

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

Congratulations to our debating team of Saskia, Amy, Mackayla and Imogen who took out their first encounter in the Premier's Debating Challenge against Paterson last Wednesday. Whilst the Paterson team have had many years' experience, our very enthusiastic team not only learnt a lot from the experience but put into practice many of the skills that Mrs Rogers has been working so hard on over the last number of weeks. Well done too, to Josie and Chloe who chaired the debate.

The team's next debate will be against Hinton on Thursday 5 June. Good luck!

We hope that you will be able 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.

For those families who were able to view the 3 Village Art Festival on the weekend, I am sure that you are as amazed as I was at the incredible talent that can be found in the Paterson/Allyn valley.

This morning I received an email from the organisers with the following wonderful news – "Thank you all so much for your wonderful entries in the Photography section of the Art Festival. The Festival was run over the weekend and from the turnout at Friday night's opening and comments from the organisers, it was a very successful event. Congratulations to Vacy Public School who were awarded the overall school entry winner. For Vacy Public School's entry they will receive \$250 plus a presentation from David Oliver on some of the finer points of photography."

This is a great achievement and special thanks must go to Mrs Greaves for her tuition with her COWs photography group.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 28 May, our students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visited by the Responsible Pet Ownership group who will be providing advice and direction on how we can best look after our pets.

Let's hope that the weather holds out for our Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 6 June on the oval. We look forward to your support and encouragement on the day.

Regards,

Graeme

Dates to Remember

May

28	Responsible Pet Education K—2
29	Farewell assembly for Mrs Hope

June

6	School's Athletic Carnival
9	Queen's Birthday
17	P & C meeting

Canteen News

A big thankyou goes to Karen Sanders and Belinda Holding who gave up their time on Monday to help Heidi Watson in the canteen. So again a big thankyou to all of you.

To all canteen volunteers can you please remember if you cannot do your shift and cannot find a replacement please contact Mel Lutschini on 0455281525 or contact Eleesha.

Thankyou. Mel Lutschini

Thursday 29 May NO Canteen - Mrs Hope's farewell

Monday 2 June Liz Burgman & Eleesha Pereira

Sports Gala Day

On Friday years 5/6 students enjoyed the Sports Gala Day held at Dungog High School. The day was organised and run by Yr 10 students as part of an assessment. It ran smoothly throughout the day with lots of positive feedback. It was a great opportunity for current Year 5 and 6 students to catch up with old friends and begin to witness high school life. It was great to see Vacy students working as a team amongst students from various schools around the area and beginning to meet new friends. Students participated in touch football, netball, soccer and volleyball with volleyball being the most popular game throughout the day.

Mrs Hope's Farewell

Just a reminder that this Thursday, 29 May is Mrs Hope's farewell assembly and morning tea and we would love it if as many parents and community members join in our celebration of her time here at Vacy School and bid her farewell. The assembly begins at 10.30am and will include performances by both our dance groups, our choir and our Kindergarten students. It would be appreciated if each family could provide a plate of food to share during our morning tea. Food donations should be brought straight to the canteen on the day.

Below picture of Tess & Imogen winners of the Catchment Brochure Competition with Jane from the Local Land Services.



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. Economic and life-changing benefits can be achieved if parents or caregivers introduce their children to books at home, facilitated by sessions at their local libraries.

Doug the Reading Bug has a free Book Nook at the Community Centre where you can get free books for babies and children.

Also the Dungog Library have Story Time at the library at 10.30 every Thursday morning: drop in for a story, some craft, borrow a book and met new friends.

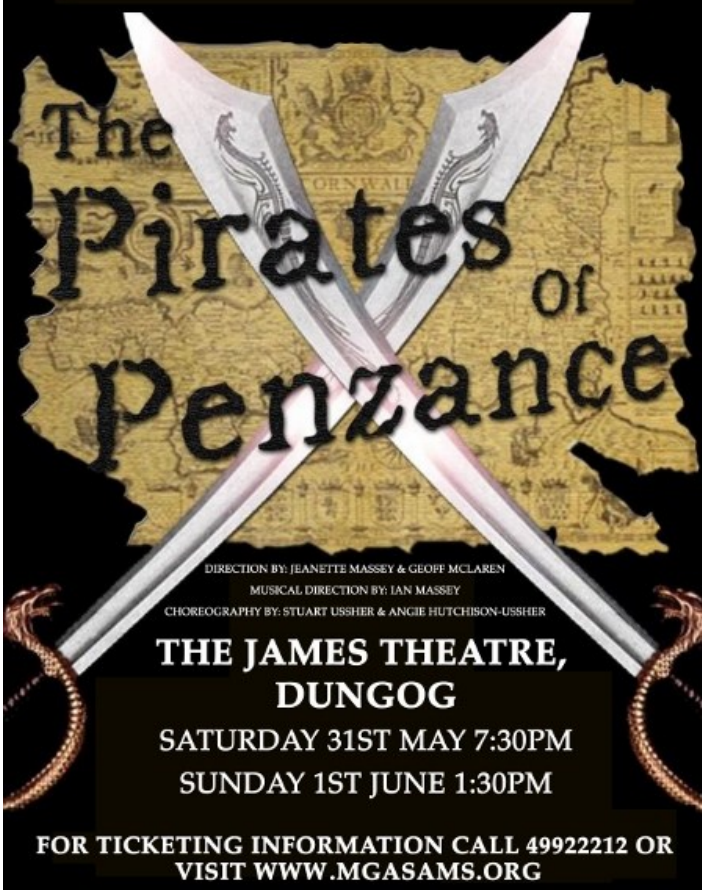
Early Links – St Vincent de Paul Society

If you have concerns about your child's development or have recently received a diagnosis, the *Early Links* program can help you find your way through the maze of supports in your community.

