

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

Principal's Message

Miss Corrigan and Year 4/5 have finally moved into their 'new' classroom. The room includes a new SmartBoard that has many new features that the class are exploring. This has been made possible thanks to another significant contribution by the P&C. The new carpet and internal painting give the room a welcoming feel, very conducive to learning. This also means that Library lessons and borrowing will recommence. See the 'Library News' section later in this newsletter.

Last week I attended a cheque presentation at the Dungog IGA as part of their Community Chest program. This is a great way to support local clubs and groups and the school received \$408 from the Community Chest. Please support the local business that supports the school.

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 27 March in the staffroom, commencing at 7:00 pm and will then be followed by a general meeting. We had a terrific number of parents in attendance at our February meeting and look forward to a similar rollout tomorrow night.

Congratulations to Zoe Butler and Ashley Rowe who were selected in the Maitland Zone Football team. Zoe and Ashley go on to contest at the Hunter Regional Selection trials. Well done to all of our students who went along to Zone trials last Friday.

The Total Field Days will run from 3-5 May 2013 and Vacy P&C will be coordinating the Craft section. Can you help by giving just 2 hours to support the P&C and ultimately the students? To volunteer your assistance, contact Glenn Butler or the office.

Thank you and well done to Ms Fay for a wonderful Harmony Day celebration and special morning tea. A big thanks to Fritz Woller and Nicole Carter for giving up their time to give entertaining insights into other cultures.

We have reviewed our procedures when students are to be collected by someone other than their parents. The new procedures are as follows – parents are asked to advise the nominated pick-up adult to present at the office with ID and wait in the foyer to collect the student/s. The student/s will be notified, via the 'bus and walkers' book, that they will be collected from the office and will walk down with the walkers group. This is being done in the interests of students' welfare and safety.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

*I can accept failure.
Everyone fails at something.
But I can't accept not trying.
~ Michael Jordan*

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 22/03/13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Nellie Pereira
1	Sienna Holding
2-3	Annabelle Pereira
4-5	Jorgia Watts
5-6	Ashley Rowe

CLASS AWARDS	
K	Jett Saxby
1	Charlotte Parker
2	Alec Grainger
3	Jack Magri
4	Imogen Key
5	Shawn Pillidge
6	Chelsey Hughes

Dates to Remember

March

Wednesday 27

P & C AGM

Thursday 28

Easter Service

Friday 29

Good Friday

April

Monday 1

Easter Monday

Thursday 11

Canteen's Bolognaise Day

Friday 12

Mufti Day—Last Day Term 1

Class News



Kindergarten

There will be no groups on Thursday this week due to our Easter Activities. There are no sight word flash cards this week due to short week, please continue to revise sight words and sounds at home.

I would like to wish students and families a happy, safe Easter break.

Year 1

We had great fun running the Cross Country last week and we have some very enthusiastic little athletes developing in the Year One class. Harmony day saw us learning lots of interesting facts about Cambodia and Germany from Mrs Carter and Mr Woller and we had lots of fun dressing our paper people in their national costumes. Thanks to our guest speakers for their informative presentations and to Ms Fay for her organisation of the day.

We are now looking forward to our Easter Service and morning tea and of course the raffle. As it is a short week we will not have a spelling list for homework but the children can still change their readers and phonics word lists on their news day. (If your child has news on Friday we will change theirs on Thursday if they put them in the tray).

Year 2/3

Year 3 Science assignments are due Thursday 4 April 2013. I would like to wish all 2/3 a Happy and Safe Easter and look forward to seeing you well rested after the break.

Year 4/5

4/5 would just like to thank Ms Fay for organising Harmony Day. We enjoyed learning about other cultures and especially enjoyed munching on the yummy treats. Thanks to Mr Woller and Mrs Carter for coming in to share their interesting stories.

On Thursday 4/5 will be participating in the schools Easter activities. Please see the rest of the newsletter for further information.

