

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”



Vacy's Got Talent



Principals Message

Wow! Vacy sure does have talent. Thanks to all our performers throughout the week and congratulations to our finalists who performed on Friday. We had a variety of acts consisting of dancers, a drummer, a singer who wrote an original song and an art show. If you were able to come along and join us for the afternoon I'm sure you will agree that the children deserve a big pat on the back for their efforts. Thanks also to Miss Corrigan who not only organised the concert but also performed in it, as one of the dancers was away sick. Her cart wheels were very impressive!

Tomorrow Amy and Kacia from Stage 2 and Nalani and Amelia from Stage 3 will travel to Tenambit Public School to represent Vacy at the Premier's Spelling Bee. We wish them the very best of luck.

Premier's Reading Challenge has finished for 2013. Congratulations and well done to K,1,2, Alec, Lillian, Kacia, Saskia, Amy, Chloe and Charlotte W who all completed the challenge. Remember anything that you read from now can count towards your 2014 Reading Record. So keep on reading.

Congratulations to all those students who received bronze, silver or gold awards at the special merit award ceremony on Friday. I know a lot of hard work and effort has gone into achieving these results.

Please remember to fill in your Kids Matter surveys on line. They will only be available until the end of September and they provide valuable feedback for our KidsMatter team.

At present we have a stomach virus circulating through the school and it is being especially felt in the Infants classes. It seems to begin with a head ache and then moves into a stomach upset. So be on the lookout for the symptoms and remember that we would ask that the students do not return to school until at least 24 hours after their last bout of vomiting in the hopes of halting its spread. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

We have received an email from ACARA who administer the Naplan tests each year. They have told us that due to an error the results will not be available until mid October. Further information is included later in the newsletter.

Last week's P and C meeting saw many issues that are relevant to our school discussed. There was lots of talk about the Cutting Day and the call for volunteers. If you are able to help out in any way please get involved. It is a great day and one that raises money to fund various projects in our school that benefit the children. The committee is also desperate for an inverter generator so if you have one or know where they could get one, then please give them a call. We also spoke about including the minutes of the meetings in the newsletter and hope that this may be useful to those parents who would like to be informed of what is happening in our school but are unable to attend meetings.

Don't forget this Friday is out of uniform and wear your favourite sporting team's colours. Please bring a gold coin donation for our sponsor child Maurin on this day. We must say a big thank you to the Magri children who have been working hard selling eggs in the community and who have donated the \$ 60.00 profit they made to Maurin. We are very proud to have such kind and generous students at Vacy School. We hope everyone has a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 8 October ready for an exciting and very busy Term 4.

Dates to Remember

September

Wednesday 18	Kinder 2014 visit
Friday 20	Footy Colours Out of Uniform Day to raise
	funds for Maurin
	Last Day of Term 3

October

Monday 7	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 8	ALL students and staff return to school
Saturday 12	Vacy Charity Cutting Day
Tuesday 15	P & C Meeting
Monday 21 - Friday 25	Yr 5 & 6 Camp
Wednesday 30	Kinder Orientation 9.30 to 10.30am

November

Friday 1	Kinder to Year 4 Excursion
	Walkabout Park
Monday 25 - Friday 6 Dec	Learn to Swim program

Canteen News

Thank you to all the Parents who have returned notes to help in the Canteen for Term 4. Unfortunately, there are still some dates that remain vacant.

Thursday 14 November

Monday 18 November

Thursday 21 November

Please consider volunteering to assist our students.

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Positive Behaviour Assembly Awards 13 September 2013

Bronze

Archer Woller	Charlotte Reinecker	Jack Tyler	Cooper Rocco
River Rowles	Jack Miller	Brianna Beyer	Danika Smith
Sienna Holding	Fox Nicholson	Bree Walker	Jackson Lambert
Charlotte Parker	Marshall Parker	Layla Clarke	Hayden Wilson

Silver

Bailey Rowe	Bailey Hack	Madison Hack	Crystal Rocco
Daniel Jessop	Indica Chapman	Ruby Wilson	Jorgia Watts
Kyle Lechner	Lillie Geddes	Chelsey Hughes	Max Wysel
Zac Rocco	Hayden Reid	Seth Deacon	Rose Washbourne
Ethan Lechner	Shawn Pillidge	Kayla Hallinan	Mitchell Carter
Bronte Parish	Libby Cant	Blaze Basham	Jack Butler
Caitlyn Chapman	Amelia Ney	Samantha Cowley	William Falk
Tess Bennett	Darcy Richardson	Jett Saxby	Matthew Shilcock
Alana Waight	Riley Watts	Chandell-Rose Carroll	Nellie Pereira
Jack Miller	Alec Grainger	Kasey Parker	Annabelle Pereira
Tom Doyle	Lillian Richardson	Fletcher Pereira	Mackayla Smith

Gold

Ellie Waight	Liam Key	Nalani Basham	Zoe Butler
Anastasia Lutschini	Charlotte Wintle	Amy Magri	Chloe Reid
Josie Waight	Grace Miller	Saskia Bickerdike	Imogen Key
Brendan Lambert			

Livit Summer Intensive

Students have the opportunity to be involved in an amazing life changing experience.

Livit Summer Intensive is a 5 day summer camp incorporating workshops in Screen Acting, Musical Theatre and Drama.

The highest calibre of mentors will be tutoring 200 students over 5 days with celebrity mentors from Home and Away, Tap Dogs, and fresh from Hollywood sharing their knowledge and experience with participants.

The Livit Summer Camp takes place in January 2014 and costs \$795.00. If you are interested, please contact the school for a comprehensive brochure.

Delayed Release of NAPLAN Results

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Survey Returns

Thank you to those families of students in Years 2, 3 and 4 who have completed the online survey for KidsMatter. The survey is confidential, anonymous and can be found at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey . If you haven't been able to tackle the survey, please be aware that it will only be available online until the end of September and it doesn't take long to complete.

Cutting Day 2013

This year the Cutting Day will be held on 12 October, 2013. Please save the date on your calendar. We still need volunteers for the canteen, time-keeping, bar & children's activities. A note went home with last week's newsletter so if you can help please return as soon as possible. If you have an RSA & can help out with the bar please contact Leesa Priestley on 0412002101 ASAP as

we have to apply for the license. If you own a business or work for one that may be able to offer some sponsorship please let Leesa know, a small donation of cash, goods or services will help the day immensely.

Entries are now open for competitors. Entry forms were sent home last week for those who wish to compete in the Cutting Event.