

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

Respect



Co-operate



Play fairly



Be safe

Principals Message

This week, we welcome Matthew and Chloe from Dungog High School on their work experience placements.

A belated welcome to Miss Alex Fox who is undertaking her 2nd year teaching practicum with Mrs Fonti and the students of 4/5/6F. We hope that you enjoy your learning experience at Vacy.

Welcome also to Mrs Sue Allen who will be filling the role of Relieving School Admin Manager (SAM) until the SAM position is advertised and an appointment made. Thank you also to Eleesha Periera who volunteered to cover the front office to allow Mrs Hope and Mrs Allen to make a smooth handover.

Good luck to our debaters when they go up against Hinton on Thursday 5 June in the Small Schools Debating competition.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members present at the special farewell assembly held for Mrs Hope last Thursday. This showed the esteem in which she is held by the community and we all agree – Mrs Hope will be missed. We do wish Mrs Hope all the best in her new job.

Last Wednesday, our students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by Eddie the dog and the Responsible Pet Ownership group. The children learnt how we can best look after our pets and enjoyed having Eddie in their rooms as the photos show.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

The Australian Government, together with all states and territories, is implementing a new national data collection about students with disability. This national data collection aligns with educational adjustments for students who need them under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. The national data collection on students with disability is based on the professional judgement of teachers about their students.

The national data collection on students with disability will be mandatory for all Australian schools from 2015 onwards. 2013 and 2014 are transition years to allow schools to become familiar with the data collection model and refine their processes before the collection becomes mandatory. We will be trialling the NCCD this year. More information can be found at <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

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

Regards,
Graeme

Dates to Remember

June

6 School's Athletic Carnival

9 Queen's Birthday

17 P & C meeting

27 Last day Term 2

July

29 School Photo Day - Children to wear new shirts

Canteen News

Mac N Cheese is now available for purchase @ \$2.50.

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 5 June Emma Maslen & Angela Priestley

Monday 9 June No Canteen - Public Holiday

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

Helping children to learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more at: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best

30 May, 2014

Student of the Week		Class Awards	
Kinder	Madeline Preistley	Kinder	Harry Uren
1/2 G	Jackson Lambert	Year 1	Charlie Watson
2/3 R	River Rowles	Year 2	Layla Clarke
4/5/6 F	Daniel Jessop	Year 3	Connor Fernance
4/5/6 C	Mitchell Carter	Year 4	Aiden Johnson
		Year 5	Mackayla Smith
		Year 6	Jorgia Watts

Farewell from Mrs Hope

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” — A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Since I made the decision to leave Vacy Public School I have been more than a little overwhelmed at the thoughtfulness of every member of this wonderful community. Thank you all for your kind words and warm wishes and attendance at my morning tea farewell. I absolutely love my present, and will treasure it as something to remind me of the wonderful memories and friendships I have made at Vacy.

To our Vacy School students –This is not goodbye as I expect I will see you all outside school. I still have some little spies around so I will continue to hear about your progress, applaud at all your successes and continue to be amazed at all your wonderful talents. I am so proud of each of you for all the special talents you have, for your ability to try new things, to sing and dance, perform, your loyalty and the many thoughtful things you do each day to make this school community an exceptional place. “Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” AA Milne

To our parents – I can say quite sincerely say that I have enjoyed every minute of my time here at Vacy & feel very privileged to have been able to watch your families grow & to share them with you. Don't worry what happens at Vacy stays at Vacy so I won't tell anyone about the little person who told me one day that her Mummy was very silly because last night she forgot to wear her pyjamas to bed, or the Mummy who didn't pack any lunch, I asked are you sure, Yep came the answer because I ate it for recess, or I feel sick where does it hurt, in my tummy & it is getting worser and worser, what do you think will make it better , ummm a princess bandaid. I don't want to scare you all but there are lots more of these little precious gems closed up in my vault. For all your support for me in my role at Vacy Public School, thank you, you made my job easier and a joy.

To our Vacy Community – thank you for all your support. I value highly our working relationships and feel honoured to have been able to work with you all.

To our Vacy School Staff both past and present just simply thank you from the bottom of my heart. My own children have benefitted from your professionalism and dedication. Your friendship, nurturing and good humour I will always treasure. This school and community are very special; together you are an awesome team. I have been spoiled during my time here by all your generosity, kindness and friendship. Just remember the tears I have shed over the past weeks are happy tears overflowing from my heart from all the beautiful memories you have all given me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Robyn Hope





HMRI
Hunter Medical Research Institute

OPEN DAY

Looking for some free school holiday fun??
Discover the research that lies behind the HMRI Building's doors.

Take part in some kids science experiments, make edible 'DNA' models, touch'n'feel the live expo displays and enjoy a healthy kids training session!

For mums and dads there's also research information sessions on kids' health and nutrition, asthma and much more ...

4 JULY 2014
HMRI Building

www.hmri.com.au

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.



A new educator is starting care in Largs,
JB's Family Day Care.
Monday to Friday – 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
Please contact
Five Star Family Day Care
02 4934 5716
or
jbsfamilydaycare@gmail.com

Help!

Lost Dog Paterson/Martins Creek Area

Buttons is a Brown Brindle Aussie Bulldog who is a loved family pet and is missed terribly. If you have seen him or know anything please ring 4938 5449 or 0435 828 733.



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