

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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"Friendship and Learning"

Principal's Message

There has been a lot of activity in the playground with lots of groups of students practising and rehearsing their item for 'Vacy's Got Talent'. Next week, students will be able to 'book' a rehearsal room, bring in a CD or iPod and put the finishing touches to their performance.

Then in week 9, the groups and solo performers will showcase their talent at special lunchtime shows. 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 we look forward to witnessing some of the talents that we don't normally have the pleasure of seeing.

The first of our Kinder 2014 'welcome' events was held last Wednesday at recess. The pre-schoolers had a chance to get to know one another and to enjoy playing on the equipment. Our Year 5 students were very keen to share a story with the pre-schoolers in the Sensory Garden. Our next 'welcome' event is on Wednesday 4 September.

The P&C Association have organised a raffle event as the major fundraiser for this year. The major prize is two nights' accommodation for two adults and two children from a selection of Rydges Hotels and Resorts in Sydney. At the coming Federal election, the P&C will have a table on the school site for members of the community to purchase some tickets in the raffle.

At the beginning of Term 4, raffle ticket books will be distributed, together with more details about the raffle.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 10 September commencing at 7:00pm. Some of the agenda items include Cutting Day organisation, Ethics Classes, information about the raffle fundraiser and identifying targets for the funds raised. There will be plenty to discuss and I look forward to seeing you there.

Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 students as they compete at the Dungog Discovery Day – Science and Engineering Challenge this Friday 30 August at Dungog High School. Permission notes and money need to be returned to school by tomorrow and can be downloaded from our website – simply click on the event in the calendar and download.

Thank you to those families of students in Years 2,3 and 4 who have completed the online survey for KidsMatter. The survey is confidential, anonymous and can be found at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey. If you haven't been able to tackle the survey, please be aware that it will only be available online until the end of September and it doesn't take long to complete.

Regards,
Graeme

Quote of the Week



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

— [Anne Frank](#)



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week ending 23.08.13

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

K	Marshall Parker
1	Natasha Lutschini
2-3	Kasey Parker
4-5	Mackayla Smith
5-6	Ellie Waight

CLASS AWARDS

K	Gypsy Rocco
1	Fox Nicholson
2	Connor Fernance
3	Mackenzie Peirce
4	Hayden Reid
5	Ana Lutschini
6	Kayla Hallinan

LIBRARY AWARD

River Rowles

'SPLATTER' MOVEMENT AWARD

Year 6

PLAYGROUND RAFFLE WINNER

Charlotte Parker

Volunteers Needed

We are in desperate need for two volunteers this Thursday 29 August. If you are able to volunteer please contact Mel Lutschini on 0467452804. If no one volunteers the canteen will not be operational on Thursday.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 29 August	NEED VOLUNTEERS
Monday 2 September	Tanya Waight Eleesah Pereira

Soft Drink Bottles

Thank you to the families who are sending their bottles in. We are up to the stage where we will be able to build another wall of bottles. Please keep them coming in. We will also be approaching Bunnings for an 'Environmental Sustainability Package' to further our work in the school grounds. 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.

Dates to Remember

August

Thursday 29 Father's Day Stall
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

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.



Community Announcements

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, 14 September
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

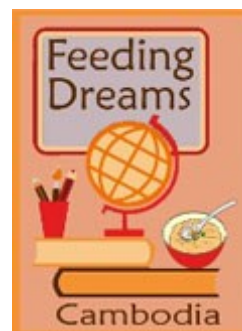
Farmers Hotel, Vacy

\$20 per person includes Asian Finger Food
Tables of 10
All proceeds go to
Feeding Dreams Cambodia

Bus available for pick up. Gold coin donation

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

Maitland Tennis Centre

**Sept/Oct School Holiday
Tennis Clinic**

When: 23, 24, 25 September

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

**Price: \$50 for 3 days per child
(family discounts available)**

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to Intermediate

**BOOK NOW: 4934 5016, 0421882055 or
online @**

www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au



BIODIVERSITY DAY

at

Blue Gum Hills

Regional Park,

Minmi

Thursday 26 September

10.00am to 3.00pm

Wetland on Wheels

(live animals from the Wetland Centre)

NPWS Discover Ranger Activities

Tree Planting

FREE BBQ lunch with Jesmond Lion's Club

**Try orienteering with the
Newcastle Orienteering**

Coffee and Drinks from M & K Coffee

Passport activity for kids

Prizes to be won

Bush Poetry with the Minmi Magster

**Information stalls and activities from
many Environmental Organisations**

**Dungog and District Little Athletics
is up and running.**

All families are invited to be part of the fun for the new season of Little Athletics. All the sports and games will start on Thursday 5th September at Bennett Park starting at 4pm.

Registration will be held on Thursday 29th August at Dungog Shire Community Centre, 103 Dowling Street, Dungog from 3.30 - 4.30.

Registration costs \$60 for your first child and \$55 for all other children aged 5 - 18 years. Club shirts cost \$15 each and there is a club membership fee of \$5 per family. We will also be having Tiny Tits for 3 and 4 years old children, registration is \$50. If you have any questions please call club registrar Amy on Ph 0488 060 379.

KINDERGARTEN

This term in Kindergarten we have been looking at places that we know. This has led us on a journey from learning where we fit in on a map of Australia, through to discovering Vacy Public School on Google Earth and finally to our own homes. The children were given the task of making a 3D model of their bedroom and it has been an exciting few days as the children proudly share their work. News this week will also involve the models as each student has the opportunity to explain the process involved in making their bedrooms.

Well done Kindergarten, you have all done a fantastic job.

