

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

Principal's Message

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that our current Year 6 cohort is putting their thoughts together for fundraising initiatives. Their motivation is to raise funds for their end of year gift to the school. And to support them, we will be having a mini-fete on the last day of this term, Friday 28 June.

The mini-fete will be held between recess and lunch and the Year 6 students will stage a range of fun games and activities. They have been researching fete activities that would be suitable for our students and have already come up with some very creative events.

As the mini-fete draws closer, they will add further details of the actual activities, the prizes to win and the ticketing arrangements.
Well done, Year 6.

In our Computer Technology survey that was conducted in Term 1, there were several comments and requests for information on cybersafety. To meet the requests, we have been able to arrange for the Police Liaison Officer, Michael Steele to visit the school to talk to our older students and their parents on this very important issue.

Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) and their parents are invited to attend the cybersafety talk on Tuesday 4 June from 5:00 to 6:00pm in the 5/6 classroom. Michael will give general information and discuss safety concerns and will finish with a 'parents only' wrap-up of 15 minutes or so.

Following the talk, there will be a free sausage sizzle available. The parent/child arrangement has been chosen as it is crucial that cybersafety is openly discussed and matters are shared.

Our **Biggest Morning Tea will be held this Thursday 23 May** in conjunction with a special combined Scripture service to support the Cancer Council. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Accompanying this newsletter is a fabulous opportunity from Football Federation Australia for our football enthusiasts to show their support for the Socceroos in their upcoming 2014 FIFA World Cup Qualifier match against Iraq at Stadium Australia on Tuesday 18 June 2013.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else."

– Les Brown

ASSEMBLY AWARDS Week ending 17/05/13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Jack Butler
1	Jack Miller
2-3	Lillian Richardson
4-5	Chloe Reid
5-6	Mitchell Carter

CLASS AWARDS	
K	Jack Tyler
1	Tallon Connery & Lincoln Ney
2	Jessica Johnson
3	Alec Grainger
4	Kyle Lechner
5	Tess Bennett
6	Damian Hancock

Dates to Remember

May

Thursday 23 Biggest Morning Tea

June

Wednesday 5 ICAS Science test
Monday 17 ICAS Writing test
Tuesday 18 ICAS Spelling test
Thursday 20 Life Education Van visit
Friday 21 Life Education Van visit
Thursday 27 Athletics Carnival
Friday 28 Last day Term 2

July

Monday 15th Staff Development Day
Tuesday 16th ALL students return to school

Kindergarten

Thank you all for some great news presentations, I enjoyed learning more about the students' families and pets. We are working hard in Kindergarten as we continue to learn three new sounds each week. We have decided to change the timetable slightly. New sounds will now be introduced Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to allow for revision of all sounds on Thursday and Friday. I have asked the children to make sure their homework is glued into their books (even if they don't have time to finish the work) and these will be checked each Monday.

Just a reminder that library books need to be returned on Tuesday so that they can be processed prior to borrowing on Wednesday.

Year 1

Thanks to the few extra parents who have been able to join us for our maths groups on a Friday morning. The children love having you with us and it allows all of the groups to have a parent leader to guide them through their activities. Thanks also for all the effort you and your children put into their speeches last week, they really were fantastic! I have a growing collection of containers on top of our fridge at school that have no name and the children do not recognise so if you are missing any feel free to pop in for a look.

Ms Jordan will be taking my class from tomorrow and I will return on the 13th of June. She will be following my class program during this time.

Year 2/3

Today students will receive a note about a talking and listening task that they are to complete next week (week 5). Students will need to prepare a speech 1-2 minutes long of any topic of interest to them. They will perform these speeches for Mrs Alicia Fay on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

Thank you to those people that have brought in some egg carton for COWs. Please continue to bring them in all term.

Year 4/5

This week students will be bringing home their magic trick. Students are encouraged to practice their magic trick in front of an audience. They will be demonstrating their trick next week.

Throughout the week students will be asked to nominate themselves for the public speaking competition. If your child is interested they will be given more information regarding topics and helpful hints.

