

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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Respect, everyone & everything



Co-operate



Play fairly



Think before you do



“Friendship and Learning”

From The Principal

This week we will be holding a special weekly assembly on Friday to hear the speeches from our nominees for a school leadership or sports captain role for 2015. The assembly will commence at 2:10 pm and students will vote following the election speeches.

This year we have seven nominations for School Leaders and six each for Sports Captains for both Cory and Gostwyck. Good luck to all of our candidates and we look forward to hearing your election speeches.

Also on this Friday is the ‘World of Maths Day’, an event which brings fun maths activities to challenge and stimulate children. Children from Kinder to Year 3 will participate from 9:30 to 10:40 am and following recess, students in Years 4 to 6 will participate from 11:25 to 1:00 pm. This is a whole school event and all students are expected to participate. Please ensure that notes and money are returned to the office as soon as possible.

We do need some volunteers to assist, particularly in the morning with the K-3 group, as many of the activities are ‘hands-on’. If you are able to assist, please let the office know.

Next Monday, 24 November, the Maitland Public School Marching Band will be performing for our students to start their week-long tour of Hunter schools. The performance is free and we are asked to provide a morning tea for the performers. If you are able to prepare a plate for morning tea, we would greatly appreciate it and they can be left in the office.

Our final P&C meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday, 25 November commencing at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Also coming up very soon is our Year 6 Graduation Dinner to be held on Friday, 28 November starting at 6:00 pm. This year we have considered a few factors which can affect where we hold the dinner. With fewer numbers of people attending this year and possible hot weather conditions, we have decided to hold the dinner in the new classrooms which are air-conditioned.

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

November

- Fri 21 Captain speeches & World of Maths
- Mon 24 Maitland Public School Marching Band Performance
- Fri 28 Year 6 Farewell Dinner - @ Vacy School

December

- Fri 5 Netball come and try day @ Paterson
- Wed 10 Presentation Evening @ Tocal College
- Thu 11 Christmas Scripture Service Reports sent home
- Fri 12 Bike Safety Day for Year 3 to 6
- Wed 17 Students last day for 2104
- Thu 18 Staff Development Day

Canteen News

PLEASE LOOK AT MENU CAREFULLY WHEN ORDERING AS MANY OF THE PRICES HAVE CHANGED.

Don't forget there are still Pizza Rounders left at \$2.00 each. There is still Potato Bake, Macaroni Cheese, Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognese all at \$2.50 available. The new McCain Pizza's are a single size only for \$2.00. FRUIT SALAD WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE TO ORDER FOR LUNCH. It is all fresh seasonal fruit, just what you need on a hot day. Don't forget 350ml Berri Juice in Apple and Orange flavours at \$2.00 each are also available to buy.

I am still looking for some new menu ideas please. Remember to put your name on it and leave at office and I will put it in newsletter.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE POSITION OF CANTEEN ORDERER. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE FILL THIS POSITION BEFORE THE END OF THIS TERM SO THERE IS A SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR THE START OF NEXT YEAR. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MEL LUTSCHINI ON 0455281525.

Thursday 20 November	Nyree Wiseman & Emma Maslen
Monday 24 November	Tanya Waight & Fiona Wysel

Swim School

Friday was the last of our swimming lessons for 2014. Despite the extremely hot conditions the children still enjoyed their lunch order day. It was also the perfect day to enjoy the splash pad. The children had great fun on the water slides and waiting for the bucket to tip. This activity was as a reward for their hard work and efforts over the two weeks. We certainly had some very tired children on the bus trip home with a few of them enjoying a nap. It was very pleasing to see the improvement in the children after the intensive block of lessons. The statistics in Australia for children drowning is quite alarming and it is great that we as a school community can offer a program that addresses this. The program is run by Austswim accredited instructors some of whom have been teaching children to swim for many years and they certainly do a great job.



Active After-Schools Program

Parents are reminded that students who have enrolled in tennis on Tuesdays and gymnastics on Friday are expected to commit to the program for its seven week duration. Once enrolled, students are determined to be attending unless the office has been notified of changed arrangements. The last day for tennis will be 25th November and the last day for gymnastics will be 5th December.

