

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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"Friendship and Learning"

Principal's Message

Well done to all of our Public Speakers who contested the 2013 Zone Public Speaking Competition last week. From all reports the students were very competitive and this year we have had two students progress to the Zone Finals.

Congratulations and good luck to Brigette and Lincoln who will contest the finals this week! Outstanding!

Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for our Book Week celebrations yesterday. Mums, Dads and Grandparents enjoyed seeing the students parade as their favourite book character. The variety of costumes was terrific and it is something special that occurs in small schools where everyone gets involved from Kinder to Year 6.

This week's feature shows photos taken at the Book Character Parade for everyone to enjoy. Unfortunately, the wind picked up considerably and caused a bit of discomfort for the picnic lunch on the lawn. Thank you to all of the students who supported the Book Fair and especially to the 11 families who generously donated one of the shortlisted books for this year to the Library.

To finish off our Book Week celebrations, there were many smiling faces following the Tony Bones Production Company's performance of 'Herman and Rosie'.

A special part of the day was the chance to meet with some of our 2014 Kinder students who joined us for the Book Week celebrations.

Yesterday doesn't just happen and I would like to acknowledge the significant time, effort and energy that Ms Graham has put into making this year's Book Week celebrations a spectacular success. Thank you and well done Ms Graham.

It's that time of the year when we start to transition pre-schoolers to Kindergarten and the first of these occasions will be held next Wednesday, 21 August. It will be an opportunity for our 2014 Kinders to join us for a play at recess and to share a story in the sensory garden. If you are aware of any children who will be attending Vacy Public School next year and they haven't been in contact with the school as yet, please let them know to contact the school for enrolment information and our Kinder transition schedule of events.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week

Instead of loving your enemies -
treat your friends a little better ~ E.W.Howe

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 09.08.13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Jeremy Dupal
1	Lincoln Ney
2-3	Annabelle Pereira
4-5	Crystal Rocco
5-6	Charlotte Wintle
CLASS AWARDS	
K	Jett Saxby
1	River Rowles
2	Charlotte Hopkins
3	Kasey Parker
4	Max Wysel
5	Rose Washbourne
6	William Falk

Dates to Remember

August

Thursday 15 AASCP - Basketball - K-3 only
3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday 21 Kinder Informal Orientation
11.00am - 11.30am

September

Wednesday 4 Kinder Informal Orientation
11.00am - 11.30am
Wednesday 18 Kinder Informal Orientation
11.00am - 11.30am
Friday 20 Last day Term 3

October

Tuesday 8 Staff & Students return

December

Friday, 6 Year 6 Farewell at
Tocal College
Wednesday 11 Presentation Evening at
Tocal College

Class News

Year 1

What a wonderful group of characters we had at our Book Week celebrations. The students had a great day and enjoyed the performance that brought alive the book Herman and Rosie. There is no homework this week as the students can use the time to finish preparing their presentations for news that are based on their favourite book. We have had a decline in the use of our communication folders recently. If you could ensure your child has one and places it in the appropriate tray each morning it would be appreciated. (Please ensure that this is not the same folder that Home Readers are in as it confuses the children) When we have important notes to go home it is easier for the children to place them in their communication folder and then they don't get lost in their school bag. Any notes from home are more likely to be handed in if they are in this folder as we unpack these each morning. Also if your child likes a reminder of how they are going home each afternoon you can place a note in here and I will tell them just before we leave. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 15 August	Kris Doyle Russell Jessop Robyn Preston
Monday 19 August	Leesa Prestley Eleesha Pereira

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.



Community Announcement

**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



Would you like to find out more about what the Girl Guides do???????

Them come along to the Bolwarra/Largs Girl Guides and see what they do

Monday night 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. for 10-14 year olds

Thursday night 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. for 5 – 9 year olds

at the Catholic Church Hall on Cnr John & Church Street Largs.



For any further particulars please phone Sandra Herbert (Leader) on 0418 160 402



**Come and join
Doug the Reading Bug for his
Mad Scientist
Dungog Library
Saturday 24th August
10.30 – 12.00**

Share stories with Doug
Make your own Book-bot
Interactive Science Experiments
Sausage sizzle
Jumping Castle
Face Painting
Book Bonanza Raffle
Book Fair
Come and get



**For more Information or to
Register Contact
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1300 887 776**

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2013 Expo for Carers

**The Expo will provide a variety of
Resources & Information to:**

- ☺ Aid and Support Carers in their caring role
- ☺ **Provide Professionals with a range of Information to assist them in their roles Supporting Carers**
- ☺ **Provide an Opportunity to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities**

Guest Speakers Include:

10.00am – 11.00am: Janine Slimmon – Home & Carer Support Services, Wesley Mission

“Aged Care Reforms, Changes to the HACC Program & Changing Supports for Carers”

11.30am – 12.30pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist

“Autism Spectrum Disorders - Current Research Trends, Practical Strategies and the Changes to DSM5”

1.00pm – 2.00pm: Jodie Calvert – Director Engagement - disabilitycare Australia

“Overview of disabilitycare Australia”

A Range of Exhibitors including Carers NSW, Hunter Health Services, Children's Services and Aged Care Services will be available to speak to on the day. Proudly supported by Lake Macquarie City Council

EXPO DETAILS:

Date: Thursday 10 October 2013

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle

Cost: Free - includes Lucky Door Prizes

This is a Collaborative Project between EDuCARE Carer Support Service and our Carer Reference Group.

Children's Entertainment:

“Hilarious Herman The Pirate”

Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic, Musical Comedy, Craft Workshop and his Funny Puppet “Little Lucas”

Our Book Fair Parade

