

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

Principal's Message

Thank you to the Stage 3 students and their parents who were able to attend the cybersafety talk held last Tuesday 4 June. The talk was illuminating, informative and raised awareness for both students and parents of behaviours that can best protect us in the online world.

I would like to remind all parents that the school uniform includes the wearing of black shoes. Please support the school and purchase footwear for school that keeps our strong uniform appearance looking great. The preferred option for school footwear is black jogger style, readily available at reasonable prices at a range of outlets. This style is preferred as it is a robust shoe that is safe and meets the demands of the playground. It would be wonderful to start Term 3 with everyone in the correct footwear.

This week, we will be holding the first of our Level Awards Assemblies for 2013. Students who have received the required number of stamps, stickers or tally marks will be presented with their Bronze Awards on Friday 14 June. Congratulations to all students achieving this level.

As a staff we have embraced the Level system of promoting and celebrating the wonderful achievements of so many of our students. This recognition of positive behaviours complements the focus that we will encourage through our participation in the KidsMatters program.

Regards,
Graeme

Our next P & C meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18 June 2013, commencing at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

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 07/06/13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Nellie Pereira
1	Caitlin Burgin
2-3	Ethan Lechner
4-5	Brianna Beyer
5-6	William Falk
CLASS AWARDS	
K	Brigette Finlay
1	Charlie Clarke
2	Toby Carter
3	Mackenzie Peirce
4	Lillie Geddes
5	Jorgia Watts
6	Ashley Rowe

Dates to Remember

June

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

It is great to see all our Kindergarten students working so hard throughout this term. We are continuing to review our double sounds in class and for homework. Please help your child to revisit all sounds in the phonics booklets as well as the sight words that have been sent home since the beginning of the year. In maths the children have been discovering how different size containers have different capacities and this week we will be continuing with our work on numbers to 20.

Year 1

Mrs Greaves will be returning to school on Thursday. I have enjoyed my time at Vacy School and would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. Don't forget Healthy Harold will be visiting our school next week so please bring in your permission note and money.

Year 2/3

Thank you to all the students who are doing their homework each week and are returning them on Fridays. Students who return their homework go into the draw to win a class prize on Monday, so keep up the good work. Also thank you again to all the students that are returning their home readers every week. In the coming week, we will be sending a note home regarding home readers.

Year 4/5

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable long weekend. Thank you to all the parents and students who came to cyber safety presentation last week. I heard it was very informative.

Good luck to the 5/6 soccer boys competing against Seaham Public School on Wednesday. I'm sure you will give your best.

Lastly, just a reminder that the children's life education visit will be next week. Children need to bring in their money and permission note as soon as possible. If students are wishing to purchase any merchandise, they need to bring the correct money in envelope on the day of the visit. The envelope is to be given to me not to the office.

Year 5/6

Congratulations to Archer and Zoe who have been chosen to represent Stage 3 at the Zone Public Speaking Competition. All of the speeches were well presented and I was proud of everyone's efforts. Good luck to the boy's PSSA Soccer Team who are playing Seaham Public School tomorrow at Gresford Oval, 11.30am.

School News

Woolworths Earn and Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. We're now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. Earn & Learn has now closed for this year. If you have any stickers at home, these can still be sent into school until Monday 17 June, 2013. Thanks again for all your support!

Soft Drink Bottles

We have used all of the soft drink bottles that have been collected so far and are in need of many more.

Please collect any plastic soft drink bottles of 1.25L and larger for us to use as we build our recycled plant propagation hothouse. It really helps if the bottles are rinsed and the labels are removed.

Thank you to the families who are sending their bottles in.

Sports Carnival

On Thursday 27, June 2013 the school's Sports Carnival will be held at Vacy Oval from 9.30am. Volunteers will be needed during the day, so if you are able to assist please the office on 4938 8153.

Premier's Reading NEWSFLASH!

Congratulations to Amy Magri who is the first person to complete the Reading Challenge for 2013. Well done. There are lots of reading records that are well on the way, so keep up the great work everyone. K/1/2 are busy reading their books with their teachers and are on target to finish by August. Anyone who needs help with entering their books please see Mrs Greaves.

Healthy Harold

Last week a permission note and merchandise note was sent home. Could you please return your child's permission note with money by Monday 17 June, 2013.

Library News

Today overdue notices were sent home. Please check your child's bag for this note and look for any books that are listed. Children will need to return these books if they wish to borrow.



