

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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"Friendship and Learning"

Principals Message

Welcome back to for Term 3. It surprises me to think that the year is already half over. Yet again, this term promises to be very full and includes the Hunter Dance Festival and the Dungog Community of Schools combined Commonwealth Games Day in week 2 the Stage 3 camp to Canberra in week 6, school photos and our combined Education Week ceremony in week 3, to name just a few of this term's upcoming events.

All the best to our debating team who will be up against Clarence Town in the Premier's Debating Challenge being held at Clarence Town tomorrow.

Good luck also to our netball team who will be participating in a Gala Day at Singleton on Thursday.

This term, our COWs groups will be running with a variety of activities on offer including senior and junior dance, debating, knitting, drawing, gardening, craft, face painting, huckaback and photography. COWs groups will operate on Wednesday afternoons and parents are welcome to join in with the activities.

Thank you to those families who have returned their notes, money and lunch orders for the Commonwealth Games Day being held next Wednesday 23 July at Dungog. **Lunch orders must be returned by tomorrow, Wednesday 16 July** to give the caterers enough time to get organised.

Our Active After-school activities commence next week and there are still places available for both activities. Dance will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons and Rugby League on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in your child participating, please contact the office to arrange for an application form to be sent home.

There have been concerns raised by Linq Coaches about inappropriate language on the bus. Warning letters have been distributed and I would like to remind parents that students have clear expectations of their behaviour on the bus. Bus travel can be suspended by the coach operators if students do not comply with the conditions. Please discuss safe and appropriate behaviour on the bus with your children.

Staff returned on Monday for a Staff Development Day event that featured Dr Lily Tomas giving a very enlightening presentation on wellness, well-being, achieving a work/life balance and dealing with stress. This was a combined event with school staff from our Dungog Community of Schools meeting together at Clarence Town PS.

We hope that you had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable winter break.

Let's have a wonderful Term 3!

Regards,

Graeme

*Respect,
everyone &
everything*

*Be friendly, courteous
and treat others as you
would like to be treated*

Be safe

*Use equipment
safely, stay in
bounds and look
after each other*

Co-operate

*Be a team player,
work together to
achieve your goals*

Play fairly

*Be a good sport,
play by the rules and
accept the umpire's decision*

Think, before you do

*Stop and think
about what effect
your actions
will have on others*

Dates to Remember

July

- 21 Hunter Dance Festival – Senior
- 23 Commonwealth Games Day @ Dungog
- 24 Hunter Dance Festival - Junior
- 29 School Photo Day - Children to wear new shirts
- 29 ICAS English Competition
- 30 Tony Bones Performance

August

- 1 Maitland PSSA Zone Athletics
- 5 P & C meeting
- 12 ICAS Math Competition
- 15 Dungog Science Engineering Day @ DHS Years 5 & 6
- 18 5/6 Camp & Book Week begins

Canteen News

Due to increases in supplier prices the canteen prices will have to rise as well. A new price list is with today's newsletter.

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 17 July	Tracey Ney & David Ney
Monday 21 July	Fiona Baker & Heidi Watson



Kindergarten News

Welcome back to another busy term, I hope your holidays were enjoyable. Welcome back to work those parents who are able to help in the classroom. I would like to continue with the same roster for parent helpers however if you need to make any changes please let me know. Remember that you can just pop in and help out if you have as little as a spare half hour. Monday to Wednesday we have Literacy Groups from 10am to 11am and Thursday from 9.30am to 10.30am. On Friday the children enjoy maths games from 9.15am to 9.45am and parent helpers are welcome during any of these sessions. A new format for homework will begin next week and is due back each Monday along with Home Readers. Even if your child has not had time to read their Home Readers, send them in so that your child can read to one of our volunteers, Fleur, in the Year 1 classroom.

Dance Group Update

On the last day of Term 2 the Dance Group raised \$438.55. We would like to thank everyone for their support. We now have enough money for our dance costumes. Don't forget to apply your child's foundation before they come to school.
Regards, Jamie Corrigan

Year 5/6 Camp

Please note that the next instalment for the Year 5/6 camp is due on Thursday 17 July, 2014. If you are having any difficulty in paying please see Mrs Fonti asap.

School Photo Day is on Tuesday 29 July 2014

- Don't forget to send in your envelope with your child on the day. Correct money must be placed inside the envelope as no change can be given (sorry no credit cards accepted). Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request. All children (if possible) are asked to wear the new school shirt.



Vacy P&C Before and After School Care

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Vacy P&C Before and After School Care News

Since our last update, the Vacy P&C Before and After School Care Service has been busy preparing for our upcoming accreditation round. We have been updating and reviewing policies and procedures, and ensuring that our Service continues to meet the standards prescribed in the National Quality Framework. We would like to inform parents about some changes at the Service relating to emergency contact numbers, enrolment forms and policy updates.

Emergency Phone Number for Before & After School Care

Before & After School Care now have an emergency mobile phone number – 0439 355310. This phone is only used during service hours which are mornings 7am until 8.40am and afternoons 3.10pm until 6pm Monday to Friday during school terms. All bookings and messages must still be left on the BASC phone number which is 49388450. The emergency mobile phone will be carried by the shift supervisor and should you be running late or urgently need to contact BASC whilst your child is in care you can reach a staff member on this new number.

Enrolment Form Update

Vacy P&C Before and After School Care Service has updated its parent handbook and enrolment form to meet the requirements of the *Education and Care Services National Act (NSW) 2011* and associated regulations.

New parent handbooks and enrolment forms will be given to all registered users of the Centre. We ask that these forms be completed and returned to the Centre by **Friday 27 June 2014**.

This process will also ensure that the Centre has the most up to date details on record. Parents are reminded to ensure that they let the Centre know of any relevant changes to their circumstances (i.e. change of contact number etc.).

Policy Reviews

Vacy P&C Before and After School Care Service has undergone a process of updating and reviewing policies in order to ensure that these meet the requirements of the *Education and Care Services National Act (NSW) 2011* and associated regulations.

We encourage feedback from parents and other interested parties. Our policies are available at the Before and After School Care Office. Feel free to look through them and provide feedback on the forms provided.



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ART CARNIVAL

3 September 2014

Like a sports carnival but for art!



Gresford Public School is staging another CREATE Art Carnival and your students are invited. Following the success of the last 3 events, we are able to bring back some favourites and present brand new, fabulous, fun and creative workshops.

The day starts at 9.30 and finishes in time for students to leave at 2.45, worn out by their two workshops and carrying an artwork under each arm. Food will also be available at canteen rates and can be ordered with enrolment forms.

Please mark the date in your calendar. We'll be sending enrolment forms in Week 1 of Term 3.

Where: Gresford Public School, Durham Road, Gresford.

When: Wednesday 3rd September 2014, 9.30-2.45

Cost: Workshops only \$25 per student (covers 2 workshops and all materials)

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