

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

786 Gresford Road, Vacy 2421  
www.vacy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Tuesday 12 February 2013  
Ph: 0249388153

Mobile :0438388153

Principal: Mr Graeme Oke



## "Friendship and Learning"

### Principal's Message

Welcome to our new families, our new Kinders and all of our returning students. 2013 promises to be another great year for our students as we build upon the achievements of 2012. We have grown to 108 students which means that we have 5 classes this year. Our class structure has been carefully considered and we believe that it is the best fit for Vacy Public School.

Welcome also to our new staff. Mrs Vicki Watson will be working in the Library on Tuesdays as a School Administration Officer, Mrs Amanda Percival was selected to replace Mrs Marg Clark as the School Learning Support Officer, Ms Sue Graham will share the teaching role with Year 2/3, as well as Release from Face-To-Face teacher for Kindergarten and Year 2/3. And also to Mrs Tammy Crouch to Before and After School Care. Welcome back to Ms Alicia Fay who returns from maternity leave part-time to share the teaching role with Year 2/3.

My role this year will be as the Release from Face-To-Face (RFF) teacher for Year 1, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 as well as providing support to class teachers as the Learning Assistance Support Teacher (LAST) for literacy and numeracy. I will also be the school's Computer Co-ordinator and Behaviour Support teacher.

We are delighted to introduce an exciting new program to the school, Creative Opportunity Workshops (COWs), which will run on Wednesday afternoons and offers students a range of Creative and Practical Arts activities that they can choose to participate in. COWs will be launched tomorrow and students have been made aware of the activities and made their selections today. We'd love to hear any feedback on this program.

Thank you to all of the families who have paid their fees to the school. Your prompt attention to this has been welcomed by all.

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you on Wednesday evening at our Parent Information Night and P&C Welcome Barbecue. Thank you to Glenn Butler and the many volunteers who have offered to assist with the barbecue.

Regards,  
Graeme

### Quote of the Week

Ability is what you're capable of doing.  
Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it.  
- Lou Holtz



### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 8/02/13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Bree Walker
1	Natasha Lutschini
2-3	Nathaniel Chapman
4-5	Amy Magri
5-6	Elijah Ray
CLASS AWARDS	
K	Madison McCosker
1	Jack Miller
2	Connor Fernance
3	Alec Grainger
4	Shay Deacon
5	Joseph Ford & Tess Bennett
6	Jacob Jessop

### Dates to Remember

#### February

Wed 13 - Parent Information sessions & BBQ  
- Drumming lessons begins  
Thur 14 - Swimming Carnival at Kurri  
Years 3-6 10am to 2pm  
Wed 20 - P & C meeting 7pm  
Thur 22 - Hunter Surf Life Saving at  
Nobbys Beach Years 3 to 6  
Stockton excursion K/1/2

## Class News



### Kindergarten

A huge thank you to the wonderful Year 6 buddies for their tremendous work helping Kindergarten settle into school routines. I congratulate our mature, responsible Year 6 students on a job well done.

Kindergarten are enjoying another busy week of school. This week a note asking for parent helpers for literacy and numeracy groups will come home, I hope you can join us. Also this week we will be having ( weather permitting ) our water activities day, please pay attention to what your child needs for this day, read segment titled 'Water Activities Day'. I look forward to seeing parents at the information session on Wednesday afternoon.

### Year 1

Thanks for making sure your children have correct footwear each day and some healthy fruit or vegetables for Sip and Crunch. The children have been given a note to explain about the website SpellingCity which I have subscribed to. The children are welcome to use this method to learn their spelling words each week. Simply record this on their Homework Record Sheet. Home Readers will begin when the children have returned their Home Reader Agreement note and brought in their plastic zip lock folder to take the books home in. Please remember the children need to have two separate plastic zip lock folders, one as a communication folder and one for their Home Readers. At the Parent Information sessions I will explain to you our routines and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you all then.

### 2/3

Children in 2/3 are settling in well to their routines. Thank you to all those who returned their homework, keep up the great work. I would like to remind everyone that the Parent Information night is being held this Wednesday. Both Sue and I will be available to discuss any issues of concerns you may have about your child or the class structure. This week's news is free choice again. Next week's news topic will be "My Family". Students will be asked to talk about their family and a special celebration that they celebrate, birthdays, cultural or religious celebrations. Something that is special to them and their family. I will send a note home later this week.

