



The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

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Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 13 December, 2016

Dates for your Diary

December	
Thursday 15	Sausage sizzle / class parties / Water Activities (pack swimmers & towel)
Friday 16	Last day for 2016 Yr 6 Bell Ringing - Parents invited 3.00pm
January	
Friday 27	Staff Development Day
Monday 30	Students Yrs 1 to 6 return
Tuesday 31	2017 Kindergarten start

Relieving Principal's Report ~ Week 10

Celebration Day

Thank you everyone who attended our Celebration Day. I hope you enjoyed the ceremony and the performances. There has been plenty of positive feedback and some great suggestions for improvement. Thank you to those people who have expressed their thoughts and ideas. It is important for us to be able to continually improve on what we do. If you have any thoughts you would like to share please feel free to email the school. All ideas will be considered in our planning for next year.

Timetable Changes Next Year

There will be a slight adjustment to bell times and some school programs next year. This is aimed at maximising the benefit of core learning time and minimising disruptions and the impact of students doing different activities.

Monday to Thursday	9:10 – 11:10 (Morning Session) 11:10 – 11:30 (Recess) 11:30 – 1:10 (Middle Session – including fitness Tue/Wed/Thu) 1:10 – 2:10 (Lunch) 2:10 – 3:10 (Afternoon Session)
Friday -	9:10 – 10:00 (Assembly) 10:00 – 11:10 (Morning Session) 11:10 – 11:30 (Recess) 11:30 – 12:30 (Middle Session – including Dance Groups) 12:30 – 1:10 (Scripture) 1:10 – 2:10 (Lunch) 2:10 – 3:10 (Afternoon Session including Drumming)



Farewell Emma

We would like to extend our warmest thank you to Emma Maslen who has volunteered her time in being the Canteen Manager for the last two years. We welcome Alyssa Ulrick who will be taking over as Canteen Manager.

School Leadership Team

Congratulations to our elected leadership team for 2017. I am sure you will do a fantastic job. Thank you to our departing leadership team and congratulations on a job well done. The school captains for next year are Charlotte Hopkins and Tom Doyle whilst our sport captains are Jack Magri and Connor Fernance.

Another Year Gone

Well, what a year!! As I spoke about on Celebration Day we have achieved a lot this year. I would like to thank you all for your support, encouragement and advice during my first year at Vacy Public School. I hope to build upon this and utilise what I have learnt next year. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their wonderful work and their support this year. We have a great school with amazing and lovely children. This should never be taken for granted because it is definitely not like that in every school.

I hope you all have a great festive period and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Kind regards,
David Stone

Canteen News

Yesterday was the final day for the canteen for the year – and for me as well! We had a reasonably busy day for a Monday and I really enjoyed spending my last day as canteen co-ordinator filling little bellies while emptying the shelves and freezers. It felt fitting somehow! 2 years ago I was asked to take over the canteen. Apparently if I didn't the canteen would close... no pressure! After agreeing, I worked through what I would like the canteen to become. My goal was to have fresh, healthy and tasty options available that were quick and simple to make. I wanted the canteen to be self-sufficient, pay for itself and update the appliances. I also wanted a strong team of volunteers. Sitting here today I can honestly say that my goals were achieved. The canteen has all of that and more. We have raised another \$3000 this year which will go directly to the students' needs. My goals could not have been reached without the help of the school community. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, the volunteers for turning up, the P & C for trusting me, the staff and especially the students who always gave me the most honest feedback!!

I offer my support and best wishes to our incoming co-ordinator Alyssa Ulirck.

I hope Santa is kind to you all.... Enjoy the holidays with your kidlets x

Emma Maslen.

Year Six with their Tiles that they made. With Mrs Williams



Library Report

Well it has been a wonderful end to the year with another successful visit from Nat Parker. The children were mesmerised by her painting tips and had some wonderful questions to ask. I extend a sincere thank you to Nat, for spending two days with us this year and helping our children become more engaged with their reading and their library. We have also set the children a little art competition for the holidays and all the information will come home later this week.

We have had our Kim Gamble art works hung on the wall. We would like to thank Mr Viner who has hand made the frames and the children who helped him put them on the pictures. We were very lucky to have the Tashi illustrator visit the school years ago and paint us some pictures while he was here. Kim Gamble passed away in February this year so it is nice to not only see his works framed but hanging proudly on our library walls.

I have also included a picture of our wonderful Tree-House tree which now is supporting many wonderful leaves indicating the number of children who have read each book. Each leaf has a name on it and the children have enjoyed watching the tree go from being deciduous to evergreen.

Please return any library books you may have at home tomorrow and encourage your children to continue their reading in the holidays.

Thank you all for the wonderful support you have shown me this year and I look forward to more library adventures next year.

Merry Christmas,

Mrs Percival

2/3G News

I have sent home a copy of a Santa letter that the children recently completed in class. The original letters have been forwarded on to Santa but I thought you might also like to see your child's work. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to hearing all about the holidays when we return to school in 2017.

Ms Graham

Cory Family Award

We say a sad farewell to our wonderful scripture ladies, Jill Enright & Diana Threlfo who were presented with the Cory Family Award for their commitment to the community.

Vacy Public School would like to thank these two wonderful women for all their support of our school.



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This is a FREE Christmas lunch for all in our community

Everyone is welcome to join us

- Enjoy some company. Individuals and families are welcome.
- Relish a tasty Christmas lunch
- Join in some Christmas Carols
- Welcome Santa who will bring a little gift for everyone.
- Come along for lunch or just drop in for awhile and say hello



For more information or for help with transport call 49921133

When: Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December 11.30am to 1.30pm

Where: Dungog Primary School

Cnr. Dowling & Chapman Streets, Dungog.

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