

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

Principal's Message

At the P & C Annual General Meeting held last Wednesday 27 March, office bearers were elected for 2013. Glenn Butler was returned as President, as was Vice President Matt Grainger and Treasurer Tanya Waight. Unfortunately, the position as Secretary remains unfilled and I would ask everyone to seriously consider taking on this role. There is support and assistance available and the P&C meets twice each term.

The P & C will also be holding a working bee this Sunday, 7 April from 9:00am to 1:00 pm for grounds improvements. The Paterson Rotary Club has donated \$2000 which is being used to purchase timber for garden beds. They will also provide a barbecue lunch. If you can help on the day, bring a shovel, wheelbarrow and a willingness to help. (Don't forget that Daylight Savings finishes this Saturday 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 at Mayfield next Friday, 12 April. We wish them the very best.

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 Mrs Rogers for organising our Easter celebrations and hot cross bun morning tea. Thanks also to our canteen helpers for their preparation and our SRE leaders for a wonderful combined Easter service.

I will be attending the annual Hunter/Central Coast Principals' Conference this Thursday 4 April and Friday 5 April. Among the speakers will be the Director-General of Education, Dr Michelle Bruniges and the Deputy Director-General, Greg Prior. They will be advising on recent structural changes to the Department of Education and Communities and the effects these changes will have on schools.

Congratulations to the Lambert family on their success at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. They were awarded two Champion birds, two best female silver pencil pullets, two grand champions and one best male buff Columbian cockerel. Well done Jackson, Brendan and family.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Circumstances may cause interruptions or delays, but never lose sight of the goal. Prepare yourself in every way you can by increasing your knowledge and adding to your experience, so that you can make the most of opportunity when it occurs.

~ Mario Andretti

ICAS Tests

All students in Years 3 to 6 were invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). All students who wish to participate need to return their permission form and money by Friday 5 April 2013. Unfortunately, notes received after this date will not be included for this year's tests and will be returned to the student.

Out of Uniform /Mufti Day

The last day of term, Friday 12 April 2013, will be an out of uniform day to raise money for our Sponsor child, Maurin. Students are reminded to wear closed in shoes, shirts with sleeves that cover shoulders and to wear a hat. Students will be asked to make a gold coin donation to assist with the fundraising efforts.

Dates to Remember

April

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| Monday 1 | Easter Monday |
| Friday 5 | I.C.A.S. due back |
| Thursday 11 | Canteen Bolognaise Day |
| Friday 12 | Mufti Day—Last Day Term 1 |
| Monday 29 | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 30 | Staff Development Day |

May

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| Wednesday 1 | All Students return |
| Thursday 9 | Mothers Day Stall |

Class News



Kindergarten

Tomorrow students will borrow books from the library for the first time. Students will need to return books next Tuesday in order to borrow again next Wednesday. This will be the library routine this year. Please continue to revise sight words and sounds at home. Due to the short week last week I did not collect homework books, I will collect them this Friday for marking.

Year 1

Congratulations to K/1/2 for the great job they did of singing our Easter songs. Well done to Layla for winning the colouring in competition. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter. Back into routine this week with spelling words coming home today. Library has started and will be on Thursdays, please ensure the children have their bag for borrowing on this day.

Year 2/3

I hope everyone had a good Easter. Year 3 science assignments are due this Thursday. I have been made aware that some students are attending zone on that day. For those students assignments can be brought in on Wednesday or Friday. News for the last two weeks or term and the first two weeks back after school holidays is free choice. The library is now open for borrowing. 2/3's library day is Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a library bag for borrowing.

Don't forget to swap over your home readers.

Year 4/5

I was happy to hear that everyone had a safe and relaxing Easter break with lots of surprises from the Easter bunny. Congratulations to all of the Easter raffle winners from 4/5. Just a quick reminder that our mini project is due next Monday, 8th of March. If students need any extra time they can bring a USB to school on Friday.

Year 5/6

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you all had a relaxing and safe Easter break. This week I am going to be away for three days because my daughter is going into hospital for an operation. Mr Michael Incze will be taking my class in my absence and I have left him plenty of work that follows my program for the students to complete.

A reminder that camp permission notes are due back before the end term along with a \$100 deposit. This will then enable us to get a final costing on our trip.

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, Tom will be organising cricket games and next week Tom and Kyle will organise soccer games for those interested.

School News

Changed Pick-up Arrangements

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.

Zone Cross Country

Students who have gained selection to compete at the Zone Cross Country this Thursday 4 April 2013, should have already returned their permission notes to be eligible to compete. Parents will need to organise transport to and from Tocal Agricultural College for their child. There will be no school organised transport for this event. Mrs Greaves will meet the students at the event but as teaching staff are required to help run the event there will be no teacher supervision and parents will need to supervise their own child. This year there is a small cost \$1.00 that students need to pay to the office before Thursday.

