

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

Quote of the Week

Don't chase people;
Be you, do your own thing and work hard.
The right people who belong in your life
will come to you, and stay.

~Kushandwizdom~

Swim School Begins!

Swim school began yesterday and the children were all very well behaved and organised. Thanks to everyone for remembering to send the children to school with their swimmers under their uniforms as it allows us to begin our lessons on time. The children were assessed yesterday and will be placed in their ability groups from today.



Principals Message

Congratulations to those students who put themselves up for election for School Leadership positions and gave some impressive speeches last Friday. Parents of the nominated students are invited to a brief meeting to hear the results of voting at 3:00pm on Wednesday 4 December in the Library. The formal announcement of School and Sports Captains will be made at our Presentation Evening.

Our Learn to Swim program commenced yesterday and continues for Week 8 and Week 9. 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.

Thank you to the students who attended the student disco held last Friday evening. Thank you also to Ms Fay, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Graham and Miss Corrigan who gave freely of their time to make this event possible.

Our last P&C meeting for the year will be held tonight Tuesday 26 November starting at 7:00 pm. On the agenda for discussion will be a brief overview of some of the changes that the DEC is implementing and proposing.

There have recently been some instances of students sharing food and money at Vacy PS. This has been addressed at school and it would be appreciated if parents would discuss this matter with your children to confirm this message.

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.

Please be aware that the school car park is for staff use between 8:00 am and 3:40 pm. It is a congested space and is not designed for in and out movements of vehicles. Parents are asked to park outside the grounds during these times.

You may have heard recently of new funding arrangements for schools that will substantively come into being in mid-2014 and of the recently released Low Socio-economic funding and Aboriginal student funding released to schools. Our school did not receive a huge windfall yet on the bright side, we did receive about \$8000 more than we have been getting.

The Year 7 Orientation Day for Dungog High School will be held on Wednesday 4 December. Students will need to make their own travel arrangements to attend.

Regards,

Graeme

IPods at School

Students are not allowed to have IPods and mobile phones at Vacy Public School. There may be circumstances where students have an iPod or mobile phone with them and these would need to be handed in to the office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

Dates to Remember

November

Tuesday 26 P & C meeting 7.00pm
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
Tuesday 10 Platinum Award Winners
Special Outing
Wednesday 11 Presentation Evening @ Tocal
College
Thursday 12 Semester Two reports sent
home
Friday 13 Gold Award Winners
Special Lunch
Wednesday 18 Last day for students

Canteen Roster Term 4

Thursday 28 November - Closed due to Learn to Swim School
Monday 2 December - Closed due to Learn to Swim School
Thursday 5 December - Closed due to Learn to Swim School

Canteen News

We still need one more canteen volunteer for Thursday 12 December. 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.



Congratulations to the following Vacy students who have gained placed in the following representative teams:

Ellie Waight - Under 13's Maitland District Netball Representative Team.

Lillie Geddes - Under 12's (Hunter Hawks) Elite Football Academy.

Zoe Butler - Under 12's (Hunter Hawks) Elite Football Academy





Bronze Award

Charlie Clarke Tallon Convery Noah Street Mikayla Preston Caitlin Burgin



Silver Award

Brigette Finlay Lucy Thompson Gypsy Rocco Scout Woller Jeremy Dupal
Bree Walker Madison McCosker Marshall Parker Charlie Watson Charlotte Parker
Isabella Grainger Sienna Holding Harriette Hopkins Natasha Lutschini Shay Deacon
Tom Priestley Archer Woller Ashley Rowe



Gold Award

Darcy Richardson Brigitte Finlay Jett Saxby Alana Waight Scout Woller
Lincoln Ney Nellie Pereira Jack Butler Tia Magri Ursula Thompson
Chandell-Rose Carroll Kasey Parker Alec Grainger Tom Doyle Mackenzie Peirce
Fletcher Pereira Kacia Rowles Ethan Lechner Jack Magri Annabelle Pereira
Chelsey Hughes Madison Hack Amelia Ney Tess Bennett Matthew Shilcock
Caitlyn Chapman Kayla Hallinan Ruby Wilson Rose Washbourne Samantha Cowley

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



**Play AFL with the
Maitland Saints Australian Football Club**

Register now for the 2014 Season

RING: Dave Bainbridge on 0411 239 814

EMAIL: registrar@maitlandsaints.org.au

VISIT: www.maitlandsaints.org.au to register your interest

Sunday games sit well with all other sports - get involved!

HUNTER STREETWISE

**COME AND LEARN TO SKATE AT THE
DUNGOG SKATEPARK**

WITH SKATEBOARDING AUSTRALIA

SKATEBOARDS AND HELMETS PROVIDED IF YOU
DON'T HAVE ONE!

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

10AM TO 12.00PM



Registrations require parent/guardian signature. For information and event updates visit / sba.org.au/hubs