

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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“Friendship and Learning”

Young Leaders Conference Co-operate



Respect



Play fairly



Be safe



Think before you do



Principals Message

Our Year 6 students went to Sydney very early yesterday to be part of The Young Leaders Conference for 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 students to listen to speakers, who have excelled in their field, talk about the qualities and skills effective leaders need.

All of our Year 6 students are invited to attend this day and are extremely fortunate to do so, as many schools only send their Captains. However we feel that they would benefit from attending as they are all expected, throughout the year to take on various leadership roles and we hope that this conference will help them develop the skills needed for this.

Thanks to Miss Corrigan for organising this excellent opportunity for our Year 6 students and also thanks to all our parents who supported us by having the children here organised and ready to leave at such an early hour.

I have included in the newsletter some written accounts from the students who attended the day and hope you enjoy reading them.

Have a great week.

Maree Greaves (Relieving Principal).

Stranger Danger

There have been numerous sightings recently of adults acting in a suspicious manner around some of our local schools. Your children participate in Child Protection activities as part of P.D Health each year. We have also revisited these lessons several times this term. It may also be a good opportunity for you to have some discussions with your children on this topic. Whilst we don't want to alarm our children it is imperative that the students are aware of what to do if they ever find themselves in a difficult situation. It would also be a good time to ensure the children know their afternoon routines and whom they are to go home with.

Reward Day

As part of our new behaviour system each class set a reward for themselves for good behaviour. In order to participate in the reward, children must not have had three or more detentions in that period. The students who have achieved this goal will be invited to attend. The children and the teachers are looking forward to the fun activities that have been planned for Wednesday 9 April. The following is what each class has decided on.

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| *Kinder | - | Games afternoon |
| *1/2/3RG | - | Movie and popcorn |
| *4/5/6C | - | Movie and Roald Dahl dressup/Hot chip lunch |
| *4/5/6/F | - | Movie and Roald Dahl dressup/Hot chip lunch |

Dates to Remember

April

Thurs 3	Maitland Zone Cross Country
Tues 8	P & C AGM 7pm
Wed 9	Class Rewards Day
Fri 11	Last day Term 1
Mon 28	Staff Development Day
Tues 29	Students return for Term 2

Canteen News

We are in need of one more volunteer for Thursday 15th May and three volunteers for Thursday 29th May. Please contact Eleesha Pereira via email: e_pereira4@bigpond.com.au or 4938 5046 if you can help out.

Rosters for Term 2 were sent home last week.

Thank you.

Easter Activities 2014

Our Easter activities for 2014 will take place on Thursday 10 April. We would like to welcome parents and friends to join us for our combined scripture service at 11.30am followed by our Easter raffle draw, presentation of prizes for our Easter colouring competition and Easter songs by the Junior Choir.

We will be having a hot cross bun morning tea at 11am, you are welcome to join students in the COLA.

We are asking each family to donate Easter eggs for raffle prizes. Please bring donations to the office.

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter celebrations.



Mothers Day Stall

Please find attached the Mothers Day Stall order form. The P & C run the Mothers Day Stall each year for the students to purchase presents for Mums, Grandmothers and other female relatives. All orders need to be returned by Friday 11 April 2014. The stall will be held on Thursday 8 May 2014.

Text Book and Resource Levy and Voluntary School Contributions

The textbook and resource levy is now due. Accounts were sent home last month and your prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Text book fees are \$50 per student and Voluntary School Fees are also \$50 per student. Thank you to the many families who have made their payments. If you are having difficulty in making the payment, please contact the school to make alternate arrangements.

Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best

28 March 2014

Student of the Week

Kinder	Nellie Chapman
1/2 G	Chandell-Rose Carroll
2/3 R	Charlotte Hopkins
4/5/6 F	Fletcher Pereira
4/5/6 C	Annabelle Pereira

Class Awards

Kinder	Thomas Cowell
Year 1	Charlie Watson
Year 2	Noah Street
Year 3	Seth Deacon
Year 4	Mackenzie Peirce
Year 5	Jacob Bates
Year 6	Tess Bennett

1/2G and 2/3R News

As part of our Easter activities we would ask that each child brings in a bag of cotton wool balls so that we can use them for a craft activity. If they could have them here by **Friday 4 April** it would be appreciated.

