

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

## Quote of the Week

“Anyone can hide. Facing up to things, working through them, that's what makes you strong.”

— [Sarah Dessen](#)

Year 6 Graduation Dinner



## Principals Message

Our ten Platinum level students enjoyed a fun day of bowling at Superstrike today. The reward day recognises their exemplary behaviour at school throughout the year as well as the opportunity to spend some school time bowling, the students were also treated to a hotdog, chips and drink lunch. Well deserved!

Thank you to Nathan Jenner at Superstrike Rutherford for his support of our students and our merit program.

Last Friday the Year 6 Farewell Dinner was held at Tocal College and proved to be a winner on several levels. The venue allowed us some space to spread out and the catering relieved some of the pressure on our kitchen volunteers, Nyree and Nicole, and our Year 5 waiters. The students did a great job in dressing for the occasion and special thanks goes to Mrs Fonti for the beautiful presentation and wonderful organisation.

Our Presentation Evening is on tomorrow, Wednesday 11 December 2013 at Tocal College commencing at 6:00 pm.

One of the organisational changes for this year includes a request for students to be seated with their families at the start of the evening. This will allow us to have a performing space for our dance groups to open the Presentation Evening. When the dancers have performed, students will then be asked to sit in class groups on the floor until the class awards have been presented, at which time they will then be able to return to their families to make space again for our choir to perform.

Year 6 students will have reserved seating in the front row for the entirety of the evening

Our Gold level reward event is a special lunch at school which includes chips and chicken nuggets, a drink and an ice cream. Students will be able to come together under the COLA at 12:30 this Friday, 13 December to share in this event and enjoy their reward with accompanying music.

Class parties have been set down for the last day of term, Wednesday 18 December. Class teachers will be in contact with arrangements for their class. This will also be a mufti day and this year, instead of a water fight, we are organising water fun activities in fitness groups in the middle session. Children can bring their swimmers, rash shirt and a towel and Year 6 students are asked to bring their uniform to wear at the end of the day for the bell ringing celebration to mark their last day at Vacy Public School.

Regards,  
Graeme



## Dates to Remember

### December

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 Class Parties

## Canteen Roster Term 4

Thursday 12 December - Mel Lutschini & Friend.

Monday 16th December Robyn Preston & her mum

## Canteen News

This Thursday our normal menu will operate but together with that we will be offering a "**Super Special**". Students who order chicken schnitzel burgers/salad, chicken drumsticks or burgers will receive these items at a discounted price.

## Year Six Graduation Dinner

A fabulous night was had by all last Friday at Tocal when the Year Six students and their parents joined the staff in celebrating their graduation from Vacy Public School. All of the students looked stunning and their behaviour was a credit to both their parents and their school. I would personally like to thank all of the Year Five boys and girls who helped out during the night under the guidance of Nyree Wiseman and Nicole Carter. They all did a fantastic job and looked after their Year Six peers well. I would also like to thank Glenn Butler who helped to set up on the night, Mrs Percival and Mrs Hope who assisted in putting together the Year Book and Mr Oke and the staff for their support.

Karen Fonti

## Kindergarten News

Earlier this term Kindergarten held a plant stall to raise money. We have now finalised all sales and raised \$81. The children had a range of suggestions as to how to distribute this money and I was very impressed with their understanding and commitment to a range of issues. Some options discussed included, donating the money to help save endangered animals, contributing to The Samaritans Christmas appeal, helping Maurin with education costs and using the money to help children in need in a number of different countries.

We were able to narrow down our choices and have decided to donate the money to The Samaritans and Maurin.

Well done Kindergarten, you are to be congratulated on thinking of others at this time of year.

Ms Graham

## Year One News

There is no official homework this week but I have put a Christmas list on Spell City that the children can work on if they feel like doing some work this week. Remember to click on "Find a list", type in my name Maree Greaves and that will bring up our class lists. We are collecting home readers this week so please send them in along with their Phonics lists. Library books are also due back. There will be no groups this week but I do hope all our parent helpers who have been such a great support to our programs in the Infant's room can make it along to the helper morning tea.

