

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

Last week was a very important week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students and I would like to congratulate them on their outstanding effort and commitment towards NAPLAN. Every student attended on each test day and not only attempted the tests but tried their very best to complete the tests.

Following the completion of the Numeracy test on Thursday, the students enjoyed a well-deserved special lunch and the photos show how happy they felt about their efforts.

Last Thursday, Jane from the Local Land Services at Tocal visited our Year 5 and 6 students to present the winners of the 'Catchment Brochure Competition'. Tess was our winner with Imogen taking second prize. Both girls received a show bag of goodies and Tess has had her brochure copied for distribution to all families and for display in the office. Well done to Tess and Imogen!

Tess and Imogen, together with another six students, have been invited to join with other schools for the Williams River 'Catchment Crawl' next Thursday 29 May. The Catchment Crawl involves travelling by coach and visiting three sites between Chichester Dam and Grahamstown Dam for a range of environmental activities. There will also be a visit from the Taronga Zoo's Zoomobile.

Mrs Rogers has been busily preparing our Stage 3 students for their first encounter in the Premier's Debating Challenge. This will be against Paterson on Wednesday 21 May. Whilst the Paterson team have had many years' experience, our members are very enthusiastic and will learn a lot from the experience. Good luck to our team.

It is with mixed feelings that I announce to the Vacy school community that Mrs Hope will be leaving us to take up a new position at the Hunter Trade College commencing on Monday 2 June 2014. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for a special farewell assembly under the COLA from 10:30 am on Thursday 29 May, to thank Mrs Hope for her many years of committed service to the school and community.

The 3 Village Art Festival will be run for the first time on 24 and 25 May at Paterson, Vacy and Gresford. Vacy Community Hall will be the venue for the photography section and we will have a number of entries in the school photography competition – we are allowed a maximum of 12 photos to display to go in the running for a Nikon digital camera for the best judged photo and another Nikon digital camera to the school they attend.

Many of the students have 'photoshopped' their original photos to great effect and they make a great display at the Festival.

There will be art, photography, sculpture, woodwork and other items on display and for purchase from some very talented artists in our local region.

Just a reminder that our next P & C meeting will be held tonight Tuesday 20 May from 7:00 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Regards,

Graeme

Dates to Remember

May	
20	P & C meeting
21	Debate against Paterson
23	Years 5& 6 Gala Sports Day
28	Responsible Pet Education K—2
29	Farewell assembly for Mrs Hope
June	
6	School's Athletic Carnival

Canteen News

Canteen Roster

Thursday 22 May Russell Jessop, Kris Doyle &

Monday 26 May Karen Turner & Carrie Butler

Soccer

Yesterday boys from Years 4, 5 and 6 played a tremendous game of soccer against Seaham Public School. It was a great experience for the boys as it was the first time many of them had played on a full sized field. This meant they had new rules to learn, greater distances to run and larger goals to defend. The game got off to a shaky start, but the boys were able to come together as a team and steadily improve their performance throughout the game. Although they lost, they had a positive attitude that kept them fighting right to the end. Members from the Seaham community went out of their way to share how impressed they were with Vacy's determination and sportsmanship. Well done boys. You've done a fantastic job representing our school.

A huge thanks needs to go to Glen Butler who has taken so much time out of his busy schedule to coach the boys. .Your time and guidance is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all the parents who transported to and from the game.

regards, Jamie Corrigan



Netball

Today the schools netball team went to Singleton to verse Mt Pleasant Public school. We have been training hard during lunch times and working well as a team. A big thank you to Mrs Percival who has been giving up her time to train us at lunch time. Even though we lost we learnt a lot and had lots of fun. Thank you to parents who took us and to Miss Corrigan for organising it. .

By
Rosie Washbourne



Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best 16 May, 2014

Student of the Week		Class Awards	
Kinder	Nellie Chapman	Kinder	Thomas Cowell
1/2 G	Harriette Hopkins	Year 1	Scout Woller
2/3 R	Layla Clarke	Year 2	River Rowles
4/5/6 F	Lillian Richardson	Year 3	Jessica Johnson
4/5/6 C	Brendan Lambert	Year 4	Bronte Parish
		Year 5	Chloe Reid
		Year 6	Brianna Arthur

Active After School Program

Term 2 Active After School Program has commenced. League tag starts every Tuesday from 3.15pm and goes until 4.15pm. Hockey is on every Thursday, from 3.15pm and goes until 4.15pm.

Winter is coming!

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

SAVE THE DATE

Aberdeen Public School Inaugural Horse Sports Day

Friday 29 August 2014

*Open to both Primary and Secondary Students *

*Led riders of primary school age * *Ribbons to 5th place*

*Prizes for highest point score and reserve highest point score in each age group

Please send an email to www.aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to register your interest and we can forward all information directly to you.

All enquiries phone Melissa Davis on 0447 437 827 or Amy Croft on 0428 438 108



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

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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“The Place” (Community Centre) Charlestown Square

Wednesday 21st & 28th May

Arrive 7.15pm for start at 7.30pm