Early Links is a free program that is driven by the individual goals and wants of your family. The five 'linkers' based around the Hunter Area can listen to your story, assist your family to develop a goal plan and provide referral information and support. The program is flexible to each family's situation and can provide up to 12 months of support. We aim to empower your family to navigate the supports available to you and advocate for your child. *Early Links* linkers can meet with you at your home, at your child's school, or in a community space such as a library.

To contact the Early Links program for questions or referrals, please call (02) 4905 0700 or email early.links@vinnies.org.au.

MAITLAND GILBERT & SULLIVAN & MUSICAL SOCIETY INC.
PRESENTS



The Pirates of Penzance

DIRECTION BY: JEANETTE MASSEY & GEOFF MCLAREN
MUSICAL DIRECTION BY: IAN MASSEY
CHOREOGRAPHY BY: STUART USSHER & ANGIE HUTCHISON- USSHER

**THE JAMES THEATRE,
DUNGOG**

SATURDAY 31ST MAY 7:30PM
SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 1:30PM

**FOR TICKETING INFORMATION CALL 49922212 OR
VISIT WWW.MGASAMS.ORG**



Sunday 8th June 2014
10am - 2pm
Railway Sheds
Newcastle
Foreshore

Family Fun Day

sids and kids®
red nose day
HUNTER REGION
An event to raise funds and awareness
for SIDS and Kids Hunter Region.

Entertainment by
Ruby the Clown
Come and meet
Carly & Tresne
from MKR

Magician
Airbrush Tattoos
Reptile Display
Face Painting
Craft Corner
Sausage Sizzle

SIDS and Kids Hunter Region is a not-for-profit organisation which provides ongoing bereavement support for those in the Hunter Region affected by the death of a baby or child during pregnancy, birth, infancy or childhood; for example: Miscarriage, Stillbirths, Neonatal deaths, SIDS, Accidents, Illnesses and Drowning.

Free Entry

For More Info Call **02 4969 3171**

MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY

HOLIDAY FUN IN JULY

CREATURE FEATURE

Get crazy about creatures these school holidays. Dragons, fairies, and elves abound, create your own mythical creature using the art of Zentangle or explore the different continents of the world through their native animals. Meet baby dinosaurs in Maitland at the awesome Dinosaur Discovery workshops, or create your own sculpture out of books.

BOOK SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

Turn old books into amazing sculptures. Create your own sculpture using deselected library books. Sculptures will be displayed at the Annual Maitland City Library Book Sale.

Maitland Library - Monday 30 June - 10.00 am – 12.00 pm - 6 – 12 yrs - \$5

East Maitland Library - Friday 11 July - 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm - 6 – 12 yrs - \$5

WINGS AND FIRE TEA PARTY

Calling all fairies and dragons! Wear your wings when you come along for this fun tea party. Hunt for your invitation, make your own badge and create your own invitation, mythical recipe or birthday card.

Maitland Library - Thursday 3 July - 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm - 4 – 12 yrs - Free

DRAGON DRAMA

What do you do when a princess acts like a dragon, and a dragon acts like a princess? Come along to Thornton Library and find out. Children will listen to dragon stories and have the opportunity to act them out with masks and puppets.

Thornton Library - Thursday 3 July - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm - 4 – 8 yrs - Free

FANTASTICAL FAIRIES AND ELVES

Come to the enchanted library forest dressed as your favourite fairy or elf and be entertained by Fairy Shell Belle, the sweetest fairy in the land. Go on a treasure hunt and find magical pieces to make your own fairy garland or elf wand. Get your face painted and impress your friends.

East Maitland Library - Friday 4 July - 10.00 am – 11.00 am - 4 – 8 yrs - Free

ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Explore the wild and wacky animals of the seven continents at Rutherford Library. Play African Animal Bingo, Antarctic Penguin Skittles, Australian Memory and Pin the Trunk on the Elephant. Come back next week for more.

Rutherford Library - Friday 4 July - 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm - 5 – 12 yrs - Free

TANGLY BEASTS AND CREATURES

Do you love to sketch, draw, or doodle? Design mythical beasts and fantasy creatures using the art of Zentangle. Learn the techniques of Zentangle and skills in drawing different beasts and creatures.

Maitland Library - Saturday 5 July - 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm - 6 – 14 yrs - Free

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

Dinosaurs come to Maitland in this amazing workshop! Learn interesting dinosaur facts, search for fossils, and get your photo taken with baby dinosaurs!

Thornton Library - Monday 7 July - 10.00 am – 11.00 am - 5 – 12 yrs - \$5

Rutherford Library - Monday 7 July - 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm - 5 – 12 yrs - \$5

CREATURE CREATION

Be inspired by comics, books and DVDs to create your own amazing creatures using a simple cardboard cut-out. Give them names and special powers to make creatures no one has ever seen before.

Thornton Library - Tuesday 8 July - 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm - 9 – 14 yrs - Free

WORLDLY BEASTS

Participants hunt for missing words in a story about European animals, paint their own South American toucan beaks and play North American Bear Hunt. After the games everyone will decorate a world map with animal stickers.

Rutherford Library - Thursday 10 July - 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm - 5 – 12 yrs - Free

COLOURFUL BUTTERFLIES AND MAJESTIC DRAGONFLIES

Come to the library and learn all about butterflies and dragonflies. Drip, splat and squish your way to making a stunning paint blot butterfly, or use your skills to create an origami butterfly or concertina dragonfly. Children are advised to wear old clothes or a paint smock to the activity.

East Maitland Library - Friday 11 July - 10.00 am – 11.00 am - 5 – 12 yrs - Free