The swimming carnival is on this Thursday for all Year 3 students. Year 2 students not attending the swimming carnival will be participating in water activities at school. Please ensure you have returned permission notes.

### 4/5

We have had a great week further implementing our new routines in 4/5. It has been encouraging seeing so many

students bring back their homework on Friday to receive extra points on our class merit chart. Hopefully this organisation will continue throughout the year. There are a few upcoming events this week that students and parents need to be aware of. These include the swimming carnival, commencement of drumming and the parent info session on Wednesday night. The 4/5 session starts at 6:30pm and finishes at approximately 7:00pm. Parents with students in year 5 are also encouraged to attend the 5/6 timeslot to receive further information regarding camp.

### 5/6

Again, another settled week of work for the 5/6 class. This week is a very busy one for us all beginning with our **parent information session on Wednesday (7pm start for 5/6)**. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday as there are many important items to be discussed regarding your child's senior years at school. Secondly, our school swimming carnival is on this Thursday at Kurri Pool. All students are expected to attend the event even if they are not confident swimmers as there will be a chance for everyone on the day to get in the water. It is also important that the students support each other and be there to cheer each other on. Lastly, I apologise for the confusion caused last week regarding the mix up of dates in my introduction letter to you all. The **Year Six Young Leaders Conference in Sydney is on Monday 25th March** not the 26th as stated. More information will be given out about the event in the near future.

## School News

### Drumming Lessons

Drumming lessons will commence tomorrow for those children who have paid and completed the permission note.

### Travelling By Bus

Parents are reminded that it is a legal requirement that all students use the seat belts provided if fitted on the bus. Please discuss this with your child.

### Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is due to take place on Thursday 14 February 2013. This will be held Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre and all students from Years Three to Six will be required to attend. Any students who are in Year Two, are competent swimmers and turn eight this year are also invited. A permission note for this activity is included with today's newsletter. The Infants classes will have a water play/ activity time at school on that day. More information on what the children will need to bring to school that day will come home soon.

## Surf Safety Excursion

Our Surf safety day that was cancelled last year because of bad weather has been rescheduled and will take place on 22 February 2013. This is a great day and one which provides invaluable safety lessons for the students that may one day save their life. The students from Years Three to Six will attend this day and it is free of charge. The Infants will have an excursion to Stockton by ferry and will meet up with the rest of the school later in the day. Permission notes are included with the newsletter.

## Water Activities

This Thursday is our Water Activities day for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students ( not going to swimming carnival ) to recap the note sent home last week, students need to wear their swimmers to school under their school uniform and they will need a rash shirt, hat and water proof shoes or thongs to participate in activities. Students will need a towel and underwear to change into after activities. Recess and lunch will be as usual.

## Canteen News

### Canteen Roster



<b>Thursday 14 February</b>	Belinda Geddes Fiona Baker
<b>Monday 18 February</b>	Kristie Roberti Carrie Butler

## Parent Information Evening

This will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2013. At these sessions the relevant teachers will outline their class routines for 2013 and give you general information pertaining to the class. The times for the sessions are

Kindergarten 5.00 – 5.30

Year 1- 5.30-6.00

Year 2/3- 6.00-6.30

Year 4/5- 6.30-7.00

Year 5/6-7.00-7.30

**Please note that parents of Year 5 children who are in the 4/5 class are also required to attend 5/6 parent meeting as there will be things that are relevant only to Stage Three, such as their excursion, discussed at this meeting.**

The P&C will run the BBQ from 5-7 pm for those parents who wish to have a sausage sandwich either before or after their information session. They will require some helpers for the night and would appreciate a general idea of numbers and a note will

come home soon regarding this.

As the teachers will be busy with their sessions or helping with the running of the night there will be no supervision of children provided.

This is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and some of the other parents from the school.

We hope to see you there.



## Community News

### LARGS PUBLIC SCHOOL

#### TRIVIA NIGHT!

22ND MARCH 2013 7PM

LARGS SCHOOL OF ARTS

TICKETS FOR SALE AT LARGS PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE

TABLES OF 10 - \$10 PER HEAD.

