

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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Respect, everyone & everything



Be safe

Co-operate



Play fairly



Think before you do



“Friendship and Learning”

From The Principal

Wow! How awesome were the Maitland Public School Band? For a small band of just 17 students, they certainly made a big noise. The band entertained our students and guests from Gresford, even involving some of our students as conductors, percussionists and audience team leaders. It was a wonderful opportunity to see music performed by primary-aged students who have put in the effort to extend themselves. We hope they have a great time on tour over the three days and look forward to seeing them perform in the future.

Congratulations to all of the candidates for School Leader and Sports Captain positions for 2015. I would like to share the results firstly with the candidates and their parents. Please join me in the Library on Wednesday 3 December at 2:45 pm when the successful candidates will be announced.

Last Friday was also the ‘World of Maths Day’, an event which brought fun maths activities to Vacy to challenge and stimulate children.

Thank you to those parents who were able to assist on the day.

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

Our Year 6 Graduation Dinner is being held this 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 28 Year 6 Farewell Dinner - @ Vacy School

December

Wed 3 Dungog High Orientation day for Year 6 students

Fri 5 Netball come and try day @ Paterson

Wed 10 Presentation Evening @ Tocal College

Thu 11 Christmas Scripture Service

Fri 12 Bike Safety Day for Year 3 to 6

Wed 17 Students last day for 2014

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. Please also note that snack pies are unavailable due to being out of stock at the suppliers thanks.

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 27 November	Russell Jessop & Robyn Preston
Monday 1 December	NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS

Kindergarten News

Well done everyone who has brought in their homework projects. It has been great to see the amount of effort that the children have put into their work and how keen they are to share their work with the class. I know I have learnt some new information about animals and their habitats. In Literacy for the rest of the term, we will be focusing on writing tasks and individual reading assessments. Consequently, we will no longer be needing parent helpers in the classroom. A big thank you to all the parents that have been able to help in class as well as to those that have helped behind the scenes.

Ms Sue Graham



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 ~ Week 8

Hello Year 6,

Orientation Day is coming up next week on **Wednesday the 3rd of December**. The year 9 and 10 peer support leaders are looking forward to meeting you and showing you around the school. The day will be a chance for you to check out Dungog High, pick up your book pack (\$37), purchase uniform items that you will need, meet some of the teachers and even try out some classes. You will be able to utilise the school bus service on this day if that is easier. The day begins at **9:15am** in the MPC and will be a FUN day for all! I look forward to seeing you all again.

Dungog High School has adopted the POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING reward and behaviour system, otherwise known as PBL. You will hear and see these three key terms: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST quite a lot whilst moving around the school and during lessons. Students who demonstrate these core values will be rewarded for their efforts and will receive a merit certificate. Each subject area has a coloured merit e.g. English merits are pink and Maths merits are blue. Students collect these merits and when they have five different coloured merits they will receive a Year Advisor's Award which provides benefits such as first choice in Sport. Three Year Advisor's Awards will result in a Deputy's Award and two Deputy's Awards will result in a Principal's Award. There is a useful behaviour matrix in your handbook to give you an idea of what our three core values actually look like in practice.

Mrs Judd



Maitland Tennis Centre

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TENNIS CLINIC

Pro-Shop 4934 5016 Moblie: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323

Web site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 12th, 13th, 14th, JANUARY (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child
(family discounts available)

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

Book Now: Phone 49345016 or 0421882055 or

Online: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au



The simplest
way.....

to make sandwiches fun



Casey the Caterpillar

Ingredients

- 2 slices wholegrain bread cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 2 slices reduced fat cheese cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 cherry tomato
- 1 wooden skewer
- 2 raisins/sultanas
- Chives/toothpicks - for antennae

Method

1. Layer bread, cheese and cucumber
2. Slide onto skewer to create body, with a tomato head
3. Cut slits in tomato to add raisin eyes, cucumber mouth and antennae.



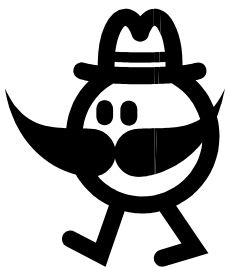
Doug the Reading Bug says
“ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”
Read a book today!!

Parents and caregivers are the first teachers. The more stimulation they provide by talking to their babies, singing to them, and sharing rhymes and stories, the better the outcomes for their children.



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

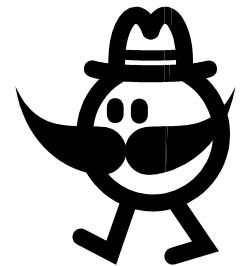
Event commences around 5.30pm

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.