Year 4 Science assignments are due Thursday 4 April 2013.

Year 5/6

What a great day was had by all yesterday at the Young Leaders Conference for 2013. I, along with Mr Oke, had the privilege of taking all our Year Six leaders to this special day and may I say it was a privilege. Your behaviour was outstanding and I was very proud of the way you represented our school throughout the day.

Congratulations to all the students in 5/6 for participating in our cross country carnival last Wednesday. You all did very well to complete the 3km run and quite a few of you will get to proceed to the next stage (Zone) before the end of term.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Ana Lutschini who has broken her ankle and is stuck at home for a while. We miss you Ana and hope that you are feeling better soon.

Lastly, a big congratulations to Ashley and Zoe who have progressed to the next stage of the P.S.S.A. soccer tryouts

which will be held at Mayfield on 12 April. We wish you both well and hope that you both make the team.



School News

Easter Activities

This year Vacy School will celebrate Easter on Thursday 28th March 2013. All raffles tickets, sold and unsold, need to be handed to the office ASAP.

We invite parents and friends to join us for a hot cross bun morning tea at 11am.

At 11.30am we will be having our Easter scripture service in the K/1/2 room. Following this we will congregate in the COLA to draw our Easter raffle. K/1/2 will sing Easter songs to conclude our celebration.

Due to the Hot Cross Bun morning tea this Thursday 28th March, no other food will be available from the canteen at recess.

Act of Kindness

Jack, Tia and Amy Magri have been busy working hard in their community. They have been spending their own time collecting eggs and selling them to people in the community. Today they came into school with a surprise monetary donation to Maurin, the school's sponsor child. So far they have raised \$60.00 and are looking forward to raising more throughout the year.

A big thank you to Jack, Tia and Amy for your effort and kindness.



Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete at the Zone Cross Country Carnival to be held at Tocal on Thursday 4 April 2013.

8/9yrs	Girls	Boys
	Mackenzie Peirce Shay Deacon Amy Magri Lillian Richardson	Alec Grainger Ethan Lechner Jayden Street Aiden Johnson
10yrs	Lillie Geddes Imogen Key Chloe Reid Josie Waight	Max Wysel Hayden Reid Zac Rocco Daniel Jessop
11yrs	Zoe Butler Libby Cant Tess Bennett Nalani Basham	Shawn Pillidge Mitchell Carter Jasper Lloyd Archer Woller
12yrs	Ellie Waight Madison Hack Kayla Hallinan Chelsey Hughes	Ashley Rowe Liam Key Matt Shilcock Tom Priestley

Active After Schools Communities

A.A.S.C. Tennis continues Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Hockey is on Tuesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Premier's Reading Challenge News

Keep on reading and entering your books. If you are unsure of how to do this please try the following.

1. Go to your Student Portal.
2. Go to Learning section
3. Click on more
4. Click on Premier's Reading

This will then allow you to access book lists, your reading record, rules and lots more. If you are still having difficulties please see Mrs Greaves.

SRC News

Our Student Representative Councillors (SRC) for Term 1 are organising a range of games and activities for students to participate in at lunchtime. This week, Libby will be organising colouring in and next week Tom will organise basketball games for those interested.

NSW Police Force

Central Hunter Police Command has reported a recent trend in break and enters of remote schools, that is schools located outside the major CBD's. Parents and students are asked to be vigilant in reporting any unusual activity, recording registration numbers of vehicles seen around schools particularly at night.

Paterson Rotary and Vacy P&C Working Bee

Paterson Rotary has kindly donated \$2000 and their labour force to the school for a school grounds project.

Our plan is to construct six raised garden beds and boxes for the fruit trees, install an irrigation sprinkler system to all beds and trees, dig holes and set posts for a plant propagation shed, dig a trench for pipes to be laid to gravity feed the irrigation system from a proposed water tank and backfill the trench.

Six members from Rotary will be here from 9:00am on Sunday 8 April and more members will arrive to prepare a barbecue lunch at 1:00 pm as we finish.

