

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

Anzac Day Respect



Co-operate



Play fairly



Be safe



Think before you do



Principals Message

Welcome back to one and all for Term 2. This term promises to be very full and includes NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 & 5 in week 3, lots of assessing being scheduled by teachers and semester 1 reports to be completed incorporating the new English syllabus.

Mrs Fonti and Mrs Greaves will return in week 4 (Monday 19 May) and are being replaced by Miss Guiffre and Ms Makenzy Fay respectively. From the photo, it looks as though Mrs Fonti and Mrs Graeves are seeing the sights.

I would like to acknowledge the terrific job that our Scripture and Religious Education volunteers do at Vacy PS. We enjoyed another Easter service which was followed by some songs from our younger students before we drew the raffles. Thank you to all who donated chocolate for the raffles and special thanks to Mrs Rogers for her great organisation.

Thank you to those students and families who were able to attend the Anzac Service at Gresford. Well done to both of our Captains, Anna and Mitchell who gave the Prayer for Peace and also laid a wreath at the dawn service as well as at the Gresford ceremony.

This week we have a commitment towards the Tocal Field Day and I urge everyone to make themselves available to assist at the craft stall that we will be operating. Thanks also to those families who have generously given their time to support the P&C's involvement at the Tocal Field Days. If you are yet to put your name down, please do as soon as possible by contacting the office.

The Annual School Report for 2013 has been completed and is available on the school's website. The report includes an evaluation of the 2013 targets and the priority areas for 2014.

We hope that you had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. Staff returned on Monday for a Staff Development Day which focused on online training on the 'Disability Standards for Education' followed by two webinars on aspects of the new Mathematics syllabus introduction as part of the Australian Curriculum.

Let's have a wonderful Term 2!

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

April

30 Professional Learning
S Rogers & G Oke

May

2-4 Total Field Days Volunteers Needed

8 Mothers Day Stall

13-15 NAPLAN

23 Years 5& 6 Gala Sports Day

28 Responsible Pet Education K—2

Canteen News

**Canteen will not be open this Thursday
1 May 2014 due to the Total Field Days.**

Canteen will resume on Monday 5 May 2014.

Canteen Roster

5 May Liz Burgman & Tanya Waight

Mothers Day Stall

The Mothers Day Stall will be held this year on Thursday 8 May 2014. The P & C run this stall each year for the students to purchase presents for Mums, Grandmothers and other female relatives. Those students wishing to purchase gifts should have returned their notes and money last term. Thank you to the P & C for organising this event for the students.

A message from abroad

Hello everyone, it's the happy travellers here reporting in from England to let you know that we are both safe and having a wonderful time. Usually the weather in England is quite cold but luckily we have had some very sunny days.

On the way over we stayed in Hong Kong for two nights and saw some very interesting things. While we were there we travelled on a tram up the side of this really steep mountain. We were a little scared at first but when we reached the top we could see all of the city. There are lots and lots of people living in Hong Kong and because there isn't a lot of space, they all have to live in very high apartment blocks.

After another long plane trip, we arrived in London to see Mrs Fonti's daughter and some of her family. Living in London for a week was wonderful. We went to Buckingham Palace and saw the Changing of the Guards and we visited lots of important historic sites around the city. One night we even went on a Jack the Ripper tour! We also visited lots of interesting shops like Harrods where the Queen used to shop and Hamley's, a six storey toy shop.

At the moment we are travelling through the English countryside and we are presently staying in York. On our way here we stopped in Sherwood Forest where Robin Hood used to live and we even saw the tree where he used to meet with his merry men. We also visited a place called Windsor and we knew that the Queen was there because her royal standard (flag) was flying above the castle.

We have done so much and seen so many beautiful places along the way that we can't possibly mention them all.

Mrs Greaves and I, hope that you all had a great and safe holiday and we wish all of the Year 5 and 3 students all the very best while they sit their Naplan Testing. We look forward to sharing all our adventures with you soon.

Mrs Fonti & Mrs Greaves

Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best

11 April, 2014

Student of the Week

Kinder	Eva Doyle
1/2 G	Lucy Thompson
2/3 R	Charlotte Parker
4/5/6 F	Shay Deacon
4/5/6 C	Crystal Rocco

Class Awards

Kinder	Jack Tyler
Year 1	Jett Saxby
Year 2	River Rowles
Year 3	Seth Deacon
Year 4	Mackenzie Peirce
Year 5	Lillie Geddes
Year 6	Rose Washbourne

Tocal Field Days Volunteers Needed Urgently

Thank you to the families who have already volunteered to help out at the Tocal Field Days Craft Stall. **We are still in desperate need for volunteers so if you can spare some time on Saturday 3 May, we would really appreciate your support.**

This is an excellent way for Vacy Public School to be involved in this event and it does generate much needed fundraising money for our school.

Active After School Program

Term 2 Active After School Program will commence on Week 2. Tuesday 6 May 2014, League tag will commence at 3.15pm and go until 4.15pm. There are still 5 places available if anyone is keen to participate. Thursday 8 May 2014, Hockey will commence at 3.15pm and go until 4.15pm. There are still 10 places available for interested students. Notes confirming acceptance in the program will be sent home this week.

Drumming Lessons

Drumming Lessons for this term will commence on Thursday 1 May 2014. This term the cost of the lessons will be \$90.00.

All students wishing to continue with drumming lessons this term need to complete the permission note attached to this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

The Magri Family adopt a Koala on behalf of Vacy Public School

My family went to the Koala Preservation Society in Port Macquarie during February. All of the koalas were very cute and well looked after. I felt sorry for them. Jack, Tia, Fay and I came home and sold our eggs to people. We raised \$70.00 gave \$20.00 to Maurin (Vacy Public School's Foster child) and used the other \$50.00 to adopt a koala. There were lots of different koalas to choose from but we chose O'Briens Freddo and adopted him on behalf of Vacy Public School. He was walking across a garden and was spotted by some very drunk, young humans who caught the koala and took him with them in the boot of their car. They drove 90km and crashed the car and left the koala there. One of the passengers felt sorry for the koala, phoned the police and told them where it was. Luckily she did because it was a very hot day. O'Briens Freddo is being cared for at the Koala Preservation Society in Port Macquarie and our donation will go to looking after him. By Amy Magri

On behalf of everyone at Vacy Public School, I would like to thank and acknowledge Amy, Jack, Tia and Fay Magri for sponsoring O'Brien's Freddo! What a wonderful, charitable act!

Fundraiser for CHRISTIE LYN FOUNDATION

We are holding a sportspersons fundraising event to assist Tim and his children in this time of hardship. Tim lost his 34 year old wife and mother of their three young children, aged six, three and 15 months, who tragically passed away on 27 March, 2014 after a six month battle with Stage 4 T Cell Lymphoma. Tim was forced to give up his job to become a full-time carer.

The event is to be held on Friday 16 May, 2014 commencing at 12noon at Lorn Park Bowling Club.

Tickets are \$100.00 per person which includes your meal and drinks.

On the day there will be

- **Auctions**
- **World Famous Comedian**
- **Sporting identities and much more!!!!**

TICKET AND EVENT INFO CONTACT:

***KEVIN UNICOMB PH—4938 5455 OR 4933 4764**

***GLEN AT LORN PARKING BOWLING CLUB PH— 4933 6869**

*******DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE LEFT AT PATERSON BUTCHERY*******