Community News

Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day



Hosted by: St Joseph's Primary School, Dungog
and supported by Dungog Pony Club

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2013

8.30 start

Gear Check by Team Manager PRIOR to the First Event
Dungog Showground, please use Chapman Street entrance

All forms available on the school website below:

www.dungog.catholic.edu.au

Entries close FRIDAY 17 July 2013

Entry Fee: \$20 per rider *(see conditions of entry)

Age Groups: 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs,
15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs & over

Riding Events: Riding Classes
Hacking Classes

Sporting Events: Barrel
In & Out of Paddock
Ball Race
3 Mug Race
Sporting Figure of 8

For further information please contact:

Entry Enquiries:

Nicole Osmond: peter-nicole.osmond@bigpond.com

Mob: 0427 835959

Enquiries: Renea Kerr: renea.kerr@bigpond.com

Mob: 0448 040101

For Wet Weather Contact either Nicole Osmond or
Renea Kerr

ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO:

Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day

C/- Nicole Osmond

PO Box 43 Dungog NSW 2420

YWCA Vacation Care

24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill

School Holiday Fun

For children aged 5 - 12 years

Games - Theme Days - Excursion - Movies - Cooking

Enquires: 4929 2954 - ynclc@bigpond.com

(Child Care Benefit available)

Bookings Essential

Centre operating hours 8.00am to 6.00pm

Scheduled programs runs from 9.30am to 4.30pm

Maitland TAFE Campus

Want to re-enter the workforce or go on to further study but need to brush up on your skills first?

The staff at Maitland TAFE Career Skills and Education can help

Our Courses for Semester 2, 2013

Career Education and Employment for Women – CEEW (Certificate 2) 10697 – Free course

This course is designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either re-enter the workforce or return to study.

Contact Course Coordinator - Donna Clark –

Ph: 49 302 926

Skills for Work and Training – SWAT (Certificate 2) 10697 – Free Course

For people who have completed their school certificate or those who have left school and who want to improve their chances of entering the workforce or gain skills needed to enter further study, this course offers a range of subjects which develop your work related skills and general education at year 10 level.

Contact Head Teacher - Jeanette McKenzie –

Ph: 49 302 827

Preparation for Vocational and Further Study – TPC Prep (Certificate 3) 9046

This course is at a Year 11 level of skills and knowledge; it is the first stage of the Tertiary Preparation Certificate (Year 12 level). Successful students will be awarded a certificate 3 at the end of the semester. Students wishing to complete TPC studies and/or gain a TES for university will enrol in the course 9048 in 2014, taking credit points with them.

Contact Head Teacher - Jeanette McKenzie –

Ph: 49 302 827

Information and enrolment sessions – 25th and 26th June – Please phone for details

Gresford Parents' Group Fundraising for Preschool and Playtime Community Disco!!

When Friday 14th June

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: School of Arts Hall

Cost: \$10 per family or \$2 per person

Come and dance the night away with

DJ Nate, Raffles, and dance prizes to be won!

Sausage sandwiches, and ice creams will be available to purchase.

July 2013 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 1st, 2nd, 3rd July 2013

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

**Where: Maitland Tennis Centre
Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland**

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

**Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child
(Family Discounts Available)**

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

Name (1).....

D.O.B.....

Name (2).....

D.O.B.....

Name (3).....

D.O.B.....

Address.....

Phone (Home).....

(Mobile).....

Email.....

BOOK NOW: PH 49345016, 0421882055

or

Email:

info@maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

Holiday Sport

Sport and Recreation activities will be held across the Hunter in July and details of the above clinics will be available on the below website shortly:

[http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?
region=hunter](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=hunter)

Maitland Hockey clinic - July 2-3 : Aimed at 8-14 year olds the two-day clinic will be delivered by accredited coaches and is focused on enhancing participant skills by taking part in an array of drills, activities and game-based scenarios.

Holiday Cricket roadshow - July 4-9 - Aimed at 5-14 year olds, two clinics 'Cricket Fun' and 'Cricket Skills' will be delivered at each venue by accredited coaches each focusing on enhancing participant skills based on their experience in the sport.

'Cricket Fun' For 5 to 8 year-old current or new players and will run for 90 minutes using plastic equipment.

'Cricket Skills' A development level clinic for current players between the ages of 9 and 14. Participants can bring their own equipment and will use hard balls during the clinic and drills. It will run for two and a half hours.

**Dates: Thursday July 4 Singleton, Friday July 5 Scone
Monday July 8 Maitland ,Tuesday July 9 Warners Bay
Multi-skills clinics - July 12**

These clinics will deliver a fun and engaging workshop for participants focusing on developing fundamental movement skills. Included will be an array of activities which develop transferable skills in different sports.

Dungog 9am, Gloucester 1pm

Should you have any questions about the clinics please feel free to contact our office on 4926 1633.