Can you spare a few hours on Sunday morning to help in any way, shape or form to make our project a reality? All offers of help will be gratefully received. We hope to see you there.

Library News

Library borrowing recommences this week!

Library days are as follows:

Monday – Year 4/5

Tuesday – Year 2/3

Wednesday – Kindergarten

Thursday – Year 5/6 and Year 1

Please ensure that your child has a borrowing bag on their assigned Library day and that they return their books regularly.

Canteen News

Thursday 28 - Hot Cross Buns only available for recess.

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.



Canteen Roster

Recess & Lunch Orders

When ordering both recess and lunch please write orders on separate bags with your child's full name and class.

Thursday 28 March	Michelle Hughes Fiona Wysel
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday

Photocopier for Tender

The school has for tender a black and white Toshiba e-studio 280, photocopier that is surplus to our needs. If you would like to view the photocopier, contact the school to arrange a convenient time. Tenders close Friday 5th April at 4.00pm. Written submissions may be left at the office.



Community News

Newcastle Youth Orchestra

The **Newcastle Youth Orchestra** presents their launch concert **KIDS CLASSICS** at the Civic Theatre on Sunday the 7th of April at 2pm. This concert explores the amazing power of storytelling with children's classics such as: The Nutcracker Suite, Hall of the Mountain King, William Tell Overture and more! This will be the first concert by the Newcastle Youth Orchestra, an orchestra composed of talented young musicians between 14 and 25 years from the Newcastle region. With magical special guests, this is a fantastic way to introduce your children to classical music. Please come and help us celebrate this wonderful event. Tickets are available from Ticketek Adults \$29, Concession \$25, Child (under 16) \$19 and Family Ticket \$76 (2 adults and 2 children). www.nyo.com.au

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides! At your local Girl Guide unit For girls aged 7-18 years

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings in your area

Please email

coastalvalleysgirlguides@live.com.au or
call **13004475484**

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

**HAVING FUN TODAY -
LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..**



PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB INC.
ABN: 43 068 160 573
P.O. Box 136
Paterson N.S.W. 2421

Players Needed!

Paterson River Netball Club is looking for 2 girls to play in an Under 11's team.

If you are turning 10 or 11 this year & would like to join us please call Melisa Smith (Team Manager) 49385565.

There may still be vacancies in other teams, if you would like to find out more please call Melisa.

Paterson River Netball Club Melisa Smith 49385565 or
Sue 0429385442

First Aid Certificate

Learn all aspects of routine first aid, to a certificate standard. What's covered: CPR for adults and infants, fractures, sprains, burns, control of bleeding, responding to heart attack, asthma, snakebites and exposure, and much more. Do CPR on dummies, make slings, ask questions. All led by experienced district local Sonja Medcalf (Registered Training Organisation Parasol Ltd).

You can also renew your current certificate on this course.

Note: *Students without a current certificate are required to complete a workbook prior to the commencement of the course.*

Over two evenings, Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th April 2013, 6-9pm, Paterson School Of Arts. Cost: full course \$160; re-certification \$140. Accreditation level: HLTFA301B – also known as Senior First Aid Certificate or Apply First Aid.

Booking essential. Just contact Dungog Community College. Learn locally; get safe.

www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au;

education@dins.org.au or 4992 1133. (We are also offering the certificate in a one-day course in Dungog on 18 March.)

School Holiday Netball Development Clinic

Registrations NOW OPEN

For children turning 9-12 years in 2013

Are you passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills? Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au



Blackbutt bush rangers!

The Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger program brings kids back to nature. This school holidays kids will build a shelter, paint a boomerang, hunt for animals, and have a photo with a reptile for a take home bookmark!

Dates: 15 - 19 April 2013

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Location: Richley Reserve

Fees apply and bookings are essential.

For further information please contact:
Blackbutt Reserve Office - **4904 3344** or visit
www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

