

The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

Respect, everyone & everything



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Play fairly



Think before you do

From The Principal

Captains Speeches - Congratulations to all of our candidates! Firstly, on reaching the benchmark of silver level and secondly, on the brilliant speeches they gave. There was quite a deal of comments from teachers that the speeches that were presented by the students who were nominated for School Captains and Sports Captains were very impressive. This shows that the standard of public speaking at Vacy Public School has certainly increased and that the children voting faced very tough decisions. The School Captains and Sports Captains will be presented with their badges at Presentation Evening.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner - What a wonderful night we had at the Year 6 Graduation Dinner last Friday. The rooms were beautifully decorated and the students looked very mature in their finery. The meal was delicious, the cake looked great and Mrs Fonti gave some enlightening insights into the characters of our departing Year 6 students.

Special thanks go to Mrs Fonti for the organisation and preparation as well as to the teachers and students of Years 1, 2 and 3 who vacated their room on Friday to allow the venue to be dressed up. A big thank you to Eleesha Pereira, Kristy Grainger and Kelly Richardson who assisted our Year 5 students who were very attentive wait staff for the evening.

Presentation Evening - Our Annual Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 9 December 2015 at Tocal. The evening commences at 6:30 pm and features performances by both junior and senior dance groups, the choir and the combined drumming group. All students are expected to attend and will need to be in full school uniform. The night is a celebration of all that makes Vacy Public School so great and recognises the outstanding efforts of many of the students.

Swimming School - There has certainly been a mix of weather conditions for our students as they participate in Learn to Swim program over the last two weeks. From mild spring weather, to heatwave conditions and back to cool again! The program concludes on Thursday with a special lunch for our swimmers.

P & C Meeting - Our next and final meeting for the year will be held tonight 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.

Stewart House - Each year we have been fortunate to have students attend Stewart House at Curl Curl in Sydney. This year three of our senior students have been accepted for a two week visit. We hope they have a wonderful time at Stewart House.

Semester 2 Reports - The Semester 2 reports are currently being completed and will be sent home next Monday, 7 December.

regards,

Graeme

Dates To Remember

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.
January	
Wednesday 27	Staff Development
Thursday 28	Students return for 2016
Friday 29	Kindergarten students start

CANTEEN NEWS

Can you believe there is only 3 canteen days left for the year??!! To prevent excess stock over the holidays I have ceased orders to our suppliers. Please continue to order lunches as normal, if what your child has ordered is unavailable they will be offered something else from the menu.

It is also that time when we put the call out for volunteers for the next term. If you would like to give up some precious time to cook for our little people next year, now is the time to speak up! You can choose a preferred date and even who you would like to spend the day with. It would be lovely to see some new faces maybe even some dads would like to volunteer. Everyone is welcome and it is very easy to get on the roster; just contact Eleesha on 0427 720 838 or leave a message on the Vacy School Canteen Facebook page. We will be more than happy to have you!

A big thank you to Sian, Jen, Penny and Heidi for the time and effort this week. I bet your special little people just loved having you there for the day! ☺

Emma Maslen 0411 342 935

Thursday 3 December	Karen Sanders and Cassie Allison
Monday 7 December	Emma Maslen and Debbie Cox

3/4B News

For one of this year's Christmas craft activities, 3/4 students are going to be making a snow globe. Students are asked to please bring in a glass jar with the labelled removed. Pasta sauce, vegemite, and salsa jars are perfect for this activity. Jars will need to be brought into class by Friday.

Thank you

Mrs Babic

1/2 News

Don't forget to send in readers and library books over this week please.

Kindergarten News

This week is the last week for homework bags. All readers and library bags need to be returned by **next** Monday. This is also the last week for parent helpers. Many thanks to parent helpers this year as your support has been greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to all Kindergarten parents. I have enjoyed teaching your children this year. We have had a most rewarding year.

Mrs Rogers

Parent Helpers Needed

Do you know how to cover books with contact? Are you able to come to school on Monday 7 December? If you answer yes to both these questions we would love you to come to the library and help us cover books.

Swimming News

We are having a fantastic time at swim school. The weather has been great and the water has been lovely and warm. We have been learning lots. Some groups have been learning how to dive and to do a variety of strokes such as freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and also how to tread water. Some have been working on stroke correction. Others have been learning how to float and the basics of early freestyle. Everyone has been working hard and have shown good improvements over the week. We are looking forward to using the Splash Pad later in the week and our special hot chip recess on Thursday. (Please remember to pack food if they are not having this and also if they are having food at the pool remember a snack for lunch. They will still need to have a water bottle on this day as well.)



Year 6 Graduation ~ Farewell



Community News



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to disguise vegetables.

Can't get the kids to go near the greens? Disguise is a great way to get them eating veg, without the protests!



Here's how:

Grate vegies into meat dishes: carrot, zucchini, capsicum and celery work well in bolognaise sauce, meat patties, meatballs, shepherd's pie and tacos.

Add chopped vegies: to quiches or omelettes – try mushroom, tomato, capsicum or zucchini.

Blend vegies in to sauces: puree sweet potato, pumpkin or cauliflower.

Add extra vegies: mushrooms, capsicum and pineapple are great on pizzas.

Add in other root veg to mashed potato: pumpkin and sweet potato are favourites.

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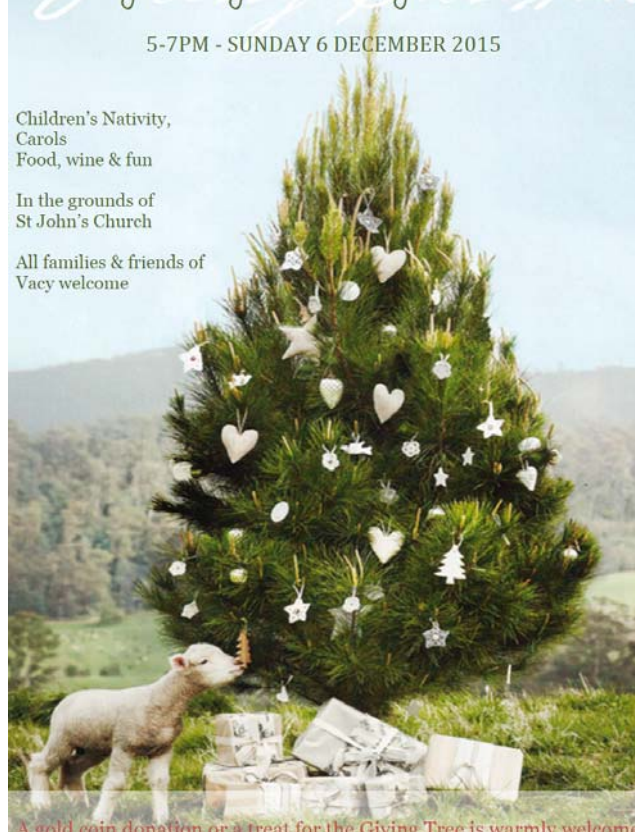
A Very Vacy Family Christmas

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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