

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

Respect



Co-operate



Play fairly



Be safe



Think before you do



Principals Message

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.

Thank you to the many volunteers who were able to assist at the craft stall at the Total Field Days. The cold snap and blustery winds created some difficult conditions, especially on the Saturday and Sunday.

The contribution to our P & C has ensured that we receive \$2000 for our efforts which will be used to fund resources and activities for your children.

We appreciate your time and efforts and would like to hear of any suggestions for improvements that you have to make our involvement at next year's Field Days even better.

Following the staff training in First Aid and CPR and concerns about time and distance from emergency services, particularly the Ambulance service, we have purchased an AED or defibrillator for school and community use.

Please let any community members be aware that, should an emergency situation arise where a defibrillator is needed the school can be contacted on 49388153 and the AED will be despatched with a trained staff member. This should only be done once a triple zero call has been placed and an Ambulance has been requested.

Thank you to Jack at the Vacy Store for donating to the school two vouchers for any film at the cinema in Raymond Terrace. The tickets will be presented to the winners from our weekly positive behaviour raffle draw.

We will be competing in the first round of the PSSA Knockouts in both netball and soccer in the coming weeks. Miss Corrigan will give permission notes out to those students selected to represent the school in these events which will include all details. Our soccer team will play against Seaham PS on Monday 19 May and our netball team will play Mt Pleasant PS on Tuesday 20 May.

With wintry conditions now upon us, it is great to see the school jackets being worn. Please ensure that you label the jacket with your family name so that if it is found, it can be easily returned, especially as jackets are discarded in the playground as the day warms up.

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.

Lovey's IGA Donation: Thanks to everyone who donated through the Community Chest Box located at the IGA in Dungog. The school received \$391.54. Thanks also to IGA at Dungog for including our school in this great fundraiser.

Regards,

Graeme

Principal

Dates to Remember

May	
8	Mothers Day Stall
13-15	NAPLAN
23	Years 5& 6 Gala Sports Day
28	Responsible Pet Education K—2
June	
6	School's Athletic Carnival

Canteen News

Canteen Roster

Monday 8 May	Christine Priestley, Sian Jones & Emma Maslen
Thursday 12 May	Heidi Watson & Eleesha Pereira

With today's newsletter please find the Term 2 winter Canteen menu and price list.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Years 3 & 5 will sit the national NAPLAN assessments. We would encourage families to make sure students have an early night before assessments and a nutritious breakfast the morning of assessments. The students do not need to bring anything for the test, equipment will be provided. At the conclusion of the assessments on Thursday (15th May) all students in Years 3 & 5 will be given a special hot chip lunch, drink and ice block as a reward for their efforts. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please contact the school.

Royal Easter Show Winners!

On Friday 11th of April, Jackson and I, along with Jacob Bates went to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney to see our chooks that had been judged on Thursday. We had sent them down on Wednesday, thirteen Chooks and two Indian Runner Drakes. We won 6 firsts, 4 seconds and 2 thirds. Champion Black Wyandotte Bantam, Champion Buff Columbian Wyandotte Bantam and Champion Silver Pencilled Wyandotte Bantam. Our biggest prize was with our Silver Pencilled Pullet she went up against the other Wyandotte Champions but not White Wyandotte and she won Champion Wyandotte Standard or Bantam, any colour other than White. We all went home very happy on Friday. We returned on Saturday this time with Lincoln Ney to see the chooks that we entered in the Poultry Auction. We only sold 3 out of the 5 we entered but we did purchase a trio of Partridge Wyandotte.

Brendan Lambert



Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best 2 May, 2014

Student of the Week		Class Awards	
Kinder	Emmaline Wintle	Kinder	Harry Uren
1/2 G	Cooper Rocco	Year 1	Bree Walker
2/3 R	Tallon Convery	Year 2	Jackson Lambert
4/5/6 F	Ethan Preston	Year 3	Charlotte Hopkins
4/5/6 C	Blaze Basham	Year 4	Annabelle Pereira
		Year 5	Amy Magri
		Year 6	Mitchell Carter

Active After School Program

Term 2 Active After School Program commences this week. League tag started today and will run from 3.15pm and go until 4.15pm. , Hockey starts this Thursday, 8 May 2014 will run from 3.15pm and go until 4.15pm.

