

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

Respect, everyone & everything



Be safe

From The Principal

Romeo and Juliet – William Shakespeare would have been delighted on the modern adaptation of Romeo and Juliet. Whilst I was unable to be there for the performance, I have seen the video and heard the many positive comments that have flowed in to school. Parents, grandparents and teachers thought it was a wonderful school community event and brought our many families together. Thank you to all the families and students who supported the performance. Special thanks go to script adapter Mrs Fonti, choreographer Mrs Babic and vocal arranger, Mrs Percival for their expertise, input and effort. Bravo!

FaceBook Page – Our FaceBook page has received quite a lot of ‘likes’ and comments have been positive. Thank you to those families who are connecting with us via social media. We hope that it fills a need within our school. Just a reminder - please do not message the page or ask questions during school hours as the page is not monitored during this time. Please continue to call the office.



www.facebook.com/vacypublicschool

As a NSW Public School, the FaceBook page will follow the Social and Media Policy and Guidelines of the Department of Education and have specific ‘Rules of Engagement’.

Library Borrowing Ends This Week — This will be the last week for students to borrow books from the Library. Please return all books next week. Books may be returned during normal Library sessions or to the office.

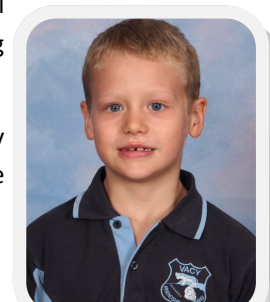
Student Well-Being – Occasionally, we hear rumblings that an incident has occurred at school and ‘nothing gets done’. I can assure parents that incidents are taken seriously, matters are investigated and action is taken - it just might not be recognisable to your child or you or, in keeping with privacy and confidentiality guidelines, won’t be ‘splashed across billboards’ for all to see. The staff of Vacy Public School are some of the most committed and devoted that I have worked with and the wealth of experience that they have collectively can’t be denied. We do appreciate those families who have faith in the school, its practices and culture and who support staff in their role to provide the best for all children at Vacy.

Swimming School – Swim school got underway on Friday in the sweltering heat and runs daily for two weeks concluding on Thursday 3 December. Please ensure that your children’s clothing and other items are labelled so that if they are found, they can be returned to your child.

P & C Meeting – Our next and final meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 1 December at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Some discussion will centre around what our fundraising goal should be in 2016. Bring along your ideas and suggestions.

Football Champ – Congratulations to Jack Butler who recently gained selection in the Hunter Hawks Football Squad. Well done Jack.

Regards,
Graeme



Co-operate



Play fairly



Think before you do

Dates To Remember

November	
Friday 27	Year 6 Graduation Dinner - 6pm
December	
Tuesday 1	P & C meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 3	Scripture Assembly 2.00pm All welcome Swim School finishes
Wednesday 9	Presentation Night @ Tocal 6.30pm
Thursday 10	D.H.S Orientation Day for Year 6
Wednesday 16	Students last day.

Swim School

Swim school got off to a great start last Friday and got a big thumbs up from the children.



CANTEEN NEWS

On Wednesday night the Canteen said Thank You to our volunteers with a night out at The Flying Duck Café. All the chatter and laughter made for a great night out and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves – not a chicken nugget or spring roll in sight!! Thank you for coming along.

On Friday I opened the canteen up for the sale of ice blocks and cold drinks at lunch time. It proved to be very popular with most of the students lining up for a cool refreshment. I did notice that some students are bringing in large amounts of money and buying lots of items and sharing them with their friends. While being a lovely gesture it's something we discourage. Please remind your child not to give away their money nor to buy items for their friends.

Thank you to Donna, Karen, Carrie and her mother in law Marie for spending their valuable time in the canteen this week. ☺