A big good luck to the soccer and netball teams competing over the next couple of days.

Year 5/6

Congratulations to all of the Year Five students who participated in the NAPLAN testing last week. I was very proud of their efforts and commend them on the mature attitude they displayed throughout the process.

This week is a very sporty week for all the class. Today our PSSA Boys Soccer team is playing Paterson School at Gresford Oval. We also have our girls netball team playing tomorrow in the NSW Netball Gala Day at Singleton. Good luck to both teams and remember to have fun. A big thankyou must go out to our two coaches, Mrs Waight (netball) and Mr Butler (soccer) and also to Michaela Pillidge for umpiring for us at the gala day. Without their help the children would not have been able to participate in either events.

School News

Thursday 23 May 2013

Scripture Classes

This Thursday, Scripture classes will be combined to celebrate Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and the Cancer Council. Our wonderful scripture teachers have organised a service where students will be able to remember family members who have been affected by Cancer or illness. Families are asked to write the names of their loved ones on the heart enclosed with the newsletter and bring to the Scripture Service on Thursday.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. The Service will commence at 11.30am

Second Hand Book Fair

On Tuesday, 28 May 2013, we will be having a second hand book fair. Books for sale will be books that are no longer required for the Library. Students are welcome to purchase books at recess and lunch. Books will be sold for 10, 20 and 50cents. All money will be put back into the Library to purchase new books.

Hunter Dance Festival

Once again our senior dance group have been successful in their audition to perform at the Hunter Schools Dance Festival.

The Festival is an opportunity for Hunter schools to demonstrate their abilities and creativity in the art of dance.

The Festival runs over four nights, however, the students will only perform on one of these nights. They are performing on 25th of July. It is held at Newcastle Panthers and the performance starts at 6:30.

More information regarding rehearsals, ticket sales and costumes and make-up will be handed out closer to the date.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn has started, please be sure to collect stickers when you purchase over \$10 from Woolworths, stick onto sticker cards and put in the Earn and Learn collection box in the office. Last year we earned many great resources from this promotion. Don't forget to ask family and friends for their stickers.

Premier's Reading Challenge News

There is still plenty of time left in the Challenge so keep on reading. It is great to see several reading records have been created by Primary students. Well done to Amy Magri who is already half way through the Challenge. Please remember there are a variety of books on the booklist and they are not all novels. There are even quite a few picture books that can be read by Upper Primary Students. You can access the lists through your portal or see Mrs Greaves. Our Infants will complete the challenge with their class teachers. If you have any trouble creating your list, either refer to previous newsletters that have the instructions listed or see Mrs Greaves. Happy reading everyone.



Library News

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.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 23 May, 2013 Vacy Public School will be hosting a morning tea to raise money for the Cancer Council.

All families are asked to bring in a plate of cakes etc to be sold at recess. There will be no other items available for sale from the Canteen. A gold coin donation will enable each student or visitor to select a yummy treat for morning tea.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Tea and Coffee will be served through the Canteen for \$1.00 per cup.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 23 May	(Biggest Morning Tea) Eleesha Pereira Leesa Priestley Emma Maslen
Monday 27 May	NO CANTEEN (DUE TO NO VOLUNTEERS)

Active After School Communities

Touch Football begins on Wednesday 15 May to 26 June.
Places still available.

Drum Corp

Col Hatchman is currently searching for any video taken of the Vacy Drum Corp performance at the White Ribbon Day function. If you have any footage of the students playing please contact the office.



Community News

STS Student Exchange

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country.

Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Contact us today to start your adventure in student exchange!

1800 263 964 (charge free), 0401 741 754 (mobile)

Email: stsf@people.net.au

Web: sts-education.com/Australia

Little Athletics at Dungog

AGM Meeting

Dungog RSL Club Dungog

Wednesday 22nd May 2013

6.00pm

Membership fee is \$5.00 (to vote)

Any more information

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Baby Sitter Available

Need a baby sitter? Lucy Priestley is available. Contact Leesa Priestley if you require Lucy's services.

