

# The Newsletter of Vacy Public School



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“Friendship and Learning”

**Respect, everyone & everything**



**Be safe**



**Co-operate**



**Play fairly**



**Think before you do**

## From The Principal

**Presentation Evening** - Our Presentation Evening for 2015 will be held tomorrow Wednesday 9 December commencing at 6:30 pm at Tocal College Hall. All students are expected to attend and will need to be in full school uniform. Students will be seated in class groups throughout the evening.

The Presentation Evening is a formal assembly and students and guests are asked to respect the sense of occasion. The night is a celebration of all that makes Vacy Public School so great and recognises the outstanding efforts of many of the students.

**Gold Level Lunch** - A special lunch to honour those students who have achieved Gold level will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 9 December. Congratulations to our Gold level students!

**Year 7 2016 Orientation Day** - Our Year 6 students will be attending the Year 7 Orientation Day on Thursday 10 December at Dungog High School.

**Helpers Morning Tea** - To show our appreciation to all of the volunteers who give freely of their time and energy to support the school, we will be having a special morning tea on Monday 14 December. This is our way of saying thank you to our wonderful volunteers.

**Class Parties** - will be held next Tuesday 15 December following the Year 6 Fun Day activities between recess and lunch. Students will be able to wear mufti (out of school uniform) on this day.

Class teachers will send out notes to advise what each child will be asked to bring to the class party to ensure that there is not excessive food that inevitably goes to waste.

**Water Fun** - We will also be having some water fun activities to finish off the school year next Wednesday 16 December. Students should bring swimmers, rashies, a change of underwear, towel and brush. A separate bag to contain wet clothing and towel is essential.

**Enrolments for 2016** - Occasionally we receive enquiries from families that would like to live in the Vacy area and join our school. If you are aware of any homes available for rent in the area, please let us know so that we can assist them. Likewise, if you know of any family that is buying a home in the area or who have children yet to enrol in school, please put them in touch with the office so we can finalise numbers and classes for 2016

Regards,  
Graeme



## Dates To Remember

<b>December</b>	
Wednesday 9	Presentation Night @ Tocal 6.30pm
Thursday 10	D.H.S Orientation Day for Year 6
Tuesday 15	Class Parties - Mufti Day Fun Day
Wednesday 16	Water Activities Day Year 6 Farewell 3pm Students last day.
<b>January</b>	
Wednesday 27	Staff Development
Thursday 28	Year 1 to 6 students return for 2016
Friday 29	Kindergarten students start
<b>February</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Swimming Carnival

## CANTEEN NEWS

Thursday is the **last day of the year for the canteen** and we still have plenty to sell – pies, sausage rolls, lasagne, spaghetti bolognese, fried rice and all our chicken items. We have run out of hamburger patties, spring rolls, banana bread and choc chip muffins. If your child orders something that is now out of stock they will be offered something else on the menu. All the children I spoke to yesterday about changing their orders were very gracious and understanding.

Our Term 1 2016 roster is almost completed. We do have a few days needing helpers: Feb 29, March 14 and 21. All Mondays. I'm often asked about joining our volunteer team and told that "they would love to help out" If that is you and haven't yet signed up maybe consider one of these days mentioned above as a starting point. You will spend the day with one of our experienced volunteers to ensure your day runs smoothly. It can be daunting at first preparing lunches for over 100 hungry little people but it really is rewarding and your child will love having you there! Please contact Eleesha Pereira on 0427 720 838 or leave a message on the Vacy School Canteen Facebook page.

Thank you to Karen, Cassie and my mum Debbie for their time in the canteen this week!☺

Emma Maslen 0411 342 935

Thursday 10 December	Donna Tolhurst and Emma Maslen
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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS ~ 4.12.15

<b>Kinder</b>	James Walters
<b>1/2</b>	Emmaline Wintle
<b>2/3</b>	Kalesha Lye
<b>3/4</b>	Anthony Collins
<b>5/6</b>	Grace Miller

## CLASS AWARDS

<b>Kinder</b>	Maxwell Wood for excellent mental strategies in Maths.
<b>Year 1</b>	Wil Burgmann for great results in Maths.
<b>Year 2</b>	Charlie Watson for great work in Maths.
<b>Year 3</b>	Natasha Lutschini for being an organised and helpful student at swimming.
<b>Year 4</b>	Seth Deacon for showing maturity in the playground.
<b>Year 5</b>	Abby Maslen for improved attitude and effort.
<b>Year 6</b>	Lochlan Ford for always willing to lend a hand.

## From the P & C President

I would like to say thanks to all the parents and families who have supported P&C activities and fundraising during 2015. It's been a busy year for all involved, with P&C activities, including operating the canteen, involvement in the Cutting Day, Vacy Carnival and other opportunities generating over \$10,000 for the year. All this money will be spent on improving facilities in your school for your kids. A great achievement for a small school like ours. So, thanks for all the hard work, it's been fun.

With best wishes for a a safe and happy festive season, Joe Thompson.

## 3/4 B News

Its getting closer to the end of the year and the time where students can bring home their work and text books. It would be fantastic if students could come to school with a plastic bag next Monday in preparation for this.

Thank you

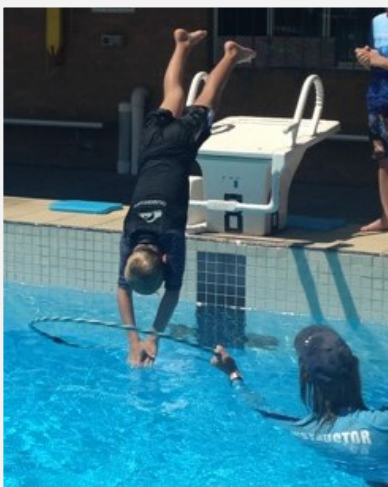
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## Swim School

Our annual Swim School came to an end last Thursday. The children all improved enormously over the ten days of intensive swimming. They also had a lot of fun along the way. During the last week the children continued to practise their swim strokes and some practised diving. They all participated in safety lessons that showed the children what to do if they get into difficulties when swimming and also how to rescue someone who finds themselves in danger.

On our last day we all enjoyed our hot chip lunch and the children had lots of fun waiting for the bucket to tip and going down the slides on the Splash Pad. I would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour during Swim School and commend them for their efforts over the two weeks. I was very proud to hear from the instructors how well mannered and behaved our students are and that they all enjoy taking Vacy students for their lessons. Well done everyone!

Mrs Greaves



## Community News

### POSITIONS VACANT AT PATERSON PRE-SCHOOL

We are a small community based Pre-School located approximately 20mins from Maitland. We provide a Pre-School program for families in the many small communities that surround the Paterson area. We are open from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and friendly Certificate III and Diploma casual staff to work with within our Pre-School.

We do note however, that Paterson does not offer any reliable public transport so your own transport will be required.

We are also looking for a permanent part-time Cleaner/Grounds Assistant.

This is a five day a fortnight position, Thursday and Friday and alternate Wednesdays 4.30 - 6.30pm for cleaning with additional hours allocated for general garden and lawn maintenance and property and equipment maintenance.

If you are available to work at our Pre-School please forward a copy of your resume including two current work related referees, you're working with children check number and your first aid and anaphylaxis certificate.

If you would like to contact the Pre-School to talk to our Director, Karen Bradbury please ring 4938 5454 after 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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### Kids Christmas Disco

Come along to the

Martins Creek Hall

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

5:30pm – 7pm

Gold Coin Entry

Each child receives a bag of chips & drink

Santa will also be coming!!

All welcome

Enquires Phone Dianne 0438490613

