



The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

Friendship & Learning

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Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 29 November, 2016

Dates for your Diary

November	
Tuesday 29	P&C meeting 7pm. All welcome!
December	
Friday 2	Year Six Graduation Dinner
Thursday 8	Celebration Day 12pm Scripture 1.00pm Presentation at Vacy Public School
Friday 9	Helpers Morning Tea 11am
Tuesday 13	Mini Fete
Thursday 15	Sausage sizzle / class parties
Friday 16	Last day for 2016
January	
Friday 27	Staff Development Day
Monday 30	Students Yrs 1 to 6 return
Tuesday 31	2017 Kindergarten start

Relieving Principal's Report ~ Week 8

Our Hero

A big CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Mr Viner for receiving a Fire & Rescue NSW Commendation recently. More details and photos are on page 4.

We are very proud to have you as part of our school.

P&C Meeting

Our final P&C meeting for the year is **tonight, November 29th at 7pm** in the school administration building. This will be an important meeting as many of the plans and ideas for next year will be canvassed and discussed. As parents this is your forum for voicing your opinion and contributing to your school. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this meeting.

PBL Badge Presentation

Friday the 9th of December at 2.30pm will see our last PBL badge presentation for the year. We are hoping to have a special guest presenter to help us celebrate. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Newsletter and Website Survey

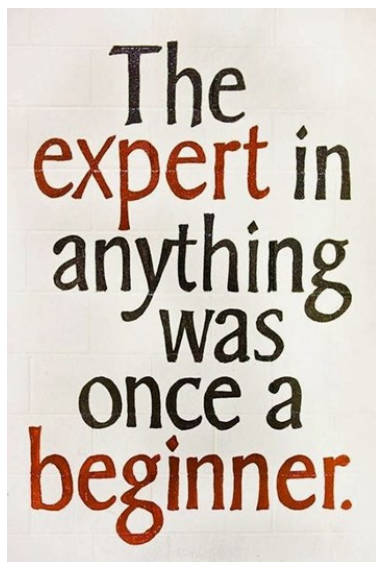
Thank you to those who responded to our latest survey. Please see the results at the end of the newsletter. Keep an eye out early next year for our new website designed using the feedback provided.

Have a great week.

Regards,

David Stone

(Relieving Principal)



Canteen News

The canteen is counting down to the end of the year.... Only 5 canteen days left for the year!! With that in mind I will no longer be replacing items as they run out. We need the freezers as empty as possible over the summer holidays so everything is fresh for term 1. I will update the Vacy School Canteen Facebook page as items run out to keep you in the loop. If your child does order something that is no longer available, the canteen staff will offer your child something else from the menu. Everyone will still be fed! With that in mind we have a very large stock of hamburger patties that I would love to see used up! Our hamburgers are great value and very filling and have the added bonus of being rated green by the Healthy Kids Association.

The roster for term 1 is coming together nicely... make sure you don't miss out by contacting Angela Gollan on 0428 798 220 and let her know your availability.

A big thank you to Natalie, Cassie and Angela for your time in the canteen last week.

Emma Maslen
0411 342 935 ☺

Thursday 1st December

Emma Maslen & Alyssa Ulrick

Monday 5th December

Penny & Josh Evans



Our "Tissue Box Challenge" has been hotly contested with many donations arriving right up to the finish date.

We are happy to announce that the winning class is K/1!

Class K/1 will receive their prize of an ice block on Friday. Thank you everyone.

End of Year Reminders

Class Party Money - \$5

Money for Mini-Fete up to \$5 for tokens

All can be paid at the office now for the last week of term activities.

Early Pick Up or Late Drop Off of Children Early

As you are aware our school day runs from 9.10am to 3.10pm. It is a departmental requirement that children dropped off or collected within these times be signed in and out of the school office. Please ensure you visit the office with your children to make sure the appropriate early or late slip is authorised. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

K/1 News

Dear Parents

This is the last week for home readers and library books. Please return them next week so we can finalise for the end of the year. This is also the last week for parent helpers. Many, many thanks to our wonderful parent helpers for their help and support throughout this year.