I have a large number of jumpers and also food containers in my room that don't seem to have names so if you are missing any please feel free to come in and have a look.

I look forward to seeing you all at Presentation Night.

Mrs Greaves

## Swim School News

Swim School finished for another year last Friday. The children enjoyed their special hot chip lunch and a session of games and activities that showed all they had learnt over the time. It was fantastic to see their confidence and skills grow over the two week period. The children really benefit from having their lessons daily and really start to see results due to this intensive training. Don't forget the pools run intensive swim classes over the Christmas period so the children can build on the skills they acquired during swim school. If you are interested contact the Maitland pool direct or access their website.

I must also congratulate the children on their behaviour during the time. On one occasion the lifeguard pulled me aside to tell me how well mannered and polite our Vacy students were. It certainly made me feel very proud. Thanks to all the mums and dads for your support over the time ensuring that the children had all their items packed and organised each day. Also thanks to our excellent instructors who delivered a well run program. Thanks also to Mrs Hope for all her help and organisation with our swim school this year.

Dear Parent & Carers

On behalf of Tammy, Lorraine, Tahneel and the BASC Committee we would like to thank you for using the services of Vacy Before & After School Care this year and would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In preparation for next year, we would be pleased if you could find the time to complete the attached survey and return it to the school before Wednesday 18 December. There is one table for before school care and one for after school care.

The children will be enjoying some special Christmas craft over the next week before BASC closes on Wednesday 18 December at 6pm. Christmas party food will also be on the program this Thursday as well as next Monday & Tuesday.

BASC will reopen at 7am on Wednesday 29 January 2014. This is the first day that the students return to school.

Should you need to contact BASC prior to 29 January, please forward an email to [vacybasc@gmail.com](mailto:vacybasc@gmail.com) - this will be checked periodically over the school holiday period. Alternatively, you can leave a message on our answering machine - P 49388450 - this will also be checked by BASC staff prior to January 29.

Best wishes  
Tammy, Lorraine, Tahneel  
BASC Committee



## SuperStrike at Rutherford

\$8 games 10.00am to 5.00pm per person. All school holidays.

Happy Hour ~ 9.00am to 10.00am

**Maitland** Ph (02) 49 321 696 57 Shipley Dr Rutherford.

## Holiday Fun - Celebration Time!

Celebrate the holidays and the start of a new year with Maitland City Library. We have heaps of exciting hands on activities for kids from 4-14 years of age. Discover interesting New Year traditions, make exciting festival decorations and New Year totems, celebrate great movies with a library scavenger hunt and decorate your own popcorn box, create a journal to mark all those special days coming up in 2014. Get creative and bring your own sock puppet to life at the fantastic *Puppet Workshop* or come along and have a great laugh with Andy Jones' *What's the Joke* show, a hilarious look at jokes and humour featuring electric drums and guitars, silly songs, chants, rhyme and comedy, culminating with a group of volunteer kids doing a stand-up comedy style delivery of their own joke!

For more information see below or visit [www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library)

## YMCA Vacation Care

The YWCA Hunter Region Inc will be conducting its regular vacation care program for children aged 5 to 12 years during the upcoming school holiday period commencing Monday, 6th January 2014 to Friday, 24th January 2014. This program may be useful to some families of your school community for parents who have work commitments during the school holiday period as the YWCA centre is located at 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill which is within close proximity of the Newcastle CBD area.

It would be appreciated if you could include the attached flyer in your regular school newsletter and/or display same in a prominent location within your school for the information of parents. We look forward to providing this valuable service to families of your school community during the upcoming school holiday period.

Nina Aubin, YWCA Hunter Region Inc, Ph - (02) 4929 2954, 24 Dawson Street COOKS HILL NSW 2300  
Email - [admin.ywcahunter@bigpond.com](mailto:admin.ywcahunter@bigpond.com)

## Women's Self Defence Training Day

A Women's Self Defence Training day is going to be held in the first term of next year at the Vacy hall. Peter Kirkwood who has a 6 degree black belt with 28 years' experience will be the instructor for the day.

If you are interested in attending this day please ring Kate Gillespie on 0407 485 321.

# Year 6 Graduation Dinner

