

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

At the **P&C meeting** held last week, we finalised arrangements for the **Vacy Country Carnival** to be held this **Sunday 16 September**.

The camp oven lamb will be prepared and available as lamb sandwiches at its usual location. **Thanks** to those volunteers who have already made themselves available. We are still **in need of 3 more electric carving knives** for use on the day.

In the school grounds, there will be a jumping castle and sand painting at the front of the school. On the basketball court, top oval and under the COLA, there will be a range of **kids' activities** including Soccer Sharp Shoot, Tennis Ball Toss, Sponge Throwing, a Colouring-in competition and the Vacy Playgroup's clown visit.

The Year 6 students will be making targets of themselves at the Sponge Throwing and we ask that they bring a towel and change of top with them (just in case they get wet).

Well done to our SRC on preparing a great range of games for children of all ages to participate in at the Country Carnival.

There will also be fruit juices, soft drinks and bottled water for sale at the canteen.

The Country Carnival committee has put a request to the school for students who would be prepared to help at the dog races with 'running the lures' and collecting and returning the coats and muzzles. Please contact me to let me know if your child has your permission to help in this way (and that they are dog-friendly).

Please remember that our dancers are asked to be at the stage area by 10:00 am to start the entertainment for the day at 10.15am. They have something special to perform and I'm sure that they will want to be a part of it (and will want you to see them perform).

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 lamb sandwich stall or selling drinks from the canteen.

Thanks also to the many families who have shown their support by sponsoring a leg of lamb for the camp oven. Every little bit helps.

Lastly, if you are able to give a hand at the end of the day in packing up and clearing away it would be gratefully appreciated. Again, every little bit helps.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Good character is not formed in a week or a month. It is created little by little, day by day. Protracted and patient effort is needed to develop good character.

Heraclitus

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 blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised children and less in immunised children.

Vomiting Virus

If your child has been vomiting we would ask that you keep them home for 24 hours after the last occurrence of vomiting. This will assist us with the infection protection of other students.

Dates to Remember

September

- 16 Vacy Country Fair
- 19 Science & Engineering Day for 5/6
- 20 Olympics Day at Dungog (whole school)
- 21 Last day Term 3

October

- 8 All students return
(No Staff development Day)

Class News



Kindergarten

Many children in Kindergarten are feeling the effects of the end of a long term. Please try to get children to bed at a reasonable time so that they can cope with the last busy days of term. This is the last week for homework tasks, please remember to hand in homework books on Friday.

1/2

Vacy Country Carnival is on this Sunday and all children are welcome to join in the dance even if they are not part of the dance group. It looks great and lots of fun.

Just a heads up, we will be raising money for our sponsor child Maurin next term by having class cake stalls. Our day will be 17 October. So start cooking!

3/4

We return to regular homework this week.

Congratulations and good luck to Josie Waight and Anna Lutschini who will be representing Stage 2 at the Zone Premier's Spelling Bee Competition being held at Tenambit PS tomorrow (Wednesday 12 September). They have some mighty tough words to spell!

Students are continuing to build their models of electricity production. Here's an energy saving tip for everyone. 'Did you know that appliances in 'standby mode' still consume electricity? By turning off all unused appliances at the power points you can save up to 800 kWh of electricity per year (and \$\$\$\$)'.

5/6

Congratulations to Ellie Waight and her team "The Dare Devils" who won their netball grand final last Saturday.

All projects are due before the end of this week.

Science and Engineering Challenge Day is next Wednesday.

Money is due by Friday 14 September.

The Debating team will be hosting a debate on Tuesday 18 September against Gresford at 11.45am.

Good luck to Jacob and Emelia Gibson at their new school. We will miss you both.

Good luck also to Zoe & Kayla tomorrow at Tenambit PS for the Premiers's Spelling Bee Competition.

School News

Bulk SMS Alerts

Following the recent bus accident we have made changes to our operations and we are now able to send a bulk SMS to groups as an alert. This should make communication much clearer and free up the phone lines when an incident occurs. (The SMS will be sent to mum's mobile number, if this doesn't suit your family or if your mobile number has changed please contact the school immediately).

Canteen Management Change

Our canteen has had a change of management. Due to new work commitments, Nat Convery has relinquished the role of canteen manager and handed over the helm to Kristi Roberti. Thanks Nat for your dedication to the canteen and we welcome Kristi into the role. The menu will be phased out over the next term as we move to a healthier menu.

Kindergarten 2013

We are currently taking enrolments for 2013. If you are aware of anyone moving into the district, please let us know at school so that we can invite them to visit our wonderful school. We are very close to gaining an extra class for next year. The best advertisement our school has is the positive feedback by our families.

Vacy Charity Cutting Day

The Vacy Charity Cutting Day is coming up in early October and the school benefits greatly from this event, sharing the funds raised with the Westpac rescue Helicopter Service. To view the Cutting Day, search YouTube through "Vacy Charity Cutting Day". Leesa Priestley has organised a volunteer register for the day and if you are available to help, please contact the office.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for 2012 have been received by the school and the student reports have been sent home today. These results will be analysed by staff to assist us in future planning to build on the literacy and numeracy skills of our students. If you would like to discuss your child's results, please contact the office to arrange a time.