Bus Safety

It is our expectation that children will follow the bus rules for travel when they are coming to and from school. It is also expected that if seat belts are available the students will wear them. Staff have spoken to the children about these expectations and if you could also reinforce them at home it would be appreciated.

Cross Country

Children will be attending Zone Cross Country this Thursday. Miss Corrigan will be accompanying them. Don't forget to send in \$1.00 per student in order to compete. We apologise that this did not go out on the original note but we only received notification of the charge on Friday. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR COMPETITORS!**

A.A.S.C.P.

Parent Consent forms are due to be returned by this Friday 4th April. Please remember that if you sign your child up, it is expected that your child will attend each session. Places are filling fast.

League Tag will commence on Tuesday 6 May between 3:15 and 4:15pm and Hockey will commence on Thursday 8 May between 3:10 and 4:10pm.

P & C News

Tuesday 8 April the P & C will hold their Annual General Meeting in the staffroom commencing at 7pm. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Please find attached to this newsletter the P & C minutes from 18th March.

Generous Students

We are very lucky to have an extremely generous student at Vacy Public School who enjoys giving to those less fortunate. Nellie Pereira has very kindly donated half her birthday money (\$75.00) to our sponsor child Maurin! We would like to thank her for this contribution to Maurin and her family. We are very proud of her generosity.

Nellie with a photo of our sponsor child

MAURIN!!!



Rescue Helicopter

Mrs Penny Evans and Mr Jones visited our school yesterday to give the children some information about the important work The Westpac Rescue Helicopter does for our community. They are also encouraging people to fill out the information on the pamphlet sent home and keep it on the fridge in case of an emergency. It is also very important that the property's coordinates are determined and placed on the card as this makes the job of finding rural properties much easier for the helicopter in an emergency.

Mrs Greaves' Leave

Next Thursday 10 April I will be commencing Long Service Leave and will be replaced during this time by Ms Makenzy Fay, Monday-Thursday and Mrs Rogers on Fridays. They will be following the usual class routines and program. I will return from my travels on Monday 19 May. If you have any questions or worries please come and see me before I leave.

Mrs Fonti's Leave

On Thursday 10 April I will be departing the country and will not be returning until Week 4, Term 2 (Monday 19 May). During my absence Renee Giuffre will be teaching my class. Ms Giuffre will be following my normal program of lessons and work has been left for her. If, during this time you have any concerns please contact the office for an appointment.

Young Leaders Day Recount

On Monday Year 6 went to Young Leaders in Sydney. It was an early start but we left on time. There were so many people in Sydney. I had never seen so many people in one spot.

When we got to Sydney we got straight off the bus and found our seats at Qantas Credit Union Arena. There were over 6000 children there.

We listened to five different speakers, including Mike Martin, The Honourable Bob Carr and Ita Buttrose. My favourite speaker was Andy Griffiths. He was funny and presented his speech in an interesting and entertaining way. We also listened to Coen Ashton who had an amazing story to share. He is a sixteen year old boy who was born with Cerebral Palsy. He had a double lung transplant and is now able to do everything he couldn't do before. He told us to use our differences as something that makes us special.

I had a great day and I left wondering what the future would be for me.

BY CRYSTAL ROCCO.

Yesterday Year 6 went to Sydney for Young Leaders. It took three hours to get there. When we got there we heard five speakers, saw one hip hop dance, a nine year old girl sang "ROAR". It was awesome. We played three games: an inflatable ball challenge, a game where you have to crouch behind your chair. Last game we played had a notebook and in the middle it said "I AM SOMEBODY".

Our first speaker was Mike Martin. The second one was The Honourable Bob Carr, the third was Coen Ashton, the fourth was Andy Griffiths and the last speaker was Ita Buttrose. I really enjoyed the Young Leader Conference. I learned a lot about careers - it was really fun

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