy tales. They do a bit of singing and dancing. I sat next to my sister Gracie. Last year they performed "Two Peas in a Pod". It was really good. This year it was just as good. Mackenzie Peirce





Canteen News

Vacy Canteen Needs You!!

On occasions, only one volunteer operates the school canteen and this presents Work , Health & Safety issue. Thank you to Jo Magri who has generously volunteered her time on Mondays to assist where the Canteen is short staffed. There are still a vacancies on Monday 17 September, Thursday 16 August, Thursday 6 September, and Thursday 20 September that need to be filled. Unfortunately without volunteers and parent support the Canteen will be forced to close on these days, If would like to volunteer for a day give Nat a call on **0422 318972**.

Roster

Thursday 9 August	Nicole Long & Belinda Geddes
Monday 13 August	Rebekah Hancock & Karen Turner



Community News

Northern Suburbs Cricket Club

Registration Days 2012/2013 season

The following are registration days for both Snr/Jnr and Milo In 2Cricket cricketers:

Friday 17/24 August – 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

Saturday 18/25 - 9.30am to 11.30am.

All registrations will be held at the clubrooms at Lorn Park Oval. For all enquiries contact Will Callinan 49301782.

Vacy BASC News

Please note that the Vacy Before and After School Care has changed their email address to vacybasc@gmail.com