Mrs Rogers

1/2 News

We will no longer require parents to help with our groups in the mornings. Both I and the children would like to thank our dedicated group of parents who assisted us throughout the year. We loved having you in our class and the children enjoyed working with you all. We hope to see you at our Helpers Morning Tea which will be coming up soon.

This will be the last week that home readers will be changed. Please return any readers next week. I will send home a letter with the children if they still have any outstanding books after next week.

This Friday will also be the last week for borrowing library books and they will need to be returned next week. There will be no further borrowing in weeks 9 and 10 this term.

Thanks

Mrs Greaves

Library News

This will be the last week for borrowing from the library for this year. All books need to be returned next week so I can have everything finalised for the end of the year. I will be sending some reminder notices home over the next week for any books that appear to be outstanding. If you could send any responses or books back as soon as you get these I would greatly appreciate it.

We will also have Nat Parker visiting next Friday the 9th of December and she will be setting up one of her current art works to show the children how she puts together her incredible illustrations. We are all excited about this and I'm sure the children will be inspired to create some wonderful art works of their own.

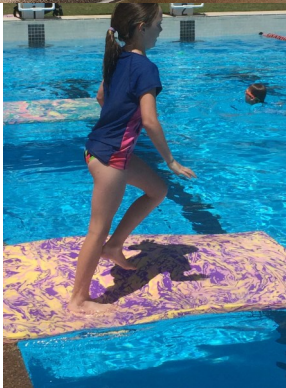
Thanks,
Mrs Percival

Swimming School

Swim School finished last Friday with a yummy lunch and lots of fun activities in the pool and on the Splash Pad.

It was great to see the fantastic effort that all of the children put into their lessons over the two weeks. It was lovely to watch every child's confidence grow and to see their excitement as they achieved their goals. For some this was to put their heads under the water, for others swim 50 metres or learn new strokes. Every child participated with enthusiasm and tried their hardest. Once again our instructors commented on how well behaved and cooperative our students had been over the two weeks. We were very proud of them all.

Maitland Pool runs lessons over the Christmas holiday break so if you would like to build on their Swim School achievements contact the pool for more information on 4933 5073.



Our Very Own Hero



FIRE & RESCUE NSW

COMMENDATION FOR COURAGEOUS ACTION

522220 DEPUTY CAPTAIN ANDREW VINER

Deputy Captain Andrew Viner is commended by Fire & Rescue NSW for his courageous actions at a storm and flood emergency in the Hunter region.

On 20 and 21 April 2015, Fire & Rescue NSW crews and other emergency services responded to multiple calls relating to a storm that brought heavy rain, widespread flooding and damage. 282 Station Dungog arrived on the northern side of Stroud to find themselves faced with a number of arduous and confronting incidents to respond to. There were reports of houses in Cowper Street submerged in rising floodwater with trapped occupants, a number of people stranded in the showground's grandstand and toilet block, and a car with a camper washed away with persons reported trapped inside.

Due to the rising floodwater, the crew set out to conduct search and rescue operations in homes that were submerged by the rising flood water. In extremely dangerous conditions, the crew removed several occupants including young children and pets, whilst wading through fast moving flood water over 1.5 metres in depth in some places, and having to form a human chain to safely rescue one family. If it were not for the actions of Deputy Captain Viner, some residents in Cowper Street Stroud may not have survived.

Fire & Rescue NSW commends Deputy Captain Andrew Viner for his courageous actions, which were in the finest traditions of the service.


Greg Mullins AFSM
Commissioner



COMMUNITY NEWS

A Very Vacy Family Christmas

5-7PM
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016

Children's Nativity,
Carols
Food, wine & fun

In the grounds of
St John's Church

All families & friends
of Vacy welcome



PATERSON RIVER PONY CLUB

Sign up day Sunday 29TH January

Gresford Showground Pony Club Arena, 8:30am

Bring your pony and all riding gear.

