

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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## "Friendship and Learning"

### Principal's Message

Thank you to the many families who have taken action to ensure that their children are presenting a strong uniform image by purchasing black jogger style footwear for school. I have had many others students mention that they too will be buying black joggers in the holidays.

Black jogger style footwear 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.

Congratulations to the many students who were presented with their Bronze awards at last week's assembly.

As a staff we reviewed the school's welfare code and have made changes to ensure that it is consistent across the school. Some classes had a system in place that was in line with the Welfare Code and as a result, there were more students from those classes receiving Bronze awards. This should even out through the year as those classes which did not commence until Term 2 accelerate their stamps, stickers and tally marks to catch up.

At this week's P&C meeting, I will be presenting the new Welfare Code for endorsement by the parent body. Once completed, a copy of the Code will be placed on the school's website and included with the newsletter.

This serves as a timely reminder that the P&C meets tonight, Tuesday 18 June at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Please join in the discussions on the night.

### Mini – Fete News

Year 6 students have organised a Mini-Fete on the last day of term to help them raise funds for an end-of-year gift to the school. They have arranged a selection of fun activities including "Flying in Style", "Knock'em Down" and "Ping Pong Throw" to name a few. The events will be explained and demonstrated in the lead-up to the Mini-Fete.

Students will be able to purchase a sheet of tickets which will be stamped when each ticket is used. Tickets will be worth 20 cents each and students can purchase ticket sheets for \$2:00, \$3:00, \$4:00 or \$5:00 from next Monday. Tickets sheets will be on sale under the COLA at recess and lunch next week.

We look forward to a visit from Happy Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van on Thursday 20 June and Friday 21 June. Don't forget, if you would like to purchase some items in support of the Life Education Van, bring along some money on the day of your class visit.

Regards,  
Graeme

### Quote of the Week

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

~ Joshua J. Marine

### BRONZE AWARDS

14.06.13



**Kindergarten:-** Darcy Richardson, Brigette Finlay, Jett Saxby, Chandell-Rose Carroll, Nellie Pereira, Jack Butler, Lucy Thompson, Riley Watson, Madison McCosker, Charlie Watts & Scout Woller.

**Year 1:-** Lincoln Ney.

**Years 2/3:-** Kasey Parker, Kacia Rowles, Tom Doyle, Fletcher Pereira, Lillian Richardson, Annabelle Pereira, Jack Magri, Alec Grainger, Mackenzie Peirce, Bronte Parish & Ethan Lechner.

**Years 4/5:** Amy Magri, Bailey Hack, Brendan Lambert, Bailey Rowe, Crystal Rocco, Chloe Reid, Daniel Jessop, Hayden Reid, Indica Chapman, Jacob Bates, Joseph Ford, Jasper Lloyd, Josie Waight, Grace Miller, Kyle Lechner, Lillie Geddes, Saskia Bickerdike, Shay Deacon, Max Wysel, Imogen Key & Zac Rocco

**Years 5/6:-** Liam Key, Nalani Basham & Kayla Halinan

### Dates to Remember

#### June

Thursday 20	Life Education Van visit
Friday 21	Life Education Van visit
Thursday 27	Athletics Carnival
Friday 28	Year 6 Mini Fete
	Last day Term 2

#### July

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

## Kindergarten

Great to see so many students completing homework each week. Healthy Harold is visiting this week. The Kindergarten class are visiting him on Thursday. If your child would like to purchase anything from Harold they should bring their money in an envelope with what they are ordering on Thursday.

## Year 1

It is great to be back and see all the children's happy faces again and hear what they have all been up to while I was away. It was good to hear that they had all been working hard for Miss Jordan. The Life Education van will be here at the end of the week. Our day is Friday so if the students wish to purchase any merchandise please send money in an envelope on this day to be handed straight to the teacher or the Life Education presenter.

## Year 2/3

Just a reminder that Healthy Harold is this week. Can you please ensure you have returned your notes. If you would like to purchase some merchandise please bring it on the day and you will be able to purchase at recess or lunch. Both Stage 1 and 2 are on Friday. We have decided to change homework spelling and our spelling to a fortnightly activity. This is to ensure the students get the most out of spelling time in class and so they have more time to practice at home. Please still return homework every Friday. Congratulations to all the students who have made Bronze level. Many students are very close to Bronze and will reach that goal shortly. Keep up the good work!

## Year 4/5

Congratulations to the boys who participated in the recent soccer game. I heard it was a fantastic game to watch. This week our class is participating in Healthy Harold. If children wish to purchase merchandise they need to bring their money in an envelope on the day they are attending. Year 5 will be attending on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday. It is great to hear that children are preparing for the athletics carnival next Thursday. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and make signs.

## Year 5/6

Congratulations to the boys Knockout P.S.S.A. Soccer who competed last Wednesday against Seaham Public School. We lost the game however, our boys played extremely well and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you Mr Butler for your coaching expertise.

Camp notes went home last week. The next instalment of \$100 is due by the end of term.

Finally, a reminder that all projects are due by Monday 24 June. Thank you for assisting your child during this process.

## School News.

### P & C

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

### Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on Thursday and Friday of this week. If you have not sent in your permission note and money please do so asap.

### 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 phone the office on 4938 8153.

### Canteen News

Canteen helpers are still required for the following days-

Thursday 1 August - 3 people needed

Monday 26 August - 1 person needed

Monday 2 September - 2 people needed.

If you are able to help out on any of the above dates please ring Eleesha on 4938 5046.

**Reminder:** All Sports Carnival orders are due back to school tomorrow 19 June.

### Canteen Roster

Thursday 20	Michelle Hughes, Fiona Wysel & Karen Turner
Monday 24	Carrie Butler, Leesa Priestley & Amy Rowles

### Active After School Sport

Active After School Netball finishes up today 18 June, 2013 and Touch finishes next Wednesday 26 June, 2013.



## Community News

### 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 - [yncl@bigpond.com](mailto:yncl@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

## 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](http://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](mailto:peter-nicole.osmond@bigpond.com)

Mob: 0427 835959

**Enquiries:** Renea Kerr: [renea.kerr@bigpond.com](mailto: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**

## 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**

# July 2013 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: [www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au](http://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.