B.Y.O NIBBLES AND ALCOHOL

(NO CHILDREN UNDER 18)

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO

ESTABLISH WI-FI AND THE PURCHASE IPADS FOR CLASS USE.

## Learn locally in 2013

Get on the **Dungog Community College** mailing list and be first to get confirmed dates, times & other details.

### **"Yes you can" with these skills and lifestyle courses:**

February - Day In The Roses (learn to care, cut, show, sketch & cook with roses) at Mount Rivers. March - First Aid, Cheesemaking, Art-Photography masterclass, & some short practical computer courses. April - Drawing The River in Claro, Begin Golf, Pack A Perfect Picnic, and Holiday Shenanigans.

Belly Dancing starts late Feb. Begin Yoga starts early March.

Cook A Wood-fired Pizza is on every month. Culture A Love Story (talks with panache) is on occasional Thursdays.

### **"Upgrade your career" with these Certificate courses**

(depending on subsidy from State Training Services): Cert III/Diploma of Children's Services, Small Business Skill Set, Cert IV Training & Assessment, Home And Community Care upgrade, Medications skill set.

email: [education@dins.org.au](mailto:education@dins.org.au).

Website: [www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au](http://www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au).



Join Maitland Hockey Association's

## Hook into Hockey Program

*Suits Boys & Girls U6 to U16 years of age*

**Starts:** Wednesday 27 February to Wednesday 13 March 2013

**Time:** U6~U10yrs – 5:00pm to 6:00pm

U11 ~ U16yrs – 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park

Elgin Street, Maitland

**Cost:** \$60.00 includes Shin pads, stick, ball and mouthguard



## Play Hockey this Winter

Registration Day on Thursday 28 Feb 2013

Juniors (U6 – U16) – 5pm to 6pm

Women's – 6pm to 7pm

**FUN, SAFE, ONE PLACE, ONE TIME**

Further information and registration forms are available on our website: [www.maitlandhockey.org.au](http://www.maitlandhockey.org.au)  
OR contact Ros Sherlock 02 4933 5927 or Steven Orchard 0421 831 309

**MAITLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

## Dungog Junior Rugby League

Our first joint training session will be on Wednesday 13th February @ 4.00pm. This will take place at Bennett Park and all players, coaches and parents are more than welcome to come along.

This is also a time that registration will be available for players not yet registered.

## GUITAR and BASS TUITION

with

**ERIC.T.LOI**

All styles and levels

Beginners to Advanced

Studios located in Largs and East Maitland

Phone: 0419642096/49301669

Email: [ericloimusic@bigpond.com](mailto:ericloimusic@bigpond.com)

## VACY AND GRESFORD DANCE CENTRE Vacy School of Arts Gresford School of Arts



### CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Jazz Tap Ballet

Gymnastics Hip-Hop

Cheerleading Zumba

For all enquires contact Brooke Holz

Phone: 0437354577

Email: [brookedance@bigpond.com](mailto:brookedance@bigpond.com)

## YOGA

People who have not tried yoga have an idea that you need to be able to tie yourself in knots to do it. Not so (haha)! If you have never been flexible or have lost your flexibility the good news is you can improve from there. A student who begins the practice of yoga has much more potential for improvement than the student who can already fold in half! This class is perfect for anyone wanting to try yoga (or maybe Tuesday mornings just suit you!). The class is suitable for any age, male or female.

**Local "guru" Donna Cavanaugh** has been a yoga lover for nearly 25 years and a teacher for 13. She teaches in a relaxed, cheerful but focused way. She uses props (mats, blankets, bolsters and blocks to help each student access each yoga posture to the best of their ability. Donna has students in their 70s and 80s practising in Gresford – and the class has nearly as many men as women.

**When:** Every Tuesday - 10.30am-noon during term time.

**Where:** Games room at the Dungog RSL.

**Cost:** Casual classes \$17/class. Term \$15/14 per class (price to be confirmed).

**What to wear:** Comfortable stretchy clothing (tracksuits are quite good). All equipment is provided but you can bring your own yoga mat and equipment if you wish.

**Rating:** *For beginners or those wanting to consolidate. Perfect if you're not sure but want to give it a serious go.*