

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

Unfortunately the weather got the better of us last Friday which led to the postponement of our Athletics Carnival. Considering how miserable the day was, it was the best decision.

The new date for the Athletics carnival will be this Friday 13 June. Thank you to those parents who were able to assist with the barbecue on Friday.

Well done to our debaters when they were narrowly defeated by Hinton last Thursday 5 June in the Premier's Debating competition, (not the Small Schools Debating Competition as was mentioned last week). The team continue to practice under the guidance of Mrs Rogers and from their enthusiastic return last week, they are enjoying the learning experience.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 June from 7:00 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home on Thursday 19 June. The report will also contain a return slip for parents to indicate three preferred times for Parent/Teacher Interviews to take place in Week 9 (last week of term). Whilst every attempt will be made to meet your most preferred time, it should be understood that this cannot always be accommodated and that an alternative will be offered.

This year parents will notice that English is different to the way in which it has previously been presented in the report. This is due to the mandatory implementation in 2014 of the new English syllabus which meets the Australian Curriculum. Where the previous English report included three strands that made up the subject, Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing, the new syllabus has no strands. This means that we have increased the space for comments to allow for teachers to comment as comprehensively as possible on English learning by your child. BOSTES (the NSW Board of Studies Teaching Education Services), the body responsible for developing the syllabus will be preparing a review on the best way for schools to report to parents.

Regards,

Graeme

Dates to Remember

June

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| 13 | Sports Carnival |
| 16 | ICAS Writing Competition |
| 17 | P & C meeting ICAS Spelling Competition |
| 27 | Last day Term 2 |

July

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| 23 | Commonwealth Games Day @ Dungog |
| 29 | School Photo Day - Children to wear new shirts ICAS English Competition |

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 on 4938 5046.

Thankyou,
Mel Lutschini

Thursday 12 June Tracey Ney, David Ney &
Jenny McCosker

Monday 16 June Heidi Watson & Tanya Waight

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>.

Dance Group

Congratulations to both Senior and Junior Dance group who have made it into Hunter Dance Festival. Hunter Dance Festival is held at Newcastle Panthers. Performances are held over a week but the dance groups will only be performing on one night. Senior Dance group will be performing on Monday 21st July. Junior Dance Group are performing on Thursday 24th July. Details on costuming, make-up and tickets will be sent home tomorrow.

Kind Regards, Jamie Corrigan

Assembly Awards - Doing Our Best

6 June, 2014

| Student of the Week | | Class Awards | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Kinder | Deegan Holding | Kinder | Maddie Lean |
| 1/2 G | Bree Walker | Year 1 | Brigitte Finlay |
| 2/3 R | Seth Deacon | Year 2 | Charlie Clarke |
| 4/5/6 F | Jacob Bates | Year 3 | Tom Doyle |
| 4/5/6 C | Indica Chapman | Year 4 | Lilly Gillespie |
| | Sienna Holding | Year 5 | Bailey Hack |
| | | Year 6 | Jasper Lloyd |
| | | | Charlotte Parker |



NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown Program NSW is having an open day for everyone to come along and see what the program is all about. We take donated wedding/formal gowns and lovingly transform them into outfits for babies who do not make it home from hospital. Our open day is for people to drop off donated gowns, look at what we do and perhaps volunteer some time or become part of the team. The day details are as follows:

The Hill Youth Centre
98 Mitchell Drive
Kariong

Sunday 22nd June from 10am to 3pm

Minmi Community Centre
Woodford Road
Minmi

Saturday 5th July from 10am to 3pm

For further information please email the organiser:
Angelgownsaustralia.nsw@gmail.com and mark the message for the attention of Catherine.

NEW DATE

FOR

ATHLETICS CANIVAL

It will now be held
on this

Friday

13th June

From 9.30am

YWCA Vacation Care
School holiday fun
for children aged 5-12 years
Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking
Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)
Monday, 30th June 2014 - Friday, 11th July 2014

YWCA Hunter Region Inc.
24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL

CRN 555 010 881v

Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm

Scheduled program runs from
9.30am to 4.30pm

Childcare benefit/rebate available for eligible families.
Contact your nearest Centrelink office for information
regarding reduced fees and CRN no. prior to returning
YWCA Vacation Care Enrolment Form.
Annual family enrolment fee—\$10.00

Cancellations available on selection of alternative day prior to day
of care if position available. All other cancellations and/or
non-attendance deemed as absent and fees will apply.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph - 4929 2954

Email - yncle@bigpond.com.au

More information - www.ywcahunterregion.org.au



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



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.



Blackbutt Reserve
NEWCASTLE PERMANENT
Here for good.

FREE
in July
school hols

Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day

To coincide with NAIDOC week, children will learn about Australia's Indigenous culture through craft, games and interactive activities.

When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 8 July 2014

Where: Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg St)

Free Sausage sandwich for children only, \$1 each for adults.
Drinks available for purchase. No bookings required.

Compulsory parental supervision at all times.
Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.

Blackbutt Reserve Office: 4904 3344
Email: blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Pro-Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055

Post: PO Box 2411 Greenhills, 2323.

Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

When: 30th June, 1st, 2nd July

(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Where: Maitland Tennis Centre

Cnr Page & Lawes St East Maitland

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am per day

Price: \$50.00 for 3 days per child (Family Discounts Available)

Age: 4 years to 16 years

Standard: Beginner to intermediate

Name (1)..... D.O.B.....

Name (2)..... D.O.B.....

Name (3)..... D.O.B.....

Address.....

Phone (Home)..... (Mobile).....

Email.....

BOOK NOW: PH 49345016, 0421882055 or

Online @ www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

DON'T MISS OUT