From Beginner to confident – all welcome.

Paperwork can be obtained on the day, or by emailing
patersonriverpc@outlook.com

Interested, but not sure if it's for you.....

Come along and meet the club and have a look at what we can offer.

2017 is promised to be an awesome year. The planner is showing: Trick riding, camp drafting, team penning, show jumping, mounted games, mini camp weekend, dressage, sporting, certificate work, polo x, working equitation and loads of FUN.

Please contact patersonriverpc@outlook.com for any further details.

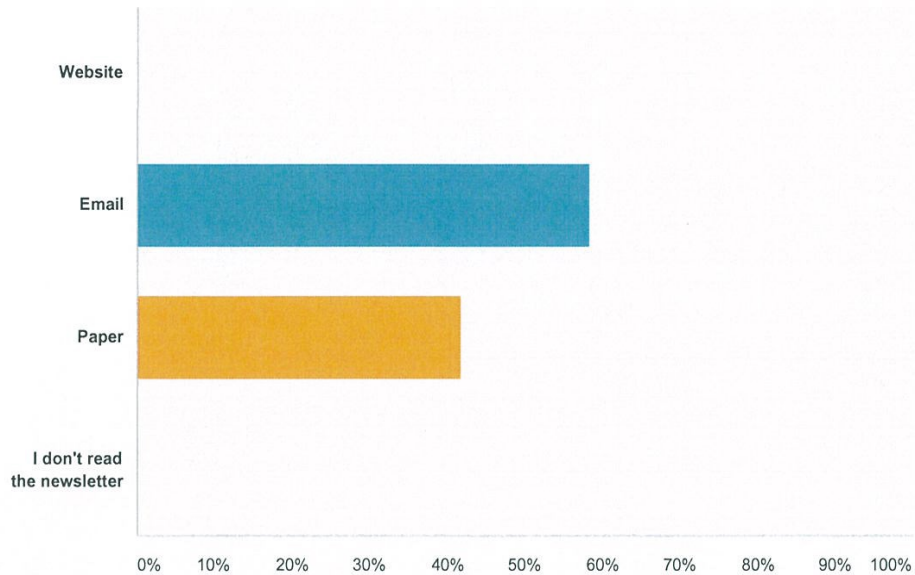


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Q1 In what form do you most often access the school newsletter?

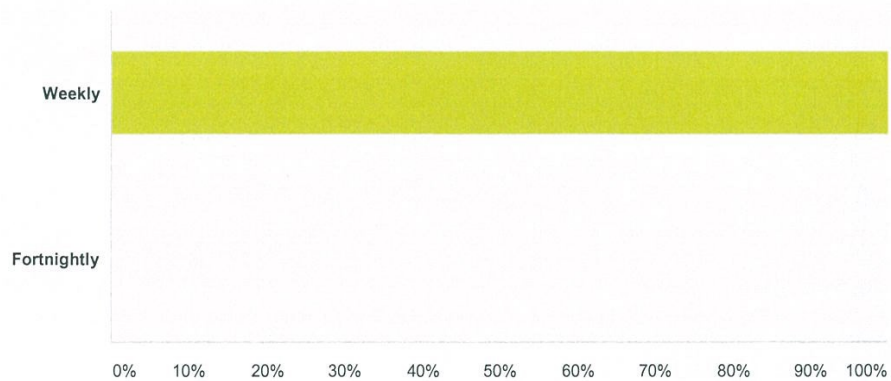
Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Website	0.00%	0
Email	58.33%	7
Paper	41.67%	5
I don't read the newsletter	0.00%	0
Total		12

Q2 How often would you prefer the newsletter to be published?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Weekly	100.00%	12
Fortnightly	0.00%	0
Total		12

