

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

**Respect, everyone & everything**



**Be safe**



**Co-operate**



**Play fairly**



**Think before you do**

## From The Principal

Our Presentation Evening for 2014 will be held tomorrow Wednesday 10 December commencing at 6:30 pm at Tocal College Hall. All students are expected to attend and will need to be in full school uniform. Students will be seated in class groups throughout the evening.

The Presentation Evening is a formal assembly and students and guests are asked to respect the sense of the occasion. The night is a celebration of all that makes Vacy Public School so great and recognises the outstanding efforts of many of the students.

A ‘School Vision’ statement has been developed through the input of parents at recent P & C meetings and staff. This vision statement will drive our future directions and is the foundation stone for the 2015 – 2017 School Plan.

I have included the statement below for all families to view, discuss and if there are amendments that you would like to propose, please send your ideas through on the school’s email [vacy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vacy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## The vision statement is:

“Parents, students, staff and the school community of Vacy Public School work collaboratively to create a safe, friendly and happy learning environment where individuals feel valued, respected, included and supported to grow and learn to reach their potential.”

A special lunch to honour those students who have achieved Gold level will be held next Monday 15 December. Congratulations to our Gold level students!

Linq buslines have advised that they will have one bus operating for the Gresford Rd route and Lennoxton Rd route. Pickup for Gresford Rd will be 10 minutes later than normal in the morning and set down in the afternoon will be no change except for Thursday when it will be approx. 10 minutes late. Lennoxton Rd pick up will be normal in the morning with no change to afternoon set down times. Hilldale will be running in reverse in the afternoon. This is from Tuesday 9 December to Friday 12 December whilst the Vacy Bridge is closed for repairs. Any queries contact Linq bus company on 4938 9394.

Class parties will be held next Tuesday 16 December between recess and lunch. Following the success of last year’s water fun activities, students will be in their Fitness groups undertaking a rotation of water games with their leaders. Students will be able to wear mufti (out of school uniform) on this day and should bring swimmers, rashies, a change of underwear, towel and brush. A separate bag to contain wet clothing and towel is essential. Please label all clothing.

Class teachers will send out notes to advise what each child will be asked to bring to the class party to ensure that there is not excessive food that inevitably goes to waste.

Regards,  
Graeme

## Dates to Remember

### December

Wed 10	Presentation Evening @ Tocal 6.30pm Full school uniform required
Thu 11	Christmas Scripture Service Reports sent home
Fri 12	Bike Safety Day for Year 3 to 6
Mon 15	Gold Level special lunch
Wed 17	Students last day for 2014
Thu 18	Staff Development Day
January 2015	
Tue 27	Staff Return
Wed 28	Students Year 1 to 6 return
Thu 29	Kinder starts

### Notes and money to be returned

Years 3-6 Bike Safety Day \$5 due by 10th  
December

## Canteen News

**Just a reminder that this Thursday will be the last canteen day for the year.** There are no snack pies, beef burgers or Up and Go available. Thankyou to Heidi Watson and Donna Tolhurst for doing canteen on Monday 1st Dec.

A big thankyou goes out to all volunteers that have been involved with the canteen this year. The canteen would not be able to operate without you. Also a big thankyou goes out to everyone that has helped me out during my time with the canteen past and present so thankyou again. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Thanks again Mel Lutschini.

Recently, the P & C sought advice about parent helpers in the canteen from the P & C Federation. Their response was that parent volunteers **are able** to have their children with them in the canteen at the parent's responsibility. The P & C are not able to cover the children of volunteers in their insurance cover. We do hope that this will encourage more parents to be available to help in the canteen.

At this stage, **we have not been able** to replace Mel Lutschini as canteen manager and it looks as if the canteen will not operate at the start of 2015. If you would like to discuss the role and your availability, please contact the office on 4938 8153 or Mel Lutschini.

Thursday 11 December	Anne Lean & Amy Rowles
Monday 15th December	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>

## Active After School Sport

Thank you to all of the students who participated in Tennis and Gymnastics this term. Jeff and Jen have both commented on how well behaved the students are and how much they've enjoyed coaching this term. This concludes A.A.S.S. Well done Vacy School.

Mrs Rogers & Miss Corrigan

## Parent Helper Morning Tea

Have you helped out our school this year? Have you driven students to events, helped in canteen, helped in the classroom or sports field, landscaped our grounds or sold uniforms?

If so, we would like you to join us for morning tea on Thursday, 11.12.14 at 10.45am so that we can say thank you.



## 'Come and Try' Gala Day

Last Friday some students from Kindy to Year 2 participated in the Paterson River 'Come and Try' Gala day. The weather was warm but that didn't stop the children from having fun. They practised their throwing and catching as well as participating in modified netball games at the end of the day. All students enjoyed themselves with many keen to join the club in the upcoming season.



## **PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB**



### Registration Dates for Season 2015

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10-12pm and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-6pm at the Paterson School Library.

Follow PRNC [www.patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://www.patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au) or like us on Facebook "Paterson Netball Club". Contact us [patersonnetball@gmail.com](mailto:patersonnetball@gmail.com) or PO Box 136,

Paterson NSW, 2421.

## **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.



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.

## JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: [www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au](http://www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au)

**When:** 12th,13th,14th JANUARY

( Mon, Tues, Wed) **Where: Maitland Tennis Centre**

Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland 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

Name (1)..... D.O.B..... Name (2)..... D.O.B.....

Name (3)..... D.O.B..... Address.....

Phone (Home)..... (Mobile)..... Email.....

BOOK NOW: PH 49345016, 0421882055 or Online @ [www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au](http://www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au)

DON'T MISS OUT

## Visit the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland in the January school holidays. There's always lots to see and do.

- Try dip-netting from the jetty
- Watch the Magpie Geese feeding
- Climb the Egret Tower
- Get up close to some of our reptiles at an interactive tank talk.
- Become a WETLANDS EXPLORER and go in the draw to win a weekly prize
- Hire a bike or canoe or bring your own and explore the wetlands
- Climb, slide and play at the Discovery Playground
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe

Kids can book in for one of the special holiday activities:

**Bush Skills** for 8-12 years (\$20) – have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knots and other bush skills.

**Wiggly Wetlanders** for 5-8 years (\$20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and then get creative with craft activities

For more information go to [www.wetlands.org.au](http://www.wetlands.org.au) or phone 02 4951 6466