

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”



## Quote of the Week

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination."

~ Roy Goodman~

## Rugby 7's



## Principals Message

Thank you to all of our families for the efficient manner in which we were able to close the school temporarily due to the risk of flooding around the district. Your prompt response to the SMS message made the task of getting the students home safely a smooth operation. We have certainly seen some interesting weather of late. Should the need to evacuate the school due to floodwaters arise again, a message will be posted on the school's website ([www.vacy-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.vacy-p.school.nsw.edu.au)) to advise whether school will be open or remain closed for the following day.

Year 6 students had a great day when they attended the JumpStart Transition day at Dungog High School last Friday. JumpStart gives the students from the outlying smaller schools an opportunity to meet with other small school students and to tour the facilities of the high school.

The 'official' Orientation Day for Dungog High School will be held on Wednesday 4 December. Again, students will need to make their own travel arrangements to attend.

This Friday 22 November nominated year 5 students will be giving their Leadership Election Speeches prior to students voting for our 2014 School Captains and Sports Captains. This is a major occasion in the school life for our senior students. Parents of our nominating students are invited to join our assembly this Friday from 2:30 pm to share in the occasion.

Our Learn to Swim program commences next Monday 25 November. We have a full complement of students from Kindergarten to Year 4 participating in this very important program. Please ensure that your child's towel and clothing items are labelled and are in a separate bag.

Don't forget the student disco being held this Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This will be a fun way for our students to celebrate the end of second semester.

Our last P&C meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 26 November starting at 7:00 pm. I will give an overview of some of the changes that the DEC is implementing and proposing for discussion.

Invitations have been extended to parents of our Year 6 students to attend the upcoming farewell dinner on Friday 6 December at Tocal College. We do require an indication of attendance and payment from parents to assist with catering and organisation of the dinner.

Regards,

Graeme

## Dates to Remember

### November

Friday 22	School and House Captain speech and voting day School Disco
Monday 25 - Friday 6 Dec	Learn to Swim program

### December

Wednesday 4	Year 6 Orientation Day @ Dungog High
Friday 6	Year 6 Farewell Dinner @ Tocal College
Wednesday 11	Presentation Evening @ Tocal College
Thursday 12	Semester Two reports sent home
Wednesday 18	Last day for students

## Canteen Roster Term 4

Thursday 21 November - Fiona Wysel & Michelle Hughes

Monday 25 November - Closed due to Learn to Swim School

## Canteen News

Thank you to Fiona Wysel & Michelle Hughes for volunteering and keeping the Canteen open this Thursday.

The Canteen will only be able to be kept open if families can volunteer some time to run it.

If you are able to assist with volunteering in the Canteen, please contact Natalie Convery on 0422318972.



## Try Rugby 7's

Last Friday 11 students from Stage 2 attended the "Try Rugby 7s" day at Marcellin Park, Lorn. It was a worthwhile day with students practising passing and kicking drills and wrapping it up with a few games of rugby. There was a noticeable improvement in students' skills with many tries being scored. Well done to all students who attended. Also, another big thank you to the parents who took the time to provide transport to and from the event. Without your help the day wouldn't have been possible.

## P&C Raffle Fundraiser

Thank you to the many families who are supporting the P&C raffle fundraiser. The prizes are fantastic. Parents are reminded that the money and raffle ticket butts can be returned to school for collection. Please ensure that they are in a labelled envelope/container so that your tickets can be verified.

## Vacy Before & After School Care

As some of you may already be aware, Kim & John Lechner will be moving out of the area early December. Kim has been the Secretary on the BASC Committee for the past 5 years and we would like to acknowledge the great job that Kim has done in volunteering her time to this role. We would also like to acknowledge the time and expertise that John has volunteered with regards to our IT issues.

Following our note home to parents regarding the role of Secretary, 2 new parents expressed interest and a meeting was held on Sunday 10 October.

### The Vacy BASC Committee:

Helen Cameron – President  
Carrie Butler – Vice President  
Alison Nicholson – Treasurer  
Karen Prior – Secretary

Please join us in welcoming both Helen and Karen to the Committee and for volunteering time out of their already busy lives to ensure that the BASC Service remains for our school.

### Programming

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday still prove to be the most popular days and have limited vacancies so please ensure you book early or secure a permanent spot to avoid disappointment.

If your child is doing dancing or gymnastics at the hall or active after school sport, please be aware that the BASC staff can take them to and from these activities as part of the service at no extra charge.

With Christmas fast approaching the children will soon commence a variety of Christmas craft activities.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the service please contact our team either in person, phone or email. All information is treated strictly confidential.

Many thanks, The Vacy School BASC Committee



## WOW DAY!

Last Wednesday, 13 November students at Vacy Public School raised \$130 for the SES.

Well done everyone!



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY



DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL'S ACCESS COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO .....

### ***MEET ME AT THE MOVIES MORNING***

to celebrate International Day of People with Disability on

**Wednesday 4th December at the James Theatre**

**SPECIAL GUEST – Ralph the Ranger will be arriving at 9.30am**

Sponsored by Port Stephens Council

International Day of People with Disability is a celebration of the abilities of people with a disability. It helps increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with a disability and reminds us how we as a community can serve and support these people.

**Movie screening will commence at 10.00am and light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the movie**

By taking part in our 'Meet me at the Movies' you are helping promote a culture of inclusion, understanding and awareness. For any enquiries please contact

Tracey Lowrey – Dungog Shire Council Community Project Officer (02) 49957777



This event is sponsored by Dungog Shire Council



**International Day for the Elimination of  
Violence Against Women**

### **Dungog Shire White Ribbon Day Breakfast**

**WHEN: Wednesday 27th November 7.30am seated 7.45am**

**WHERE: Chillbillies - 205 Dowling Street Dungog**

**COST: \$22.00 per head (hot breakfast incl juice/coffee/tea)**

**BOOKING: Tracey Lowrey 49957777 or Sarah U'Brien 49921133**

The proceedings will finish at 8.45 a.m. however we will have tea and coffee available if you wish to stay on for a while to network and catch up with colleagues.

**WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?** Each year throughout the world people gather to observe International White Ribbon Day, which falls on November 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the largest effort by men working in partnership with women to end violence against women and the white ribbon is the symbol worn on the day. (For any further information if required please phone - Dungog Shire Council, Community Project Officer Tracey Lowrey on 49957777 or Sarah U'Brien Dungog Shire Community Centre on 49921133)