Active After Schools Communities

The last session for **hockey** will be held on **Tuesday 9 April 2013**. This week will be the last session for tennis. There will be no more **tennis** lessons after **Thursday 4 April 2013**. During Term 2 the AASCP program will offer netball on Monday for Years Kinder to Year 2 and Tuesday for Years 3 to 6. There are still some places left on both days. The netball program is open for both boys and girls.

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.

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 7 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

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

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| Thursday 4 | Eleesha Pereira David/Tracey Ney |
| Monday 8 April | Carrie Butler Karen Turner |

Canteen Special Day

Thursday 11 April 2013 - Spaghetti Bolognaise served with Garlic Bread for just \$2.00. There will be no other items for sale at lunch time. Recess will be as normal from the canteen menu.

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

Maitland City Library April Holiday Fun

Investigate your world

Microcosmic! Bug and spider stories, games and activities. Wednesday 17 April Rutherford Library 11am – 12 pm 5-8yrs Free

Super Microcosmic! Discover rare insects and arachnids through a scavenger hunt and make your own magnifying glass to spot insects at home. Thursday 18 April Rutherford Library 2 – 3 pm 9-12yrs Free.

Robot World -Learn robot stories and songs and then make a cool robot from recycled material. Friday 19 April East Maitland Library 11am -12pm 4-7yrs Free.

Create a nature journal - Channel your inner naturalist and make a journal to keep track of exciting changes in the seasons. Friday 19 April Thornton Library 10am - 12 pm 9-14yrs Free.

Become an author – comic book style! Create a comic online and take it home to impress your friends and family! Saturday 20 April. Maitland Library. 12 – 1pm. 8 – 14 yrs Free.

Ananse stories – the music and stories of Ghana Sing, drum and chant as you learn the story of Ananse the spider from a master African storyteller. Monday 22 April. East Maitland Library. 11 am – 12 pm. 5-12yrs \$5.

Construct a Paperbot -Make your own movable paper robot! Tuesday 23 April. East Maitland Library. 2-3pm 9-12yrs. Free.

Build your own bug story Create a mini bug world and share stories about your bugs with the group. Tuesday 23 April. Thornton Library. 10.30 – 11.30 am. 4 – 8yrs. Free.

Library detectives. Unleash your inner investigator with fun games and activities in the library! Can you help the librarians with your super sleuth skills? Wednesday 24 April. Maitland Library. 11 am – 12 pm. 8 – 14yrs. Free.

Marvellous mummies – Ancient Egypt discovery workshop. Piece together ancient artefacts and create a take-home cartouche with your name written in hieroglyphs on real Egyptian papyrus!

Friday 26 April
Thornton Library
11 am – 12 pm
5 -10yrs \$5

Friday 26 April
Rutherford Library
2 pm – 3 pm
5 -10yrs \$5

Booking and payment for events is essential and can be made in person at any Maitland City Library branch, or by phoning 4933 6952.

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

Vacy Red Cross invites you to come and enjoy our

**'Country Cottage Garden Open Day'
at 281 Lennoxton Road Vacy
on Saturday 13 April 2013**

Garden entry: \$5.00 10.00am to 4.00pm Sausage sizzle, morning and afternoon tea/coffee. Stalls of craft, books & home made goodies. Wide variety of plants and trees.

Featuring a talk at 1.30pm from Mr Noel Jupp of
"Riverdene Nursery" Gresford.



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

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

Total Field Days Celebrates 30 Years with Big Farming Displays and Family Fun

Total Field Days celebrates 30 years in 2013 with an exciting line up of activities and events. From Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May, visitors to Tocal Field Days can experience piglet races, taste local food and wine, learn new skills with a number of farming demonstrations and enjoy a variety of entertainment.

A free shuttle bus to the event will run from Maitland Railway Station on the hour, also collecting in Lorn at 15 minutes past the hour.

With the latest innovations for the rural sector as well as country hospitality and entertainment, the 2013 Tocal Field Days will be a big event in its 30th year. Entry is \$12 for seniors and \$17 for adults, kids under 16 accompanied by a paying adult can enter for free. Visit www.tocalfielddays.com for more information.

Paterson Red Cross Trivia Night Saturday 27th April 2013, 7.00pm at Paterson School of Arts Hall

Grab your family and friends, make up a table and come along to our Trivia Night for a great night out. Tables of 8 or 10 at \$10.00 per person can be booked by calling Anne on 49385128.

Tickets must be purchased before 23rd April 2013.

Great prizes to be won.

Light supper will be provided.

BYO Drinks and Nibbles.