

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

From the Principal

This week is **SASS Recognition Week** and the teaching staff would like to show their appreciation of the work that SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) do at our school. SAS Staff play an essential role in the operation of the school and in supporting student learning. Our SAS team of Robyn Hope (School Administrative Manager), Ruth McCabe (School Administrative Officer), Margaret Clark (School Learning and Support Officer) and Ross McCabe (General Assistant) are all highly valued for their professionalism and dedication to education. Join us in recognising the efforts of our SAS Staff this week in particular.

Our next **P&C meeting** is scheduled for 7:00pm this Wednesday 5 September at which time I will be able to give an overview of the changes and provide some of the detail.

We are in the final stages of preparing for the **Vacy Country Carnival** 16 September. We are committed to the Lamb Carvery with Greg and Lorraine, and there are a few spots to fill for volunteers to help serve lamb sandwiches on the day.

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. Dancers are asked to be at the stage area at 10:15 am to start the entertainment.

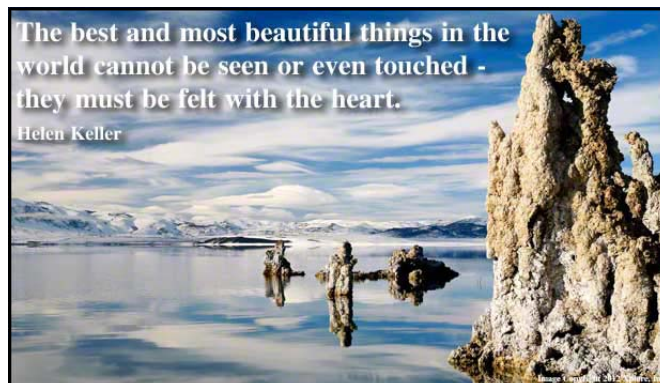
How can you help? Contact the office to put your name down to help as a carver, server or money handler on the day. Thanks to those volunteers who have already made themselves available. The more support we get, the less time each person needs to spend on the carvery stall.

Wireless technology has arrived at Vacy Public School!

We have recently installed wireless access points in all of the classrooms and have purchased a bank of twelve Lenovo Netbook computers for student use. Our T4L rollout of computers for 2012/2013 will include a further six netbooks. This means that our students will be able to access the Internet throughout the school, even outside the classrooms. Our intention is to complete the technology project by purchasing a storage and charging trolley for the netbooks as well as individual USB lanyards for all students.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week



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.

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

- 3 Canteen Committee Meeting 9.15am
- 5 P & C Meeting 7.00pm
- 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 for Term 4

Class News



Kindergarten

Last week we enjoyed our Sports Gala Days at Dungog High. Students participated in a variety of sports activities with students from small schools in the area. Students learnt new skills, made new friends and met golf great Jack Newton and Knights player Adam MacDougall. This week kindergarten do not have a new list of spelling words, we will be continuing work with last weeks list. Maths homework was sent home yesterday and is due on Friday.

1/2

The 1/2 class had a great 2 days at Dungog High last week. The children got to try a variety of sports that were run by professional coaches who taught the children the basics of the sports through drills and games. It was fantastic that the children got to access these quality coaches and to try activities that they don't normally to.

We hope the children who are going to the Gresford Art Carnival have a great day on Thursday.

Back to normal for our homework routine this week.

3/4

We all enjoyed the Small Schools Sports Gala Days and the chance to meet old friends and make new friends last week.

Students will be using their designs to build a model of one of the forms of electricity production. They will be either hydro-electricity, wind-powered electricity, solar energy production, coal or gas based energy production.

5/6

No news this week as Mrs Fonti away sick.

School News

P & C meeting

Our next P & C meeting is on tomorrow night, 5 September starting at 7.00pm. Come and share your ideas!

Gresford Art Carnival

Gresford Art Carnival is on this Thursday 6 September. If your child is attending please ensure you have arranged transport to and from Gresford School. We look forward to hearing about this special day.

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.