Q3 What would you like to see added to the newsletter?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Section for BASC news	11/23/2016 8:03 PM
2	Children's insights, the p&c's focus/meeting outcomes, more on the leadership and direction of the school.	11/23/2016 7:59 PM
3	nothing	11/23/2016 1:15 PM
4	It has everything important. Maybe a regular class update, what topics are the focus etc - but the teachers often have so much to do it is, may not be possible.	11/22/2016 5:14 PM
5	Weekly happenings in each classroom - what is being studied, funny things that have occurred, explanation of why the student of the week received the award	11/15/2016 2:44 PM
6	up coming events, school news	11/15/2016 1:53 PM
7	News from each class e.g. What's been happening in class	11/14/2016 6:15 PM
8	Fair and equal acknowledgement of all students	11/11/2016 3:05 PM
9	More photos	11/11/2016 1:04 PM
10	Some more class updates	11/10/2016 5:42 PM
11	maybe a list of guidelines used for stamps/splats so parents can understand how these are awarded.	11/8/2016 9:29 PM
12	More about what the kids are doing at school	11/8/2016 2:08 PM

Q4 What would you like to see removed from the newsletter?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Nothing	11/23/2016 8:03 PM
2	N/A	11/23/2016 7:59 PM
3	nothing	11/23/2016 1:15 PM
4	Nothing.	11/22/2016 5:14 PM
5	I'd rather not have anything removed.	11/15/2016 2:44 PM
6	happy with it as it is really	11/15/2016 1:53 PM
7	Nothing	11/14/2016 6:15 PM
8	None local community advertising	11/11/2016 3:05 PM
9	N/A	11/11/2016 1:04 PM
10	All fine	11/10/2016 5:42 PM
11	Nothing that I can think of	11/8/2016 9:29 PM
12	Advertisements are a bit boring, but like the out of school activities eg sport or holiday programs etc.	11/8/2016 2:08 PM

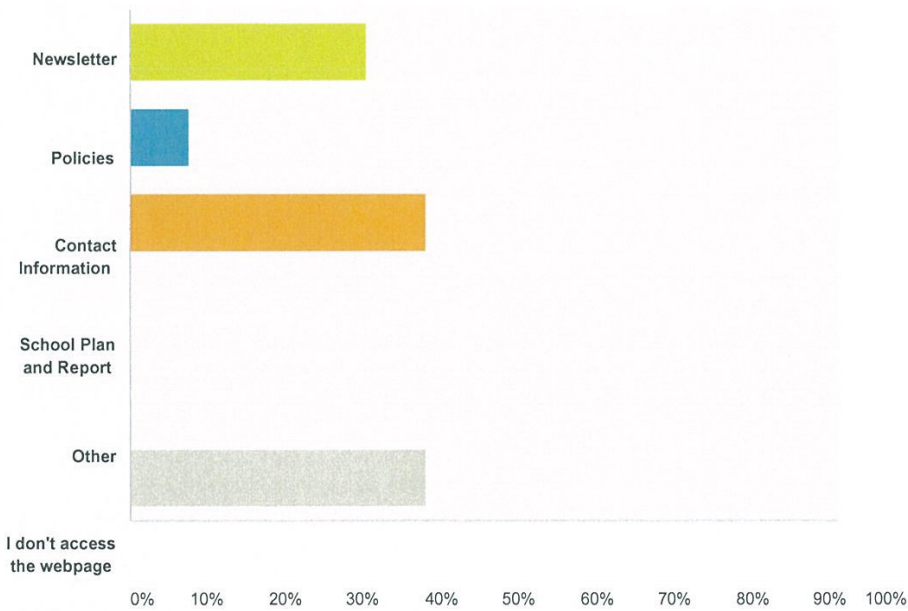
Q5 What suggestions can you provide to help us improve the relevance and usefulness of the newsletter?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Useful links to educational resources	11/23/2016 8:03 PM
2	Na	11/23/2016 7:59 PM
3	nothing	11/23/2016 1:15 PM
4	Nothing that we can suggest.	11/22/2016 5:14 PM
5	A term planner including dates for when payment is due for excursions etc.	11/15/2016 2:44 PM
6	I m fairly happy with it as it is.	11/15/2016 1:53 PM
7	I think it's good	11/14/2016 6:15 PM
8	Reward achievements not just participation	11/11/2016 3:05 PM
9	None	11/11/2016 1:04 PM
10	Maybe an article from a student each week	11/10/2016 5:42 PM
11	What the kids are focusing on in each class	11/8/2016 9:29 PM
12	How about kids interviewing the staff or a bio about the staff so we know a bit about you	11/8/2016 2:08 PM

