

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

From the Principal

Congratulations to all of our entrants in the Zone Public Speaking competition. The experience was invaluable I'm sure and the feedback was that they all performed well.

It was wonderful to receive an email on Friday from Michele Keith, Coordinator of the 3-day Drama workshop, which stated "I would like to commend each and every student that attended this year's workshop. Your students have been outstanding in their behaviour and manners. It has been a pleasure to have them in our care these past three days. Their tutors also praised their outstanding behaviour as well."

We have needed to change the arrangements for the Vacy Country Carnival on 16 September. Following discussions, we will commit our help to the Lamb Carvery with Greg and Lorraine and there will NOT be an International Food Stall.

We will have soft drinks, juices and water for sale under the COLA.

We will also be running a few activities for children including Sponge Throw, Soccer Sharp Shoot and Tennis Ball Toss, and of course our dancers will entertain.

How can you help? Contact the office to put your name down to help as a carver, server or money handler on the day. Thanks to those volunteers who have already made themselves available. The more support we get, the less time each person needs to spend on the carvery stall.

Today, Senior Constable Michael Steele visited the school to talk to students from Kinder to Year 4 about Stranger Danger and to Year 5/6 about Cyberbullying. Please take the time to discuss these matters with your children to support the messages that they have been given. For older students the main message for parents is to control access to social media (children under 13 are not allowed to join social media such as Facebook), seriously question why your child would need social media and if something comes through that is unsuitable then delete or block it, and supervise Internet access and look at the security settings. To find out more, go to the Australian Communications and Media Authorities (ACMA) website at www.cybersmart.gov.au

I recently received an article about bullying entitled "Bullying or Banter" and have placed it on the school's website. It is an enlightening piece that is well worth reading.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Every great dream begins with a dreamer.
Always remember,
you have within you the strength,
the patience,
and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.
Harriet Tubman,
1820-1913

Chicken Pox

There has been a couple of children who have come down with the Chicken Pox virus. Chicken Pox usually starts with one spot, but more quickly appear, with fever, headache, runny nose, a cough and feeling very tired. The average incubation period is 14 to 15 days, but may range from 10 to 21 days. The infectious period is from two days before the rash appears (that is, during the coughing, runny nose stage) and until all blister have formed scales or crusts. Children should be excluded from school until all blister have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised children and less in immunised children.

Dates to Remember

August

- 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)
- 21 Last day Term 3

Class News



Kindergarten

Today Kindergarten enjoyed a visit from the Police. Students listened to information regarding 'stranger danger' and they hosted a variety of questions during question time. This was a very worthwhile activity, reinforcing important strategies learnt in the Child Protection unit of work students covered earlier this year. Please return notes for Father's Day Stall next Tuesday.

1/2

Congratulations to Jacob Ford who is our new Student Council Representative. I am sure he will do a great job of keeping K/1/2 up to date on what happens at the meetings and things that are going on around the school. Homework will come home on Wednesday and the due date will be extended to next Monday due to Mrs Greaves being away sick for the start of the week. Just a reminder to ensure that all your children's belongings are clearly labeled with their name as we have a lot of unclaimed items at school and if they have a name on them we can return them.

3/4

This week we will be conducting our Stage 2 Premier's Spelling Bee competition to select two students to represent our Stage at the zone competition.

We have begun our unit on Energy and the children will be conducting energy audits at school and I encourage them to conduct a home energy audit to monitor energy usage and identify ways in which energy consumption can be reduced.

5/6

This Thursday we will be visiting Dungog High to learn how to program our robot. All students were given a permission note yesterday. Please return those promptly so everyone can attend.

Reminders - Year Six need to send their high school enrolment forms straight to Dungog High.

- **ALL** students need to have shown me their project work by the end of the week.

- Dungog High excursion notes for Thursday.

Congratulations to our Saturday sport finalists Ellie and Jake!

School News

Premier's Reading

Primary children will need to have their books entered by August 24 (this Friday) 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 silver ladies dress ring was handed in at school. We are keen to find the owner so please check your jewellery boxes and if you find something missing please contact the office immediately.

Father's Day Stall

All Fathers Day order must be received by Friday 24 August 2012.

The Fathers Day Stall will be held on Tuesday 28 August and only gifts that have been ordered and prepaid will be available for sale.



Animal Welfare

Is your child fascinated by all creatures great and small or interested in animal welfare? The World of Animal Welfare website features fun interactive games, fact sheets as well as information about the RSPCA. The site is split into sections according to age: 8 and under and 9-13. Go to: <http://www.woaw.org.au/>

Perfect Punctuation

Want to help your child with their punctuation? Help them remember when to use a semicolon and when to use an apostrophe with a downloadable help sheet from the School A to Z website. The site also has a range of help sheets on English terms and usage.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/help-sheets>

Vacy P & C Shopping Trip

On 18 November, 2012, Vacy P & C will host a Shopping Trip to Sydney to the factory outlets. The proceeds from the Shopping Trip will go towards school resources. Please keep this date free. A note will be sent home shortly outlining the arrangements for the day.



Book Club

Book Club closes Wednesday 22 August. No late orders will be accepted.



Canteen News

Thanks to all those families who have returned the Canteen Survey.

There is still a vacancy for a canteen helper on Monday 17 September. If you are able to help please contact the office.



Roster

Thursday 23 August	Michelle Hughes & Fiona Wysel
Monday 27 August	Kristie Roberti & Jo Magri



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 on 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
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The Challenge Is On

16th September 2012

Enter Our Challenge

Its Free

Prizes Awarded

“Crazy Beanie Challenge”

Create a Crazy
Beanie



Colourful Quirky

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

Hosted by
Vacy Community Arts Centre Inc.

Ph: Annette 49388013 or Elaine 49389510
email:vacyarts@y7mail.com

Paterson Pre-School Shopping Trip

Paterson Pre-School will be having a Shopping Trip on
21 October 2012. Further details can be obtained by
phoning 4930 1636.

Vacy Charity Cutting Horse Event

Sat 13th October 2012

‘Riverview’

Summerhill Rd

Vacy

2 handed snafflebit

\$1500 worth of prizes.

Spectators free Entry

Camp Oven & BBQ

Cold Drinks & Restricted Bar

***Proceeds to Westpac Helicopter and Vacy
Public School***

Prizes to 10th place

Encouragement prizes for

beginners & under 21s

Limited to 40 entries

Entries strictly prepaid(Limit 2 rides)

Opens 27th August 2012

Closed October 1st or when full.

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