

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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"Friendship and Learning"

Principal's Message

This week we are celebrating Education Week across New South Wales Public Schools. The theme for Education Week is 'Creating the Future' and it is a notion that we embrace as a school community at Vacy Public School.

Our Dungog Community of Schools will be celebrating Education Week at Dungog High School in the hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 7 August where special Education Week awards will be presented. The event begins at 4:00 pm with refreshments served by the high school hospitality students with the ceremony to commence at 4:30 pm.

We have nominated for each of the awards. Congratulations to our award recipients and thank you for your commitment to Vacy Public School.

For excellence in student achievement – Samantha Cowley. This award recognises Samantha's pursuit of academic excellence and her contributions to the core school values.

For excellence in teaching – Mrs Rogers. This award is for Mrs Rogers' continued excellence in teaching in early years learning and to recognise her role as Best Start Leader across the Upper Hunter.

For outstanding contribution by a non-teaching staff member – Mrs Percival. This award especially recognises Mrs Percival's outstanding contribution to support the learning needs and welfare of special needs students.

For outstanding contribution by a school community member – Mrs Corrigan. This award especially recognises the on-going support that Mrs Corrigan has made to the school's dance group by voluntarily making their brilliant costumes for the Hunter Dance Festival.

The school also gets to nominate a program that contributes to the achievement of school goals and core values and for 2013 we have selected our 'COWs' program. COWs, or Creative Opportunity Workshops, are focused on delivering engaging activity choices in the Creative and Practical Arts area of the curriculum.

Our SRC representatives have been elected for Term 3 and will be presented with their badges at this Friday's assembly. Congratulations to Jack Smith, Rose Washbourne, Hayden Reid, Kacia Rowles and Ethan Lechner who join our Captains, Zoe and Liam to represent the student body.

Thank you also to the many people who were able to offer their time or goods for the Masters barbecue last Sunday. The amount raised is approximately \$1100 which will go towards the P&C's contribution to a new sports equipment and gardening shed for the students.

Well done to our senior dance group for their Hunter Dance Festival performance last Thursday, 25 July at Panthers. The costumes were really cheery and bright. The dance was

uplifting and provided a real element of fun in the night's program. A special thank you goes to Miss Corrigan for her extra time, effort and expertise in preparing the dance group.

Good luck to our competitors in the Zone Athletics Carnival being held this Friday.

Our Active After School Communities program for Term 3 includes basketball (for K-2) and rugby league/league tag (open to K-6). The application forms and information sheet accompanies this newsletter. The program will commence in week 4

Canteen News – We have been able to establish a canteen 'team' and thank the parents who have generously offered their assistance to keep our canteen operating.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week



Don't be afraid to stand for what you believe in,
even if it that means standing alone.

~ Unknown~



Dates to Remember

July

Wednesday 31

ICAS - English test

August

Friday 2

Zone Athletics

Tuesday 6

P & C meeting - All Welcome!

Monday 12

Book Fair

Tony Bones performance
2.00pm

September

Friday 20

Last day Term 3

October

Tuesday 8

Staff & Students return

Class News

Kindergarten

An ongoing focus this term will be sight words and the children have started work on revision as well as the introduction of new words. Last week I sent home some homework to reinforce the sight words learnt at school. Please go through these with your child and return the book each Friday. Literacy Groups will continue at the same times as last term, please let me know if you are no longer available for groups.

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Children's news day remain the same this term, our news topic for this term are:

What you did in the holidays?

(weeks 1 & 2)

If you could have one wish, what would it be?

(weeks 3 & 4)

* If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

(weeks 5 & 6)

* What would you most like to learn how to do?

(weeks 7 & 8)

* What do you want to be when you grow up?

(weeks 9 & 10)

Children are to change their home readers on their news day.

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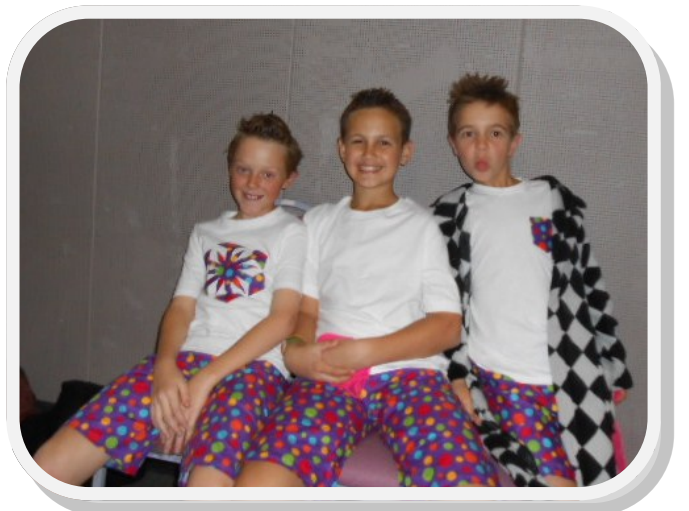
This week I gave out to all of the Year 5 and 6 students a new novel study project. All of the children have now chosen a book to read so please encourage them to start sooner rather than later so that they will be able to complete their showbag by the due date (September 6th). The Year 6 students will be given a note today regarding the purchase of their 2013 graduation shirts. Unfortunately we are not able to order any garments until all money is in so if you intend to purchase one please have the \$35 paid as soon as possible.

