

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

Congratulations to all of our award recipients for 2014. The Presentation Night certainly showcased the outstanding achievements of the students and the talents that exist in our school. The dance, choir and drumming performances were highlights and thanks go to our tutors, Miss Corrigan, Mrs Percival and Col Hatchman.

This newsletter includes an ‘honour roll’ of all of the award winners as well as our School Captains and House Captains for 2015.

I would like to especially applaud the role that our current School Captains performed as chairpersons for the Presentation Night. They did a marvellous job as they have done at every occasion during 2014 and have continued a great tradition of being excellent role models for all students. Well done, Anastasia and Mitchell.

This will be our last newsletter for 2014 and a reminder that school resumes for students in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday, 28 January 2015 and for our new kindies, big school will start on Thursday, 29 January 2015.

To our departing families, thank you for contributions to Vacy Public School and all the best for the future.

To all families, on behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to another exciting year in 2015.

Regards,
Graeme

Our Gold & Platinum Lunch Recipients



Dates to Remember

December

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

Canteen News

I am pleased to say that the canteen will operate next year. I would like to thank Emma Maslen for taking on the role as the new canteen manager. I want to make a special mention to Natalie Convery. Natalie and I started together and Natalie made it possible for the canteen to continue operating by doing rosters and helping me out with everything when I needed it. So a big thank you goes out to Natalie. Anyone who has been involved in the day to day running of the canteen, especially Sian and Robyn who make our yummy homemade foods we sell thank you. Lastly Emma will be in the canteen on Wednesday at lunch time selling icecreams.

Thank you to everyone!
Mel Lutschini

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We would like to wish our Year 6 students all the best for their future and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and happy New Year.

Kind regards,
Anne & Ruth



Students and staff painting leaves for the Year 6 Mural



Our Platinum Winners



PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB



Registration Dates for Season 2015

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

Follow PRNC www.patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au or like us on Facebook "Paterson Netball Club". Contact us 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.



Good for Kids good for life

Surviving the silly season

Plan ahead and stock up on fresh, nutritious ingredients. Fill the trolley with salad vegies and lots of delicious summer fruits, wholegrain breads and cereals, low fat dairy like milk, cheese and yoghurt and lean meats, poultry and an array of nuts so that so it's fast and easy to eat well when you're not out socializing.

Limit or avoid soft drinks. Remember to drink water regularly especially during those hot summer days.

Watch out for confectionary. Everywhere you turn at Christmas time there is an array of chocolates and lollies to choose from. Be wise and eat these foods in moderation.

Prioritise physical activity. The festive season tends to be really busy. Make time for you and your family to be active every day e.g. fun at the beach, playing at the park.



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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.

SPORTS GALA EVENT

Don't get bored these school holidays – get active

Come and try, learn new skills, get active and make new friends

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January 2015

Clarence Town Bowling Sport and Recreation Club, Clarence Town & surrounding venues

Both days will run from 8.30am till 2.30pm

This event is **FREE**

Sports over the 2 days will include:

Water Polo, Soccer, Tennis, Golf, League Gymnastics, Soft ball, Lawn Bowls

with more to be announced!!

Children will try each sport offered on the day and will walk, accompanied, between each sport

A free sausage sizzle will be provided, plus the canteen will be open to buy other snacks. **Please bring snacks, water bottle and a hat.**

Open to all children aged 5 to 16 yrs. Children under 8 will **NOT** be able to participate in swimming events, they will do other sports activities.

Fill in the registration form and drop into the Dungog Shire Community Centre, 103 Dowling St, Dungog, Clarence Town PO, Clarence Town Bowling Sport & Recreation Club OR email to: stevan.lofts@det.nsw.edu.au, by **12/12/2014**

For more information find us on facebook The Gala Sports Days

The Hunter Sports Academy together with local sports associations are proud to present this unique sporting event.

All volunteers at this event must satisfy the requirements of the Working With Children Checks.