

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

What a wonderful night we had at the Year 6 Graduation Dinner last Friday 28 November. The rooms were beautifully decorated and the layout gave us all plenty of room. The students looked very mature in their finery, the meal was delicious and Miss Corrigan gave some enlightening insights into the characters of our departing Year 6 students which kept us all in stitches.

Special thanks go to Mrs Fonti and Miss Corrigan for their organisation and preparation as well as to the teachers and students of Years 1, 2 and 3 who vacated their room on Friday to allow the venue to be dressed up.

A big thank you is extended to Fiona Hack and Todd Magri who assisted our Year 5 students who were very attentive wait staff for the evening.

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 this Wednesday 3 December at 2:45 pm when the successful candidates will be announced.

Congratulations to Darcy Richardson who was awarded 2nd prize in his age section for colouring-in at the Dungog Show recently. Well done, Darcy.

Our Presentation Evening for 2014 will be held next 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. 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

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.”

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

December

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| Wed 3 | Dungog High Orientation day for Year 6 students |
| Fri 5 | Netball come and try day @ Paterson |
| Wed 10 | Presentation Evening @ Tocal 6.30pm |
| Thu 11 | Christmas Scripture Service Reports sent home |
| Fri 12 | Bike Safety Day for Year 3 to 6 |
| Wed 17 | Students last day for 2014 |
| Thu 18 | Staff Development Day |

Notes and money to be returned

Years 3-6 Bike Safety Day \$5

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.

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| Thursday 4 December | Emma Maslen, Natalie Parker |
| Monday 8 December | Heidi Watson, Karen Sanders |

Kindergarten News

We are heading towards the end of a very productive year in Kindergarten. Some end of year changes:

- A letter to Santa is coming home this week. Can you please assist your child by arranging postage to the North Pole.
- Homework has now finished, thank you for your support in getting this in each week.
- Home readers are due back next Monday. Again, thank you to parents for taking the time to read with your child.
- All library books to be returned by tomorrow.
- We do not have formal parent interviews at the end of the year however, please contact me if you would like to discuss your child's progress.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Presentation evening.

Ms Sue Graham

1/2/3 GR News

This will be the last week the children's home readers will be changed. Could everyone please return all books next week on the appropriate day?

Also no more library borrowing as stocktake will be happening over the next few weeks.

Please return all library books as soon as possible.

Maree Greaves

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.

Active After-Schools Program

Parents are reminded that the last day for gymnastics will be 5th December. Thank you to all who participated in Active After School tennis and gymnastics this term. We hope you enjoyed it.

5-7PM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7

A Very Vacy Family Christmas

INCLUDING A CHILDREN'S NATIVITY, CAROLS
FOOD, WINE & FUN
IN THE GROUNDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH
ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF VACY WELCOME

A gold coin donation
Or a treat for the
Giving Tree is warmly welcomed.

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.



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 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.

FREE-

Piano free to a good home. We have an old piano that is surplus to our requirements and we need to have it removed. If you are interested in having a piano, please contact the office.



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.



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.

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.