

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

Quote of the Week

There's always a positive to those negative times, because you come out of it so much stronger and wiser. Strength comes from every hardship, and it's been a lesson forme.

— Christina Aguilera

Vacy Public School Disco Night



Principals Message

Our Learn to Swim program continues for all of Week 9. This is a very exhausting program for some, if not all students involved and it is very important that they are well rested for each day of the swimming school. Mrs Greaves and Mrs Graham have both remarked on the visible improvements that many students are making and it will be very important for them to keep practising their new found skills.

All manner of things are in place for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner to be held this Friday 6 December at Tocal College commencing at 6:00 pm. This is a new venue for us and we are endeavouring to ensure that we make the evening as successful as we can. With 82 guests for the evening, I think we made the right decision in moving to a larger venue.

Congratulations to the 10 students who, through their consistent endeavours at school, have been recognised as achieving Platinum level. To celebrate their achievement, they have been invited to Superstrike next Tuesday 10 December for a game of ten pin bowling followed by a hotdog, chips and drink lunch – all for free!! This is just part of the reward for always being beautifully behaved – well done.

Presentation Evening is on Wednesday 11 December 2013 at Tocal College commencing at 6:00 pm. We have made some changes to the organisation this year to ensure that the evening runs smoothly.

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

Black shoes will now be the uniform footwear for 2014, from the commencement of the 2014 school year. I know that many parents will be shopping for new school shoes for the new year and it is best to know which footwear meets our uniform code. Black leather shoes, black leather joggers or black leather girls shoes such as the ones shown in the photos meet the uniform code. No additional trim colour or sole colour or lace colour is acceptable, nor are 'Vans' type slip-ons or canvas 'volleys'.



The uniform code has been discussed at P&C and has been approved. To reach the higher levels of the Behaviour system, students must adhere to the uniform code.

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

December

Wednesday 4	Year 6 Orientation Day @ Dungog High
Friday 6	Swim School finishes 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 5 December - Closed due to Learn to Swim School

Monday 9th December - Sian Jones & Tanya Waight

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.

Second Hand Shirts

There are second hand shirts available in a range of sizes for \$12 each. These will be shirts will be good until the end of 2014. Please contact Eleesha Pereira via the school's office.

Library books

Library has ceased borrowing for 2013 and students are asked to return all books to school by Friday so that we can do a stocktake of Library resources next week.

P & C Raffle Tickets

Thank you to the many families who have supported the P&C raffle fundraiser. Parents are reminded that the money and raffle ticket butts **must be returned** to school for collection by this Friday. Please ensure that they are in a labelled envelope/container so that your tickets can be verified. The raffle prizes will be drawn at next week's Presentation Evening.

AASC TENNIS

Just a quick reminder that AASC Tennis will be happening this Thursday 5th December. It is a make-up lesson as one of the lessons were washed out earlier in the term.

Swimming School

Don't forget lunch orders are due on Wednesday (tomorrow) if your child would like to have a hot lunch on Friday. Please send order and paper bag with correct money. Any questions please speak to Mrs Greaves.

2/3 News

Homework has now finished for the year. Thank you for those that put in the effort every week to complete the homework. For a reward for Year 2/3 in-class behaviour, on Wednesday 11th December we are planning on playing board games throughout some of the day. Children are allowed to bring in board games from home.

Message from 4/5

4/5 are currently seeking newspaper donations for their Christmas craft. It would be greatly appreciated if students could bring old newspapers into school and leave them in Miss Corrigan's classroom.

Year 1 News

No homework this week for Year 1 due to assessments and swim school.