Drumming Lessons

Drumming Lessons for this term have commenced 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 and return to school before Wednesday 7 May.

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.

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

Come Celebrate Community Centre Week With Us!

At Clarence Town Bowling Club Friday 16th May, 3:30pm

Barefoot Bowls

Jumping Castle Face Painting BBQ & Raffles

Get connected to your Community Centre



The 3-Village Art Festival is the first of its kind, a significant and unique four day event celebration of the arts held amongst the three picturesque and historic villages of Paterson, Vacy and Gresford situated in the Paterson and Allyn River Valleys. Starting at Tocal Agriculture College, about 20 minutes from Maitland on the Dungog Road, festival goers will travel between the villages viewing a wide range of works from some of Australia's most talented artists and photographers while enjoying the magnificent countryside, with its diversity of small farms and villages.


At each Village (about 6km apart) art, photography, sculpture, woodwork and numerous other examples of visual arts will be displayed. There will also be market stalls, vintage car and bike displays, as well as children's activities and entertainment to keep

the whole family entertained. A range of classic Aussie pubs in East Gresford, Vacy and Paterson offer traditional country pub surroundings as well as good food. The 3-Village Art Festival will truly ensure that there is indeed, something for everyone!

When: Thursday 22nd- Sunday 25th May 2014 Where: The village of Paterson, Vacy and Gresford in the Paterson and Allyn River Valleys located in the beautiful Hunter Valley.

Join us for the opening Function to be the first to view and buy excellent art and photographs and meet some of the regions most talented artist. Enjoy beautifully prepared food and local wines from Camyr Allyn Winery. Finish the night with a fun auction and entertainment. **Opening Function at – Tocal Agriculture College, Tocal Road, Tocal Friday 23rd May 2014, commencing at 6.30pm.**


For more information contact Graham Murphy 0416116009 or graham@gabes.com.au



Maitland Family Support Scheme
invites Parents / Carers of children aged 2 – 12 yrs
to a **free** workshop
on
Saturday 10th May 2014
at
The Woodberry Family Centre
11-13 Lawson Avenue, Woodberry
9 am to 5pm
(light morning tea & lunch provided)


1 2 3 Magic and emotion coaching explores how parents / carers can build better relationships with their children and manage difficult behaviours.

- ☺ Easy to learn method of disciplining children 2 to 12 yrs.
- ☺ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ☺ Encouraging good behaviour
- ☺ Children managing their own behaviours
- ☺ Practical tips for parents



To register please phone:

49 140 444



Paterson Valley Swimming Club

Paterson Valley Swimming Club will be holding their annual Presentation Night on

FRIDAY 9th MAY 2014 at Paterson Hall.

The sausage sizzle will start around 6:30pm and the presentation will be at 7:15pm.

The sausage sizzle is a gold coin donation and we appreciate if everyone could bring a plate.

There will be several raffles prizes up for grabs.

Come and enjoy good company and celebrate the achievements of our swimmers



Cessnock School Horse Sports Day

Friday – 20th June - Cessnock Showground

Entry Fee: \$20 per rider * (See conditions of entry)

Age Groups : 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs&over

Riding Events:	Riding Classes	Sporting Events:	Flag
	Hacking Classes		Bend
			Barrel
			Ball Race

Facilities: Canteen –Will be available all day from 7.30 am Camping Available on Thursday night \$ 20 per family

No stabling

Event Organiser: **Teresa Butler – Ph. 0437966958**

School Representative : Scott Anderson Principal - Millfield Public School Ph. 02 49981331

Email: Scott.r.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au

Cheques made payable to: Millfield Public School P&C and sent to: Millfield Public School 105 Wollombi Rd Millfield 2325.

All entries must be made through their child's school and submitted as school team.

All forms available on the Millfield PS website from Monday 21st April.

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