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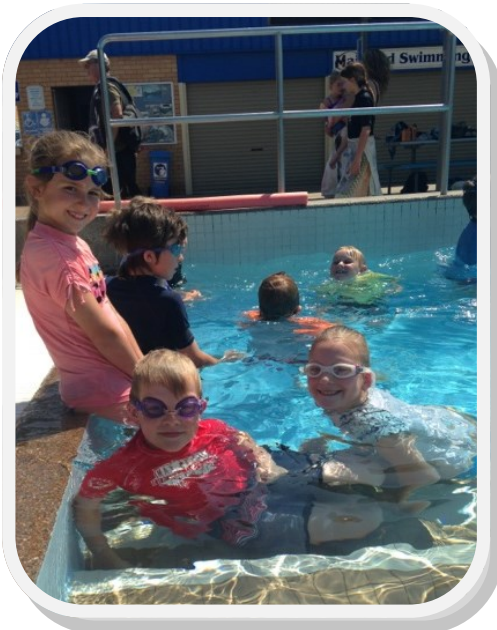
Thursday 26 November	Sian Jones and Jen McCosker
Monday 30 November	Penny Evans and Heidi Watson



The hot weather certainly made all the children keen to get into the water and there were no reluctant participants. The children were assessed on Friday and placed into appropriate groupings based on their skill level. Lessons then began on Monday.

Thanks to everyone for ensuring the children are organised and have their swimmers on ready to start as soon as we arrive at the pool.

We are looking forward to the next nine days of swim school.



1/2G and 2/3G News

This week will be the last week for home readers. Please send any readers in over the next week. This week will be the last week of library borrowing and all books will need to be returned on Thursday the 3rd of Dec. Thank you.

Romeo & Juliet ~ Fun Family Night



Community News



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add veg to a barbecue.

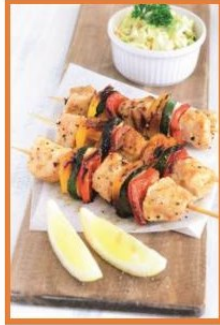
The weather is warming up and so are the backyard barbecues. But it need not be an entirely meat affair. Here are some ideas for adding healthy veg to the barbie:

Kebabs - capsicum, zucchini, eggplant and mushrooms work well. Add to pork, chicken or lamb.

Chips - slice potato or sweet potato, and grill on the hotplate.

Salad - grab some green leaves and toss in tomato, cucumber, carrot, beans, capsicum or whatever takes your fancy!

Veggie sticks and dip - chop up carrot, cucumber, and celery sticks to dip in yummy hummus, or an eggplant or beetroot dip.



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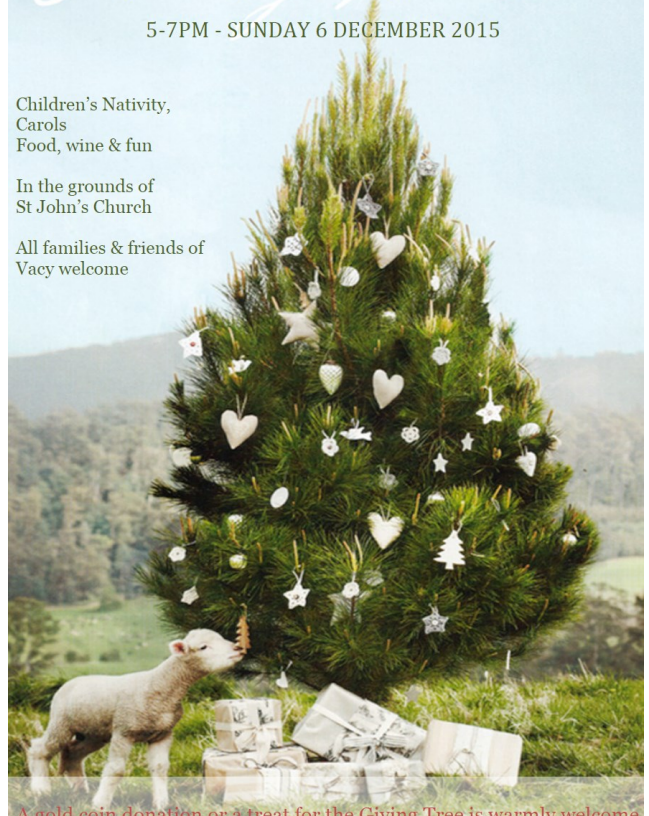
A Very Vacy Family Christmas

5-7PM - SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2015

Children's Nativity,
Carols
Food, wine & fun

In the grounds of
St John's Church

All families & friends of
Vacy welcome



A gold coin donation or a treat for the Giving Tree is warmly welcome

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschool and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes. The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family. Sport and recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW. Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children. Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for pre-schoolers. (prices exclude pool entry fee). For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02




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