Homework help newsletter

You can now easily subscribe to updates from the award-winning website for parents, School A to Z. Each term you'll receive newsletters with the latest information to help you manage your child's homework and study, health, development and technology use. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/subscribe>

Staying safe online

Cybersmart is an education program for parents and children of all ages. It features tips on mobile phone and online safety, resources to use with your child, and games and videos that support key cybersafety messages. Go to: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

Avoiding injuries from school bags and computers

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

What to expect in high school

The transition from primary to high school often creates in kids a mix of anxiety and excitement. Two videos feature Year 7 students giving great tips about life in high school - making friends, trying out new things, and getting organised and planning assignments and study. Informative and fun

Go to: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php>

Face at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery

Councillor Peter Blackmore, Mayor of the City of Maitland, the Councillors of Maitland City Council together with Joseph Eisenberg OAM, Cultural Director of Maitland Regional Art Gallery invite you to 'face' an exhibition of portraits by Hunter and Central Coast K-10 students.

Opening Celebration:

Saturday 8 September 2012

3.00p - 5.00pm

To be opened by:

Lyn Cook, Regional Arts Coordinator, Department of Education & Communities

MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

230 High St, Maitland NSW 2320

Exhibition dates: 31.8.2012 - 11.11.2012

Vacy P & C Shopping Trip

There are still some vacancies on the shopping trip. Parents are asked to fill in the booking sheet and return to school by September 5.

Asthma

Students who have Asthma are required to provide their own spacer for use at school. There are still a number of students who are identified as having asthma so they will need to provide their own for use in an emergency or for self medicating.

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.

Canteen Roster



Thursday 6 September	Bek Bennett & Tim Carter
Monday 10 September	Tanya Waight & Karen Turner

Supermarket Tokens

Thank you to families for participating in the Woolworths, Earn and Learn and Coles Sports for School offer. We collected a large amount of vouchers and will complete our wish list when collections have been validated.



Community News

Maitland Senior & Little Athletics Club Inc.

Registrations:

Friday 7 September 5.30-6.30pm

Where:

Smythe Field, Maitland

Costs:

\$30 Tiny Tots, \$60 Little Athletes

Ages:

3 year up to any age

Competition:

Begins 6.30pm 14 September at Smythe Field

Contact:

Matthew Harris 0432353161

maitland.athletics.club@gmail.com

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/maitlandathletics/home>

Our Gala Olympic Days



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



Maitland Horse Sports Day

Hosted by: Iona Public School



Tuesday 16 October 2012

at

Maitland Polocrosse Grounds, Anambah Rd

Rutherford

(1km off New England Highway)

**Commencing: 8.30am Gear Check by Team Manager,
9.00am START**

All forms available on the school website below:

www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Entry Fee: \$20 per rider * (see conditions of entry)

Riding Events:

- Riding Classes
- Hacking Classes
- Pleasure Hack

Sporting Events: TBA

Entries Close:

Thursday 20 September 2012

Enquiries: Fiona Lawrence

Phone: 4930 0921 Mobile: 0448 30023

Email: f.lawrence5@bigpond.com.au

The Dungog and District Junior Cricket Association

Will be holding their U 12 , U 14 and U 16 representative team trials at Bennett Park cricket nets Dungog on Saturday 15th September, 2012 from 0900am until 1200pm. Please contact Chris McDonald on 02 4995 3236.

CLARENCE TOWN COMETS SWIMMING CLUB

Registration starts from 24/9/12

Durham St Clarence Town

First Club night 5/10/12

6pm to 7.30pm

\$65 for swimmers \$20 for non-swimmers

Season Passes available

Also available are

Learn to swim

Squad Training

Swimming Club is a great family night.

**A great way to give your children skills,
while they are having a fun time with friends.**

BBQ and other food available

Pool Hours 7am to 5pm

See or Phone Dave on 49964586

Apply First Aid (HLTFA301B) –

Learn all aspects of routine first aid, to a certificate standard. What's covered: CPR for adults and infants, fractures, sprains, burns, control of bleeding, responding to heart attack, asthma, snakebites and exposure, and much more. A First Aid Certificate is now considered mandatory for many jobs – but above all, it's the knowledge of what to do when the worst happens.

Looking for re-certification? You can renew your current certificate by doing the same class without doing the preparatory first part, for a lower price.

Note: Students without a current certificate are required to complete a workbook prior to the commencement of the course.

This takes the place of a day's training and can be done on-line or by booklet if no internet is available. Students doing the re-certification do NOT need to do the workbook but must present their current certificate or wallet card.

When: Tues 18 September, 9am-5pm

Where: SES training room, Clarence Town Rd, Dungog (at the edge of town opposite Short St). **Cost:** Apply First Aid \$150; Apply First Aid Re-certification \$130. **Accreditation Level:** HLTFA301B – also known as Senior First Aid Certificate.

**Ring Dungog Community College on
0448 176 149 or 4992 1133.**