

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

Quote of the Week

Adapt yourself to the life you have been given; and truly love the people with whom destiny has surrounded you.

- Marcus Aurelius, 121 AD- 180 AD

Vintage Car Visit

Sunday 20th October was the annual vintage car visit to Vacy School. Sixteen beautifully presented cars and one motorbike, all made before 1925, arrived at about ten o'clock and parked in the school playground. About 40 car club members enjoyed a lovely morning tea, with delicious cakes, slices and hot scones all prepared by school families. The visitors really appreciate the opportunity to come to our school and enjoy a home-made morning tea and were happy to buy lots of raffle tickets as well. After leaving Vacy, they drove to Clarence Town for lunch with the senior citizens group. It was a very pleasant morning, great weather and great cars. The cars are truly superb. My favourite was the 1911 Albion from Dorriggo, with a top speed of 30km/h, it is truly leisurely motoring. Many thanks to all who contributed to make this event a success; it was an enjoyable way to raise \$400 for our kids!

Joe Thompson
P&C Secretary.



Principals Message

Year 5 and 6 students set off yesterday morning for their week long camp at Narrabeen. They certainly take up some space at school as it seems so empty without them. On arriving in Sydney, they visited Luna Park before settling into their cabins at Narrabeen. Today, they have been trying out the outdoor activities program and from all accounts they have been having a fun, if very warm, time at camp.

Year 4 students have been doing a wonderful job in taking on the leadership role for Fitness activities each morning. They are also learning about what it's like on the other end of the 'whistle'.

Thank you to the helpers at both the Blues and Roots Festival on Saturday and the Vintage and Veteran Car Show on Sunday. One of the matters discussed at last week's P & C meeting was to limit the number of activities that the P & C be involved in over 2014. We have been able to gauge which events are worth the while to support, in terms of funds raised against time and organisation required.

School Swimming Scheme applications have been returning to school. The P & C agreed to subsidise the cost to families by contributing \$1200 towards the bus travel. This effectively reduced the cost by 50% to \$50 per student. The School Swimming Scheme is a Department of Education and Communities program that is targeted to students in Year 2 and above who are non-swimmers or beginning swimmers. The aim is to catch any child who has basically not been taught to swim by the time they turn 8 years of age. Our program, and rural circumstances, allows for the inclusion of Kinder and Year 1 students.

Our school's NAPLAN results have been very encouraging and one of the measures that I always look to is the growth that is attained between the Year 3 and Year 5 tests, both by individual students and on average. These indicators have shown that Vacy PS has achieved above average growth in all aspects of NAPLAN which is only possible through the supportive school and family relationships, and the dedication from staff, which exist at Vacy. Well done to all.

On Wednesday 30 October, we commence our Kinder 2014 Orientation Program. Our new Kinders will join in some activities in the classroom whilst their parents are provided with an information session to ensure that both children and parents are prepared for 'big' school. We look forward to meeting them all.

Regards,
Graeme



Dates to Remember

October

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
 Thursday 7 Kinder Orientation 9.10 to 11.00am
 Friday 15 Kinder Orientation 9.10- to 11.30am
 Monday 25 - Friday 6 Dec Learn to Swim program

December

Wednesday 4 Year 6 Orientation Day @
 Dungog High
 Friday 6 Year 6 Farewell @ Tocal College
 Wednesday 11 Presentation Evening @ Tocal College

Canteen News

Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers the Canteen will not be open on the following dates:

Thursday	14 November
Monday	18 November
Thursday	21 November

All efforts have been taken to prevent this from occurring, however, without volunteers the Canteen can not operate. **At this stage another volunteer is required for Thursday 12 December.** If you are able to assist please contact the office.

Canteen Roster Term 4

Thursday 24 October - Tracey Ney & David Ney

Monday 28 October - Karen Turner & Emma Maslen

Kindergarten News

Thank you to all those people who purchased Silky Oak seedlings last week. The Kindergarten children enjoyed playing shopkeepers and counting all the money afterwards. We raised \$65 which the children will donate to some worthy causes, we will keep you updated regarding our decisions. For those people who didn't get the plants they required, I am currently working on getting some more and will let you know as soon as they are available. Thank you for your patience.

In Kindergarten this week our news topic is "My Pets". Please remember that we cannot have pets at school but photos are an excellent way to share your pet with the class.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students. These students arrive in February 2014 for 3, 5 or 10 month programs in Australia. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, Canada, U.S.A, Colombia, Mexico and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501** to request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Assembly Awards 2013

Student of the Week Awards

Kinder -	Nellie Pereira
Year 1 -	Harriette Hopkins
Year 2/3 -	Kacia Rowles
Year 4/5 -	Saskia Bickerdike
Year 5/6 -	Damian Hancock

Class Awards

Lucy Thompson
Cooper Rocco
Lillian Richardson
Imogen Key
Brianna Arthur & Charlotte Wintle