

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

Good luck to all of our entrants in the Zone Public Speaking competition being held at a number of venues throughout this week. Mrs Rogers has guided the team on the finer points of public speaking and for those who were lucky enough to hear our speakers talk at the Education Week special assembly, I'm sure that you'll agree that they should do very well indeed.

We also have two senior students attending a 3 day Drama workshop this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and their workshop program concludes with a performance on Thursday afternoon that should be most entertaining.

The P&C met last week and the Hilldale bus was discussed and clarified. A separate entry appears later in this newsletter. Also discussed was the Vacy Country Carnival on 16 September and our involvement which this year will be centred around an International Food Stall utilising the canteen and COLA. We need rice cookers on the day and ready-made hotpot of curries and other dishes that can be easily served. We are looking for a coordinator and volunteers to assist on the day and in preparing hotpots. If you able to prepare a hotpot, please retain your receipts, contact the office to let us know what hotpot you will be preparing and provide a list of ingredients for display on the day. Your assistance is appreciated. We will also be running a few activities for children including Sponge Throw, Footy Pass and Frisbee Golf and of course our dancers will entertain. As more details come to hand, we will update you leading up to the carnival.

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

August

- 14 ICAS - Maths test
- 21 Police Liaison visit for all classes
- 23 Robotics Workshop @ Dungog H.S. Yr 5/6
- 28 Fathers Day Stall
- 30 & 31 Gala Sports Day @ Dungog

September

- 16 Vacy Country Fair
- 19 Science & Engineering Day for 5/6
- 20 Olympics Day at Dungog (whole school)

Quote of the Week

Education is a
progressive discovery
of our own ignorance .

Will Durant

Our **Zone Public Speaking** **Representatives**

Ellie Waight, Ben Williams, Lincoln Ney, Tallon Convery,
Mackenzie Peirce, Kacia Rowles
Absent: Libby Cant, & Amy Magri



Class News



Kindergarten

Tomorrow Lincoln Ney and Tallon Convery will be speaking at the Regional Public Speaking Competition at Paterson Public School. Good luck and we look forward to hearing about their experience. Many thanks to parents for ensuring homework books are handed in on Fridays. Homework books are then at school on Monday for a new homework sheet to be glued in. Homework books are sent home on Monday.

1/2

Congratulations to Mackenzie and Kacia who represented our Stage 1 students at the Public Speaking competition at Irrawang Public School yesterday. We are all very proud of you.

Congratulations to Mackenzie who also made it to the finals of the 100 metres zone of Friday. A great effort! Don't forget your Olympics picture from the newspaper for this week.

3/4

Well done and thank you to the many students who completed their Olympics mini-projects. There were some fabulous, creative efforts that are now on display in the 3/4 room and which cover a range of sports and sporting heroes.

Homework starts again today and over the remainder of this term we will be focusing on Energy as our topic of investigation.

Amy and Libby are representing our stage at the Public Speaking competition being held today and we wish them the best. Next week we will be conducting the Premier's Spelling Bee for Stage 2 students. The word lists are available on-line on the school's website.

5/6

Congratulations to our zone competitors for braving the freezing conditions and doing their best at the carnival. You did your school proud.

I will be conferencing with each student over the next 2 weeks regarding their projects. Please make sure that the draft (all information they have) is ready for me to see during that time.

Good luck to Ben and Ellie who are off to the Public Speaking competition this week and to Samantha and Madison who are off to the drama workshop.

The Police Liaison officer will be visiting our school next Tuesday to speak to the students about cyber bullying.

School News

Police Visit

On Tuesday 21 August students will participate in a visit from the Maitland Police Youth Liaison Officer.

K-4 will learn about Stranger Danger & Year 5 & 6 will participate in a talk about Cyber Bullying.

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.

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. Also found at school was a silver dress ring to fit an adult. For more information please call into the office.

Father's Day Stall

A BIG thank you to Heather Williams who has kindly volunteered to hold our Father's Day Stall this year on Tuesday 28 August. With today's newsletter you will find an order form. If you wish to purchase presents please fill out the form and return to school with money by Friday 24 August, 2012.

Statement Of Accounts

Accounts were sent home last week to all families who still owe for Texts books and excursions. To those who have paid thank you and to those who haven't your prompt settlement of your account would be greatly appreciated.

Vacy BASC News

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

Canteen News

In today's newsletter you will find a survey for the canteen. It is really important for us to know that we are providing a nutritious food service that suits everyone's needs.

It would be wonderful if all parents/caregiver could please fill out and return the survey to school by next Tuesday 21 August, 2012.

Roster

Thursday 16 August	Bek Bennett & Russell Jessop
Monday 20 August	Amy Rowles & Jo Magri

Our Zone Competitors





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.

Dungog Junior Cricket Club

Dungog Junior Cricket Club is holding their registration day for the 2012/13 season on 25th August, 2012 from 9am - 11am at the Bennett Park cricket nets at Dungog.

Milo Junior Cricket is holding their registration day for the 2012/13 season on 25th August, 2012 from 9am - 11am at the Bennett Park cricket nets at Dungog.

All players welcome from age 5 and up.

Please Contact
Peter McDonald
49953288
or
Chris McDonald
49953236

Maitland Bluelight Disco

at

Maitland City Sports and Recreation Club Rutherford

Friday 17 August 2012

Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Cost: \$5.00

13 year and under ONLY

Children must be escorted into disco & picked up from disco by an adult

All Blue Lights events are drug & alcohol free and supervised by local NSW Police.

The Challenge Is On

16th September 2012

Enter Our Challenge

Its Free

Prizes Awarded

“Crazy Beanie Challenge”



Create a Crazy Colourful Quirky Beanie

AND

“Teddy Bear Challenge”



Can Be A Soft Cuddly Bear
A Painting or Anything With a Bear Theme

Have some fun and get your creative juices flowing
the only limit is your imagination!

All Entries Must Be Hand Crafted

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