As you have probably heard, Mr Michael Inzce will be taking my class for the next five weeks while I enjoy some time with my family. He will be following my program for Term 3 so the students will not miss out on any work during my absence. If you or your child has any problems during this time, please contact Mr Inzce or Mr Oke for an appointment.

Hunter Dance Festival

First of all I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in Hunter Dance Festival last Thursday. It can be a very long day for students, but they were always on their best behaviour displaying their best manners. They ended their evening with a terrific performance of 'Do Your Thing' which they have been practising for the past two terms. The amount of energy and effort the students put into their dance really is a credit to them. I would also like to thank Mrs Fonti who joined us for the day. It is a long process preparing 29 students' hair and make-up and her helpful presence was definitely

appreciated by myself and the students. A big thank you also to the parents of the students who took the time to organise the shirts and make up for the big day. Your organisation was very much appreciated. I hope you enjoyed watching your children on stage. Miss Corrigan





Kindergarten: Gypsy Rocco & Alana Waight

Year 1: Isabella Grainger, Harriette Hopkins, Natasha Lutschini, Tia Magri & Ursulla Thompson.

Years 2/3: Blaze Basham, Toby Carter, Nathaniel Chapman, Seth Deacon, Connor Fernance, Jacob Ford, Lilly Gillespie, Charlotte Hopkins, Jessica Johnson, Ethan Preston & Jayden Street.

Years 4/5: Jorgia Watts & Mackayla Smith.

Years 5/6: Damian Hancock, Zoe Butler, Madison Hack, Tom Priestley, Chelsey Hughes, Jack Smith, Samantha Cowley, Mitchell Carter, Tess Bennett, Rose Washbourne, Libby Cant, Ruby Wilson, Caitlyn Chapman, Charlotte Wintle, Ellie Waight, Anastasia Lutschini, Shawn Pillidge, Matthew Shilcock, Amelia Ney, Ashley Rowe & William Falk.



Years 2/3: Kacia Rowles, Mackenzie Peirce & Jack Magri

Years 4/5: Amy Magri, Brendan Lambert, Chloe Reid, Joseph Ford, Jasper Lloyd, Josie Waight, Grace Miller, Saskia Bickerdike, Imogen Key & Jacob Bates

Years 5/6: Ellie Waight & Liam Key

Canteen Roster

Thursday 1 August	Tracey/David Ney Karen Turner
Monday 5 August	Toni Arthur Fiona Hack

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.

Reminder

Our next P&C meeting is will be on Tuesday 6 August from 7:00 pm in the staffroom. See you there!





Community Announcement

TAFE Hunter Institute

Introduction to Animal Care

14 week course will help you consider pathways to further training and employment

Course starts Thursday 15 August 2013

9.30am to 1.30pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri TAFE Campus

Cost: FREE

Café Works Food Services & Hospitality

14 week course will help you consider pathways to further training and employment

Course starts Monday 12 August 2013

9.30am to 12.30pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri TAFE Campus

Cost: FREE

Introduction to Floristry

14 week course will help you consider pathways to further training and employment

Course starts Friday 9 August 2013

9.30am to 1.30pm

Venue: Kurri Kurri TAFE Campus

Cost: FREE

For further information and registrations for these courses, please contact:

Kurri Kurri Campus Outreach

Phone (02) 4936 0382

Email: patrick.murphy@tafe.nsw.edu.au

Web Address: www.tafensw.edu.au

Sunday 4 August Dungog Dash & Dawdles

The great Cross-Country Fun –Run

3 races - Dash, Dawdle, Pooch & Prams

face painting, jumping castle, sausage sizzle.

Dash 12km

\$30, starts 9am (Showground to the Common)

Dawdle 6km

\$20, starts 9.15am (Showground to the Common)

Pooch & Prams

Gold coin donation, starts 9.30am (4 laps of Showground)

Kids 12 & under \$15 must be accompanied by an adult
(Dash & Dawdle)

For info, entry & map: www.dins.org.au

Dungog Dash & Dawdle on Facebook or call 4992 1133

Save The Date

**Saturday
14 September**

The Farmer's Hotel at Vacy will be hosting a Trivia Night in aid of Feeding Dreams Cambodia. Every cent raised will make a huge difference in the lives of those affected by poverty and give the children and their families the chance to a brighter future.

We are currently looking for people to donate prizes for the night and items for the silent auction.

Please contact Nicole Carter on 0400 148 586 or the Farmer's Hotel on 4938 8106 if you are able to contribute in any way.

More details will follow.

Thank you for your support—

The Rotary Club of Paterson

GIANT CAR BOOT SALE

& SPRING FAIR

Proudly supporting
The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Services.

Market Stalls

Fresh Food

Jumping Castle

Music and Rap

Adjacent to Tucker Park, Paterson

Sunday 8th September 9.00am to 2.00pm

Come and grab a bargain and make a day of it and explore historic Paterson. www.prcevents.org