

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

Principal's Message

It was terrific to see so many families in attendance at the Parent Information Night and P&C Welcome Barbecue last Wednesday. Thank you to Glenn Butler and Kristie Roberti for their organisation and help with the barbecue.

With today's newsletter there is a Computer Technology Survey for parents of students in Years 1 to 6. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate one of the identified priority areas of our 2012-2014 School Plan. This evaluation is also used to provide information on the Annual School Report. Your assistance in completing and returning the survey to school by Wednesday 27 February would be gratefully appreciated.

Classes have elected Student Representative Councillors (SRC) for Term 1 and Tom Doyle, Lillian Richardson, Kyle Lechner, Libby Cant and Tom Priestley were presented with their badges at last week's assembly. They will join with our Captains, Zoe and Liam for a meeting today to consider activities and matters for this term.

At last week's assembly, Bus Monitors for Term 1 were presented with their badges. The monitors are Kayla Hallinan, Nalani Basham, Ruby Wilson and Jacob Jessop. The monitors have a role in supporting the bus drivers and maintaining the safe and orderly bus travel that we have worked hard to establish.

Just a reminder that the P&C Meeting will be held in the staffroom tomorrow night (Wednesday 20 February) commencing at 7:00 pm. Wendy Franklin from Tocal Field Day will be discussing our involvement in the Field Day. Hope to see you there.

Our Creative Opportunity Workshops (COWs), started last Wednesday afternoon and students are enjoying a range of Creative and Practical Arts activities including dance, drama, cooking, embroidery, crochet, juggling, popstick craft, blogging and animation. COWs continues each Wednesday afternoon throughout this term. We'd love to hear any feedback on this program.

It was wonderful to witness the healthy rivalry between our sporting house, Cory and Gostwyck at the Swimming Carnival. Well done to Gostwyck house on taking the honours on the day.

Regards,
Graeme

Breaking News!!!

I have just received word that the demountable classroom will be placed on site tomorrow! Once services are supplied and installed, our 4/5 classroom will be in operation. Hopefully that will be very soon.

Quote of the Week

There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering.

~ Theodore Roosevelt



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 15/02/13

	STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
K	Chandell-Rose Carroll
1	Charlotte Parker
2-3	Jessica Johnson
4-5	Daniel Jessop
5-6	Caitlyn Chapman

	CLASS AWARDS
K	Charlie Watson
1	Hayden Wilson
2	Seth Deacon
3	Jayden Street
4	Zac Rocco
5	Bailey Rowe
6	Matthew Shilcock

Dates to Remember

February

Wed 20 - P & C meeting 7pm

Fri 22 - Hunter Surf Life Saving at Nobbys Beach
Years 3 to 6
Stockton excursion K/1/2

Wed 27 - Zone Swimming

March

Wed 6 - Binless Day

Thu 7 - Regional Swimming

Fri 15 - 3/4 Soccer Gala Day at Gresford

Thu 21 - Harmony Day

Mon 25 - Young Leaders Conference

Class News



Kindergarten

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students had lots of fun at our water activities day last Thursday. We ran water relays, played over and under with sponges, had water sack races and slid on a water slide. We laid our towels out in the COLA and had a lovely picnic lunch.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help with Literacy and Numeracy groups this term. A parent helper roster will go home at the end of this week. This Friday is our excursion to Stockton, weather permitting, please ensure your child has enough food and drinks for the day, school uniform including hat, a raincoat (just in case) and comfortable shoes (sneakers) for our walk from Queens Wharf to Nobby's Beach. If the weather is not suitable for the excursion normal routines at school will take place. A note detailing "News" went home last week, so one day a week your child will have the opportunity to share something with K/1.

Year 1

Great to see lots of children learning their spelling lists using SpellCity. Lots of good results in our quiz on Friday! I have entered the students on Studyladder and they will be sent home their details to log in next week. These will be glued into their Homework book on Monday. Thanks to all who indicated they would like to help with our groups. A roster will come home soon. Readers will come home this week on your child's news day.

Please remember they must have a folder and their agreement note signed to start. We had lots of fun doing water play last week and are now looking forward to our excursion to Newcastle.

Year 2/3

This week and next week's news topic is families. Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent information night. It was lovely to see familiar faces and meet new parents. Once again feel free to speak to Sue or me whenever you feel it necessary. The transport excursion to Newcastle is this Friday. Please ensure you have returned the permission note. Please read the note to ensure your child has packed everything required for the day.

Year 4/5

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come to the parent info night. It was a lovely evening and I hope you got some insight into the classroom of your child. The swimming carnival was another success with all students jumping into the pool to support their house. It was great to see everyone in our class giving it a go. I have encouraged the 4/5 students to start bringing some recyclables into class. Things like empty boxes and washed out meat trays are very useful. It would be terrific if you

are able to supply our class with a small amount of these for science and art activities.

Year 5/6

Congratulations to all the 5/6 students who participated in the swimming carnival events last week. I was very proud of all your achievements. This week notes will be going home regarding the Year Six shirts that Mrs Falk has kindly volunteered to organise for our 2013 graduating students. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the information evening last Wednesday night. If you were unable to come and need to contact me about anything, my release time is Thursday morning from 9-11am and I would be glad to meet with you if you are having any concerns about your child. Congratulations to Libby and Tom who are our Year 5 and Year 6 SRC representatives for Term One.

Could all students please remember to bring a cardboard box of any size for our science experiment on Thursday.

School News

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.

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.

Active After Schools Communities

A.A.S.C. Tennis starts this Thursday, 21 February 2013, from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Hockey will commence next Tuesday 26 February, from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

A note indicating students acceptance into each program will be sent home tomorrow.

Canteen News

Due to the increase in our enrolment numbers we still require volunteers for our Thursday roster. If you are able to volunteer one day a month please phone Eleesha Pereira on 4938 5046.



The canteen ladies have requested that when filling out orders please include full name and class of your child.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 21 February	Eleesha Pereira Tim Carter
Monday 25 February	Tanya Waight Wendy Farrow

Water Activities



Community News



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

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

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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.

Maitland Saints Australian Football Club

Registration Day Sunday February 24, 2013

10am to 2pm

**Max McMahon Oval, Weblands Street,
Rutherford**

For boys aged 4 to 17,
girls aged 4 to 14 - Sunday games
Come and try a great new game in the
Maitland area
All welcome!

Enquiries to www.maitlandsaints.org.au

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
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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 Cavanough 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.*

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