

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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"Friendship and Learning"

Principal's Message

This Term our SRC, with support from Miss Corrigan, will be running 'Vacy's Got Talent'. Students are invited to showcase their talent as an individual or in a group and perform their act at our special lunchtime shows to be held in Week 9. The 'judging' panel will then select a number of acts to be performed at Friday's assembly of Week 9.

This is a fun activity for the students and many students have already nominated their acts, organised groups and are now practising and rehearsing at lunchtimes. In Week 8, students will be able to 'book' a rehearsal room, bring in a CD or iPod and put the finishing touches to their performance.

Thank you to all of the students who supported the Book Fair and especially to the many families who generously donated books to the Library. Many of the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books have been donated as well as some of the titles from the Bookfair.

Our Library has been going through a transformation. Several of the desk 'pods' have been removed to free up some space and we have purchased and installed additional shelving to cater for the large collection of books that we are very fortunate to have available to the students through the school library.

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 tomorrow 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.

One of the events at which our senior students shone last year was the Science and Engineering Challenge that was held in conjunction with the University of Newcastle.

This year our Year 5 and 6 students will compete in teams of 3 or 4 at the Dungog Discovery Day – Science and Engineering Challenge on Friday 30 August. Permission notes have been distributed and are available on our website - simply click on the event in the calendar and download.

The event will include the feeder schools to Dungog High School and presents another opportunity for our Year 6 students in particular to mix with their cohort and get to know each other. Good luck to our students.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week



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

- Joshua J. Marine



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 16.08.13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
K	Scout Woller
1	Isabella Grainger
2-3	Connor Fernance
4-5	Imogen Key
5-6	Nalani Basham
CLASS AWARDS	
K	Brigette Finlay & Darcy Richardson
1	Patrick Gillespie
2	Nathaniel Chapman
3	Fletcher Periera
4	Josie Waight
5	Jasper Lloyd
6	Liam Key
LIBRARY AWARD	
William Falk	
'SPLATTER' MOVEMENT AWARD	
Year 3	
PLAYGROUND RAFFLE WINNERS	
Annabelle Periera & Damian Hancock	

Class News

Year 1

We had some great speeches prepared for Book Week and have read some lovely books that the children have brought in. We will have another short speech to prepare later in the term and this will also form part of our assessment for the subject of Talking and Listening. Thanks to Lincoln for representing Year One at the Public Speaking Zone Finals, we were very proud of you. There have been a few more communication folders in the box this week thank you for your support.

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Last Friday students were given their Term 3 project. It focuses on the benefits of nutrition and physical activity. The project is due on Wednesday 18th of September. A marking rubric and a list of helpful websites will be sent home throughout the week.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 22 August	Jen McCosker Tracey /David Ney
Monday 26 August	Jacqueline Brand Sian Jones Kelly Richardson

Premiers Reading News

Last day to enter books is Wednesday August 28th, as the coordinator needs to validate them by September 1st. If there are any problems please see Mrs Greaves.

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.

Cutting Day 2013

This year the Cutting Day will be held on 12 October, 2013. Please save the date on your calendar. We will be needing volunteers for the canteen, time-keeping, bar & children's activities. A note will come out towards the end of term. If you have an RSA & can help out with the bar please contact Leesa Priestley on 0412002101 ASAP as we have to apply for the license. If you own a business or work for one that may be able to offer some sponsorship please let Leesa know, a small donation of cash, goods or services will help the day immensely.

Father's Day Stall Reminder

All Father's Day orders are to be in be no later than Thursday, 22nd August.

Dates to Remember

August

Wednesday 21 Kinder Informal Orientation
11.00am - 11.30am
Friday 30 Yrs 5 & 6 Discovery Day at
Dungog High School

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



Community Announcements

TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday, 14 September

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Farmers Hotel, Vacy

**\$20 per person includes Asian Finger Food
Tables of 10**

All proceeds go to

Feeding Dreams Cambodia

**For more information and ticket sales, please
contact : Farmers Hotel, Vacy on 4938 8106 or
Nicole Carter on 0400 148 586**

Raffles ~ Auctions ~ Lucky Door Prizes

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

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

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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 – Con-
sultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
*“Autism Spectrum Disorders - Current Research
Trends, Practical Strategies and
the Changes to DSM5”*

1.00pm – 2.00pm: Jodie Calvert – Director En-
gagement - 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”