YWCA Vacation Care

School holiday fun for children aged 5-12 years

Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking

Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncl@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 6th January 2014 - Friday, 24th January 2014

Monday, 6th January	Tuesday, 7th January	Wednesday, 8th January	Thursday, 9th January	Friday, 10th January
<p>Outdoor fun Craft Summer Garden(ing) Party Can you</p>	<p>Crazy New Year Celebration Day Food Games Craft Pinata Crazy Hair Calendar making</p>	<p>MOVIE DAY "Cloudy with a chance of meatballs 2" Wear a red shirt! Refer to excursion information sheet for full details Drink & snack provided</p>	<p>Tie Dying Bring a t-shirt, pillowcase, singlet or something white to tie dye!</p>	<p>Midsummer Madness Slip 'n' Slide Water bombs at Centennial Park T-shirt/swim shirt, shorts & towel required</p>
Monday, 13th January	Tuesday, 14th January	Wednesday, 15th January	Thursday, 16th January	Friday, 17th January
<p>SuperStrike Wear a red shirt! Ten Pin Bowling</p>	<p>BLACK & WHITE DAY Fun...games...activities... come dressed in black & white!</p>	<p>Centennial Park Games Extravaganza</p>	<p>Choc Overload! Games...cooking...fun!</p>	<p>MOVIE DAY FROZEN Younger children (Under to year 2) Older children (Years 3 to 6) Splash Zone Separate excursions for older & younger children</p>
Monday, 20th January	Tuesday, 21st January	Wednesday, 22nd January	Thursday, 23rd January	Friday, 24th January
<p>THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY CHALLENGE! SURVIVOR at the Y! Can you OUTPLAY them all!</p>	<p>Time for some fun in the sun with a... BEACH EXCURSION</p>	<p>RAW ART Clay sculpting & art activities Art workshops for younger & older children</p>	<p>We are Australian... All things Aussie...games, cooking, activities, indigenous storytelling...and lots of fun!</p>	<p>Port Stephens here we come! Toboggan rides Mini golf Giant maze TOBOGGAN HILL PARK</p>

YWCA Hunter Region Inc.
24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL

CRN 555 010 881v

Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm
Scheduled program runs from
9.30am to 4.30pm

Childcare benefit/rebate available for eligible families. Contact your nearest Centrelink office for information regarding reduced fees and CRN no. prior to returning YWCA Vacation Care Enrolment Form.
Annual family enrolment fee—\$10.00

Cancellations available on selection of alternative day prior to day of care if position available. All other cancellations and/or non-attendance deemed as absent and fees will apply.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph - 4929 2954

Email - yncl@bigpond.com.au

More information - www.ywcahunterregion.org.au

Find out what's new in disability supports, services and training.

Wednesday 4 December, Newcastle Harness Racing Club, 100pm-600pm

Hear from our team of experts • Information sessions – cerebral palsy interventions and research

- Showcase of services – therapy, lifestylesupports and equipment • Interactive sport and fitness demonstrations
- Individual consultations (by appointment) • Modifications to your vehicle. Join us also if you are interested in a career in disability services. Supporting children, teenagers and adults with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities.

For more information visit cerebralpalsy.org.au/showcase2013



Proudly hosted by Dungog Shire Community Centre

This is a FREE Christmas lunch for all in our community

Everyone is welcome to join us

Enjoy some company. Individuals and families are welcome.

Relish a tasty Christmas lunch Join in some Christmas Carols.

Welcome Santa who will bring a little gift for everyone. Come along for a while or just drop in and say hello.

For more information or for help with transport call 49921133

When? Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December 11.30am to 2pm

Where? Dungog Primary School Cnr. Dowling & Chapman Streets, Dungog

Christmas Giving Tree

McElwaine Hunter Valley in conjunction with Dungog Shire Community Centre are taking on the role of Santa's helpers this year.

Both are working towards brightening the Christmas of our struggling local families, who may not, without the communities help, have a Merry Christmas. McElwaine Hunter Valley are requesting those who wish to help, place a new gift of toys or books under their Christmas tree in the office.

Every year the Community Centre have Christmas hampers which they distribute to those doing it a bit tough. This season McElwaine Valley are asking you to make sure the children of those families will have a gift to unwrap on Christmas morning.




Gifts for ages from toddlers to teenagers!

Needed by Friday 13th December

Gifts welcomed under the tree at
McElwaine Hunter Valley
119 Dowling Street Dungog

Please leave your new gift unwrapped!

This is a great cause which you can involve the whole family in and we are inviting everyone to help them to make sure those children who otherwise may not receive a gift this year, will do so. Let's all have a Merry Christmas this year!

More Information:
Call into 119 Dowling Street Dungog
or call Natasha McElwaine on 0429 308 492



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 DUNOG 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