No Hat, No Play

The school has a 'No Hat, No Play' policy in line with the Cancer Council's SunSmart policy that students who do not have a hat to wear during play periods are to stay under the shade of the COLA. Now is a good time to check that your child has their hat, labelled with their name either at school or packed in their bag each day.

Hats are available through the school's clothing pool and orders can be made at the office.

A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL

NO. 2 – Week 7

Hello Year 6, when you come to Dungog High School next year you will study many different subjects (in many different rooms and with many different teachers!). The subjects you will study are: English, Maths, Science, PDHPE, HSIE, Design and Technology, LOTE, Music, and Visual Arts. This gives you a chance to find out which subjects you really enjoy and are good at.

In Year 8 you will get to have some choice in your elective subjects.

There will be lots of people around to help you work out your timetable so that you know where you are meant to be and where you should be going. Don't be afraid to ask for directions or assistance.

Students and staff will be more than happy to help. There are 6 periods in the day, so there is a lot to fit into the day!

It's a great idea to use your diary to keep a copy of your timetable in, write down any homework or assessments and to remind yourself of anything else that is happening that is important to you.

If you like to sing, dance, act, draw, paint, or construct we have something for you. Dungog High School students are known not only for their academic achievements but also for their involvement in extra-curricular activities.

This year we have had many students participating in extra activities, to extend themselves in their interest areas and academic abilities. These include activities such as: Maths and Science competitions, displays for Science week, Engineering challenges, Public Speaking, Debating, High Achievers Camp and Short Story competitions.

We also participate in Starstruck each year, Drama competitions / camps, Music performances at local events and assemblies, Cattle Judging, Improvisation Challenges, and fundraising events. Whatever your interests may be, there is a wide range of activities available for you to extend and enrich yourself.

Mrs Judd J



1/2/3 RG News

A huge thank you and well done to students in stage one for their oral history speeches. Mrs Greaves and Mrs Rogers were very impressed at the high standard and variety of speeches.

Also a thank you and well done to Year 3 students who did speeches for Mrs Fonti and Mrs Rogers. This year we recorded the speeches on our school ipads and the students will be viewing them for self assessments.

This is the last week for parent helpers in 1/2/3 Literacy groups. We would like to thank all parent helpers for their support through the year.



Doug the Reading Bug says
“ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”
Read a book today!!

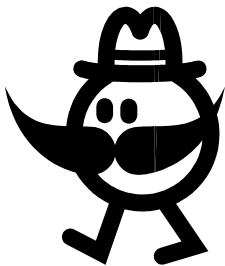
Reading to Young Children: A Head-Start in Life

Numerous studies have shown that children who are read to from an early age learn more sounds, develop listening skills, extend their vocabularies, imaginations and understandings of concepts, and learn to read by themselves more easily.



The Athlete's Foot are running a fundraising program to help our school raise money. This program will run all year round and the dollars raised goes straight to the school. The program is easy and requires families and staff shopping at any of our three stores, Glendale, Charlestown or Greenhills for their children's school shoes, their work shoes and/ or the families sport shoes The Athlete's Foot will donate \$5 for every pair back to the school. All you have to do is mention Vacy School when you shop at any of the stores mentioned above.

It's Movember



Farmers Hotel Cricket Club are Celebrating

We are holding a charity cricket match on the evening of 29th November

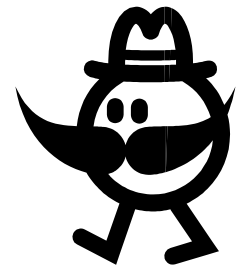
Event commences around 5.30pm

We will be cooking a BBQ for dinner

There will be plenty of slushies and ice-cream for the kids
a few local entrepreneur's selling their goods and donating to the charity
a xmas hamper raffle, chicken ham and seafood raffle

Plus much more

Come along and support the event, have a great time and raise money for Men's health
Hope to see you there



Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed

We have been successful in gaining donations of many items from “Chuck Duck and Rooster Cluck” who will be providing, tins of milo, loaves of bread, vegemite, fruit juice and milk to get us started. Visit the website for more information at <http://www.chuckduck.com.au>

What we need now are some generous souls who would be prepared to serve the breakfasts before school. Please let the office know which day suits you by either phoning 4938 8153 or dropping into the office if you are able to help.

Research does show that students who have a nutritious breakfast are better placed to be able to learn.