Maitland Regional Art Gallery

Congratulations to Mia Roberti, Tom Doyle and Harriett Hopkins who had their portraits hung at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery as part of the Face exhibition. The portraits will be on display until 11 November and the exhibition is well worth a visit.



We Need Your Help At the Vacy Country Carnival

Contact the office to indicate what time you can help or make a monetary contribution to purchase the legs of lamb. Helpers will be required from 10.00 am to 3.00pm. If anyone has an electric knife that we could borrow for the Country Carnival, could you please leave it at the school office before Friday.

Vacy Public School P & C

The P & C will be hosting a Vintage Car Club on 14 October. We would love donations of cakes and slices for morning tea and also we would love a few volunteers to help out for a couple of hours. If you are able to help please contact Heather on 4938 8090.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 13 September	Kris Doyle & Russell Jessop
Monday 17 September	Jo Magri & Amy Rowles

Vacy Junior & Senior Dance Groups - Vacy Country Carnival

Vacy Junior and Senior Dance groups will be performing at the Vacy Country Carnival on 16 September at approximately 10.00am. No costumes or make-up required, however, children should wear clothes appropriate for moving (ie: no skirts, dresses or thongs).

Children who have not previously been involved with dance group performances, are still invited to attend the performance at 10.15am. Their support would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Corrigan

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 7/9/12

	STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
K	Charlie Clark
1-2	
3-4	Rose Washbourne
5-6	Madison Hack

	CLASS AWARDS
K	Hayden Wilson
1	Jack Magri
2	Mia Roberti
3	Kyle Lechner
4	Joseph Ford
5	Ellie Waight
6	Drew Reid



Community News

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 27.08.2012

Closed October 1st or when full.

Contacts: Adele Horn Mobile: 0428388055

Email: fixit@valleymachinery.com.au or

Leesa Prestley: 49385591 Mobile: 0412002101

Dungog and District Junior Cricket Association Representative Cricket Registration

Dungog and District Junior Cricket Association will be holding their U 12, U 14 and U 16 representative team trials.

Where: Bennett Park cricket nets Dungog.

When: Saturday 15th September, 2012

Time: 900am until 1200pm.

Please contact Chris McDonald on 02 4995 3236.

Maitland Library School Holiday Activities

Discover 'orrible songs, rhymes and tales

Unleash the gruesome kid in you!

Rutherford Library

Wednesday 26 September

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Free Ages 5 +

Discover Horrible Histories

Trivia, games, inventions and mummies!

Thornton Library

Thursday 27 September

10.30 am - 11.30 am

Free Ages 8 - 14

Discover your talent as an author

Create your own book

Maitland Library

Thursday 27 September

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Free Ages 5 +

Riverlights Festival

Make a floating lantern to be launched at the festival

East Maitland Library

Thursday 27 September

10.00 am – 11.00 am

11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Free All ages

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Rutherford Library

Friday 28 September

10.00 am – 11.00 am

11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Free All ages

Discover your talent as a drummer

Feel the rhythms of African drums!

Maitland Library

Friday 28 September

10.30 am - 11.30 am

\$5.00 Ages 6 – 12

Discover Australian Animals

Koalas, kangaroos, wombats and more!

East Maitland Library

Friday 28 September

11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Free Ages 5 +

Discover fun and fitness

Fitness + Flexibility = FUN!

Rutherford Library

Wednesday 3 October

10.30 am - 11.30 am

\$5.00 Ages 4 - 8

Discover Wetlands

Meet snakes, lizards and even a croc!

East Maitland Library

Thursday 4 October

10.30 am - 11.30 am

\$5.00 Ages 5 - 14

Discover the Flea Circus

Be amazed at the incredible feats of fleas!

Thornton Library

Friday 5 October

2.00 pm - 2.45 pm

\$5.00 All Ages

Dungog Shire Community Centre

Garden Party

Celebrating 30 Years of care

on

Sunday 7 October 2012

2.00pm to 8.00pm

at

'Cairnsmore'

182 Chichester Dam Road,

1.5kms from Dungog

Afternoon Tea

Auction

Tickets \$35 each

available from

Dungog Shire Community Centre

and

Dungog Antique & Village Store

Music

Twilight Picnic

Fundraiser

A close encounter with Blackbutt's kool koala!

The Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger program brings kids back to nature. Have a close encounter and photo with a koala, plant a tree in the reserve, spot some of Blackbutt's residents, and get creative with a craft activity!

Dates: 25 - 27 September 2012

Time: 9.30 - 11.30am

Location: Carnley Avenue Reserve

Fees apply and bookings are essential.

For further information please contact:

Blackbutt Reserve Office - 4904 3344 or visit

www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

