

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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## "Friendship and Learning"

### Principal's Message

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who brought home the 'Champion School' trophy for the second year in succession from the Science and Engineering Challenge held last Friday! The pressure was on to back up from last year and with a new cohort, the students performed well in small teams to collectively gain a winning total of points. A full wrap up and photos of the activities are on our features page for this week.

We are all looking forward to 'Vacy's Got Talent' when it is held in week 9. The groups and solo performers are busy rehearsing their performances this week and next week they 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 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.

It was very pleasing to see so many students contest the Premiers Spelling Bee competition at a school level. For the competition we are able to nominate two students in each of Stage 2 and Stage 3 to participate at the zone level on September 18 at Tenambit PS. Congratulations to Amy and Kacia who will represent Vacy in Stage 2 and to Nalani and Amelia who will represent Stage 3. We wish them well in the competition.

We have a number of students who have taken up the opportunity to participate in the 2013 Dungog Footy Fun Day on Wednesday 10 September. This has been organised by the NRL's Hunter Game Development team to give students in Years 3 to 6 a rugby league experience in a fun and safe environment. The day begins with a skills clinic followed by a round robin of games under the NRL's 'Safe Play Code'. Thanks you to those parents who have offered transport for the event.

As a fund raiser to support our sponsor child Maurin in Tanzania, we will be having a 'team colours' day on the last day of term. Students are able to wear their favourite team's guernseys and colours and bring a gold coin donation to show their support for Maurin.

Regards,  
Graeme

### Quote of the Week

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— [Maya Angelou](#)

### Vacy Public School Winners of the Science & Engineering Day



### Survey Returns

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](http://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.

## Canteen Roster

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| Thursday 5 September | Amanda Saxby<br>Tim Carter<br>Karen Turner |
| Monday 9 September   | Tanya Waight<br>Jess Watts                 |

## Canteen News

Last week, notes were sent home to families asking for volunteers to assist in the Canteen for Term 4. Without volunteers the Canteen can not operate and unfortunately the Canteen has been forced to close on a few occasions this term. All families are asked to return the note by Wednesday 4 September to ensure that the roster can be sent home before the end of term. Our Canteen provides families with healthy lunches, an ability to be involved in your child's school and raises funds for educational programs.

Thank you to those families who have returned the note.

## 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.

## Volunteers Needed 7 September

This Saturday 7 September Vacy Public School P & C will be selling raffle tickets between 8.00am & 1.00pm at school. 3 to 4 volunteers are needed to sell these tickets. If you can assist please contact Glenn Butler on 4995 6008.

## Regional Update

On 30 August I went to Newcastle to participate in the Regional Athletics for the 100m sprint. We were not told what we came but mum said I came 4th or 5th out of 8. I may not of made it to state but I still had lots of fun.

By Mackenzie Peirce.

## 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.

Entries are now open for competitors. Entry forms were sent home last week for those who wish to compete in the Cutting Event.

## Book Club

All Book Club orders to be returned by no later than Wednesday 4 September.

## Vacy's Got Talent Program

| Monday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Tuesday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> September  | Wednesday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> September | Thursday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> September                         | Friday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> September |
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| Lilly - Dance                        | Annabelle, Kacia & Bronte - Dance      | Tess, Saskia and Brianna - Dance        | Libby, Chelsey, Samantha, Maddy, Lillian, Rose and Zoe - Dance | <b>Grand Final Day</b>               |
| Bailey Rowe - Comedy                 | Jorgia, Indy, Nalani & Caitlyn - Dance | Chloe & Grace - Singing                 | Alec & Bailey, H - Band  |                                      |
| Josie, Imi, Amy & Mackayla - Singing | Blaze, Fletcher & Jayden - Act         | Fox - Act                               | Toby & Connor - Stick Flip                                     |                                      |
| Scout                                | Ursula - Singing                       | Kasey Parker - Art Show                 | Natasha, Tallon, Sienna & Charlotte P. - Dance                 |                                      |
| Charlotte R, Izzy & Denika - Dance   | Jackson Lambert - Dance                | Jack .B & Darcy - Singing               | Brianna Arthur - Singing                                       |                                      |
|                                      | Caitlin & Mikayla P. - Dance           |   |  |                                      |

## Dates to Remember

### September

|              |  |
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| Wednesday 4  | Kinder Informal Orientation<br>11.00am - 11.30am                               |
| Wednesday 10 | Dungog Footy Fun Day<br>P & C meeting 7.00pm                                   |
| Wednesday 18 | Kinder Informal Orientation<br>11.00am -11.30am<br>Premiers Spelling Bee       |
| Friday 20    | Last day Term 3<br>Wear your team colours for a gold coin mufti day for Maurin |

### October

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| Tuesday 8 | Staff & Students return |
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### December

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



## Community Announcements

### 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](http://www.prcevents.org)

### TRIVIA NIGHT

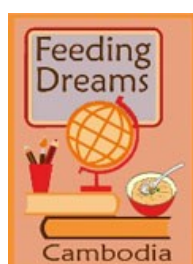
**Saturday, 14 September**  
**6.30pm for a 7.00pm start**  
**Farmers Hotel, Vacy**

**\$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**  
**Children welcome!**

**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**



## 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**

## LARGSPUBLICSCHOOL

### 175th Celebration Day

**Saturday 14th September 2013**

**1-5 Hunter Street LARGS 2320**  
**4930 1494**

**BBQ**

**Formal Assembly 9.30 - 10.00am**

**Market & Cake Stalls**

**"Old Bush Hut will be open**  
**for viewing Memorabilia"**

### 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 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 Tots 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.



## 5/6 Science & Engineering Discovery Day

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, Years 5 and 6 ventured to Dungog High School to participate in Dungog's Science and Engineering Discovery Day. The students were split into small groups and completed a variety of engineering based challenges. Some of the challenges included building balloon powered cars, earthquake resistant towers and a load bearing bridge made of pop sticks. The students were competing against other schools to build the most effective and sufficient products.

At the end of the day, points were tallied to award the Champion School. It was very nerve racking to hear Vacy Public School coming a close second, first position and then back to second. The MPC was silent as the final point scores were read aloud. Vacy Public School had won again! Congratulations to the students who worked productively as a team to achieve such a fantastic outcome.

Overall, students had a fun and productive day. It was terrific mingling with 5/6 students from other schools, especially as many of those students will be attending Dungog High School in the near future. We definitely have future scientists and engineers at Vacy Public School.