Q6 What information do you access on the school webpage?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Newsletter	33.33%	4
Policies	8.33%	1
Contact Information	41.67%	5
School Plan and Report	0.00%	0
Other	0.00%	0
I don't access the webpage	41.67%	5
Total Respondents: 12		

Q7 What would make you more likely to utilise the school web page?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	School notes	11/23/2016 8:03 PM
2	NA	11/23/2016 7:59 PM
3	i use the app. It's great	11/23/2016 1:15 PM
4	Online payments, or ordering the uniform through it.	11/22/2016 5:14 PM
5	Direct deposit link. A link where each parent can sign in and see exam/project results for their children and keep up to date with how their child is doing academically instead of waiting for school reports to come home.	11/15/2016 2:44 PM
6	keeping information up to date	11/15/2016 1:53 PM
7	Not sure	11/14/2016 6:15 PM
8	Refer to question 3	11/11/2016 3:05 PM
9	Nil	11/11/2016 1:04 PM
10	Photos	11/10/2016 5:42 PM
11	It seems a bit out of date so I don't really use it	11/8/2016 9:29 PM
12	Able to make payments electronically	11/8/2016 2:08 PM

Q8 Please provide ideas and suggestions that will assist us in improving our school webpage.

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Would look at Facebook feeds from the scho than log onto the school website page	11/23/2016 8:03 PM
2	NA	11/23/2016 7:59 PM
3	happy with what you provide atm	11/23/2016 1:15 PM
4	Only above.	11/22/2016 5:14 PM
5	It looks tired and unwelcoming. The web page needs to reflect the vibrant happy feeling of the school and showcase the beautiful surrounds and gardens.	11/15/2016 2:44 PM
6	keeping it updated	11/15/2016 1:53 PM
7	Notifications	11/14/2016 6:15 PM
8	Haven't seen it yet	11/11/2016 3:05 PM
9	Nil	11/11/2016 1:04 PM
10	An up to date calander of events would be good on the website and school bag app	11/10/2016 5:42 PM
11	I think it need to be continually updated so parents know they are accessing the latest information	11/8/2016 9:29 PM
12	If teachers could include an up to date 'report' of what the children are currently learning, we could discuss or understand when they tell us what is happening at school. Eg if they are learning about France, we could prepare a French meal or talk about France and extend what they are learning outside of the classroom.	11/8/2016 2:08 PM

Fabulous Food



From 2/3G

Are you Looking for last minute Christmas Ideas?

Do you Need a stocking filler?

Do you have to get something for family members who already have everything?

Here is the answer!

A wonderful recipe book filled with a variety of delicious snacks and meals.

Year 2 have provided a selection of quick and easy recipes, some healthy and some decadent but all delicious.

Year 3 have gathered nutritious recipes from around the world and presented them in an easy to follow format.

Order yours today for the bargain price of \$5.00.

All orders will be processed and delivered within 48 hours.

All proceeds from these sales will be donated to the

“Koala Preservation Society”

towards our sponsorship of “O’Briens Freddo”.

ORDER FORM

I would like to order _____ “Fabulous Food” recipe books at \$5 a copy, lovingly put together by the students of 2/3G.

I have enclosed full payment of _____ .