

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

From the Principal

What a wonderful performance by our dancers to open the Country Carnival. We hoped that you were surprised by the "Flash Mob" that Miss Corrigan created. The games and activities organised by the SRC raised \$129.45 which will go towards sponsorship of Maurin in Africa. Well done to the SRC members for the games.

The winners of the colouring competition were

Pre-school	Alana Waight
Kinder	Lincoln Ney
Year 1/2	Alec Grainger
Year 3/4	Imogen Key
Year 5/6	Daisy Bates

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, Glenn Butler has a thank you message for all of the volunteers who supported us on the day. I'd like to add my appreciation to our volunteers who made the day run smoothly. It was great to see so many people visit the school grounds and participate in activities.

On Thursday 20 September we will be joining with our Dungog Community of Schools group for the postponed Olympics Day. Students are encouraged to dress in their flag colours for the day. Let's hope for some fine weather.

To end the term we will be having an out of uniform day on Friday. Students can wear Guernseys and colours in support of their favourite footy team or sports team. Students are also asked to bring in a gold coin donation in support of our sponsored child, Maurin.

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 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 to register a time.

We are drawing to the end of another fruitful term and I'd like to wish all of our students and their families a safe and relaxing break.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence,
the second listening,
the third memory,
the fourth practice,
the fifth teaching others.

- Solomon ibn Gabirol, 1021-1058

Head Lice

Could all parents please check their child's hair as we have a few cases of head lice reported to the school.

To assist you in the treatment of head lice please read the following

- Concentrate on the head - there is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house.
- There's no treatment that will kill all the eggs, so it's really important to repeat the treatment a couple of times 3-4 days apart.
- If you are using lotions, apply the product to dry hair.
- There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.
- Only the pillowcase requires specific laundering; either wash it in hot water (at least 60 degrees centigrade) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.
- There is no product available that guarantees to prevent head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.
Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be use.

Dates to Remember

September

- 19 Science & Engineering Day for 5/6
- 20 Olympics Day at Dungog (whole school)
- 21 Last day Term 3-Out of Uniform Day

October

- 8 All students return
(No Staff Development Day)
Kinder Orientation

Class News



Kindergarten

No homework this week, I will keep homework books for next term. Thank you parent helpers, we hope we will see you next term.

Well done Kindergarten on another term of hard work, you all deserve a break and I look forward to seeing you next term. I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Don't forget our Olympic Gala Day on Thursday (weather permitting) this day was postponed earlier this term. Please make sure your child is equipped for sport activities.

1/2

The Infant's class enjoys fruit break each morning at around 10am. The students really enjoy this time and as there is a large gap between breakfast and recess it gives the children a chance to replenish their tummies. If you could please remember to pack fresh or dried fruit for this time each day it would be greatly appreciated.

We have quite a few illnesses circulating at the moment. Two of these are conjunctivitis and chicken pox. Please keep an eye out and if you do suspect your child has either of these seek diagnosis as both of these have exclusion periods that apply.

Olympics day on Thursday. Please remember suitable footwear and of plenty water. Children will also need a hat.

I will collect home readers this week but they won't be returned until next term.

I hope all the children have a happy - safe holiday and that they return ready for a very busy 4th term.

3/4

Spelling will be the only homework this week.

Well done to Josie Waight and Anna Lutschini who competed at the Zone Premier's Spelling Bee Competition at Tenambit PS last week. Both girls won through to the third round before they were eliminated.

Have a great break and we look forward to a wonderful term 4.

5/6

Congratulations to all of our students who helped at the carnival on Sunday. I understand our stalls went very well raising money for our sponsor child Maurin.

Tomorrow is our Science and Engineering Day in Maitland. After having a practise last week, I am confident that we are going to enjoy ourselves.

A friendly reminder that camp money (final payment) is due by 19th October (Week 3 Term 4).

I hope that everyone has a very safe and restful holiday ready for a very busy Term 4. Special dates for you to remember are:

- Yr 5/6 Camp 5 to 9 November
- Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 30 November
- 2012 Presentation Night 10 December

School News

Bulk SMS Alerts

In the case of an emergency, the school is able to send bulk SMS Alerts to families.

The SMS alert is directed to the mother's mobile and it is vital that mobile numbers are kept up to date.

If you change mobile phone numbers, please contact the office to ensure that you can be readily notified should the need arise.

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.

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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 Williams on 4938 8090.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 14/9/12

	STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
K	Jackson Lambert
1-2	Lilly Gillespie
3-4	Emilia Gibson
5-6	William Brunwin & Jacob Gibson

	CLASS AWARDS
K	Harriette Hopkins
1	Jack Magri
2	Blaze Basham
3	Chloe Reid
4	Shawn Pillidge
5	Liam Key
6	Tom Priestley

Canteen News

There is no canteen this Thursday, 20 September due to the Olympic's Day in Dungog. **Please also note there will be no canteen on the first Monday 8 October of Term 4.** A new 'Smart Choice menu' will be sent home on Tuesday 9 October. The first day of canteen for Term 4 will be Thursday 11 October.

P & C Bus Trip

Places are filling fast. The more parents who attend the greater the percentage of purchases will be returned to the school. If you would like to have a say in which outlets that you would like to visit please come to the office and fill out a choice sheet.

Vacy Carnival a Success

After yet another successful Vacy Country Carnival, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the parents, carers, families, teachers and other members of the community who gave up their Sunday to assist on the Mackie's Oven lamb roast store as well as selling drinks in the canteen. Whether you were lighting the fires at 5.30am, setting up the stand, serving & slicing or cleaning up you should be very proud of your efforts on Sunday which raised some much needed funds for our school. To Greg and Lorraine, once again thank you for your tireless efforts and your ongoing contributions to Vacy P&C and BASC. I hope that you are able to once again find some spare time to assist at the Vacy Cutting Day!

Glenn Butler
Vacy School P&C President



Dungog Horse Sports Day



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

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

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2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

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Riverlights Festival

Make a floating lantern to be launched at the festival

East Maitland Library

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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

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



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

Tickets \$35 each

available from

Dungog Shire Community Centre

and

Dungog Antique & Village Store

Auction

Twilight Picnic

Music

Afternoon Tea