



The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Friendship & Learning

October	
November	
Monday 20/11	Swim School
Friday 1/12	
Tuesday 21	P&C meeting 7pm
Wednesday 22	Yr 6 Information Evening & Disco @ Dungog High
December	
Friday 1	Year 6 Farewell-\$15 per adult
Tuesday 5	Yr 6 Orientation Day @ Dungog High 9.00am - 3.20pm
Thursday 7	Surf school
Friday 8	Presentation Day 9.30am
Friday 15	Students Last Day

Principal's Report

Congratulations to all of our Year Five students who participated in our Remembrance Day and Anzac Day services this year. During Friday's Remembrance Day service, you all spoke very well and you should be extremely proud of the job you did during this special commemoration. I said on the day that you are a credit to your school and I meant it!

Last Friday I also handed out nomination forms to our Year Five students regarding the captains' positions for 2018. I, along with the other staff, look forward to reading your nomination forms in the near future and we wish you all the very best of luck during the process.

I would like to also thank the Evans family who have agreed to donate 15 bales of hay for a Christmas project we will be undertaking in the future. More information will follow shortly.

The Department of Education has strict guidelines regarding student attendance. If your child is suffering from an ongoing illness that has caused them to have an excessive amount of time off school, you are required to bring in a doctors certificate as evidence of illness and treatment. This is a legal requirement that supports the implementation of the Attendance Policy that has been developed for all schools. Please continue to contact the school, as you have in the past, if your child is suffering from illness for one or two days but note that a certificate will be required for longer periods of time.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Andrew Viner and Ms Linda Lowndes who share our General Assistant role here at Vacy School. The school is looking spick and span and it is due to their hard work and dedication. Thank you for all your hard work. It is greatly appreciated by our students, staff and community members.

Kind regards,
Karen Fonti
Relieving Principal

Christmas Card Competition

Vacy Public School will be holding a Christmas card competition. The winner will receive a small prize plus copies of their Christmas card to send to family and friends.

Rules:

No words

Must be in crayon.

Entries must be in by 1st December 2017



CANTEEN ROSTER No more pizza 's (sold out)

Thursday 16 November	Alex Hall
Monday 20 November	Ann Longley



Dear Parents

This Friday invitations will be going home for our PBL Gold Level Lunch with the Principal and our PBL Silver level free ice block. This will be on Wednesday 22nd November. Our students participating in swim school will be back at school in time to have their special lunch and ice cream. We recognise at Vacy Public School the students who have continued to follow our PBL expectations throughout 2017. We congratulate these students.

At Vacy Public School we are responsible, respectful and safe.



Surf Safety Day

Our Surf Safety Day is now on Thursday 7th December. A new permission note will come home shortly with the change of dates.

To ensure we get to Stockton Beach in time for our activities, we will be aiming to leave school at 9:15am. If you are running late to school or if your child is sick please ring and advise the office before this time so the remainder of the school is not awaiting your arrival.

Finally, please ensure your child comes to school with their swimmers worn under their school uniform and have everything they need for this event. This includes towel, hat, sunscreen, change of dry underwear to wear home and plenty of food and water for throughout the day.

This excursion is always fun and informative. We can't wait to hit the sand.

1/2 Class News

Last week the children brought home a booklet called Push and Pull in which they had designed a toy to make. If they haven't already brought it back could you please ensure that they do so tomorrow. They were also asked to bring in some junk materials to create a toy out of. This activity will take place tomorrow so if they can have some suitable items for then it would be appreciated.

This is the last week for home readers so please remind the children to return them next week. Please also locate and return any library books that the students may still have at home so we can begin our stocktake of the library.

Swim school begins next week so I will no longer require parent helpers for reading for the rest of the term. Please enjoy a well earned break. The children and I would like to thank our regular helpers for their efforts. Your help is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Miss Cramer has been with the 1/2 class since the beginning of term and her last day is this Friday. The children have loved having Miss Cramer teaching them during her final practicum experience before she begins her career as a fully qualified teacher. We wish her well for the future and know that when she gets her own class they will be very lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher. We would like to thank her for her hard work and efforts during her time here at Vacy school.

Come to a Christmas play

Performed by

Scripture classes at Vacy Public School

on

Friday 8 December 12.15pm

Please bring parents,
grandparents and friends



Vacy Public School

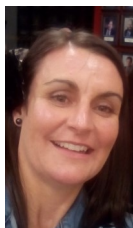
EVERY DAY COUNTS ... A day here or a there doesn't seem like much, but ...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Kin- dy to Year 12, that is....	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly on and a half years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over two and a half years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to flourish....every day counts!

Meet The Teacher

Mrs Dunn



The Basics

Hi, my name is Katie Dunn and I have come to Vacy Public School as a pre-service teacher from the University of Newcastle. I am in my third year of study and have the pleasure of working with Mrs Rogers and her kindergarten class for four weeks. I have two lovely children of my own, Harry who is ten years old (and loves anything to do with rugby union and cricket) and Tess who is five (and loves to do anything 'crafty'). Before deciding to pursue a career in education I worked in various administrative roles for approximately fifteen years. On my weekends I love to go on holidays in my caravan, eat good food and just hang out with my family and friends.



My dog hairy 'Mary'

My Favourites

- ◆ **Food:** Cheese
- ◆ **Animal:** My dog Mary
- ◆ **Season:** Autumn
- ◆ **Colour:** Blue
- ◆ **Book:** Harry Potter
- ◆ **Subject:** Creative arts
- ◆ **Sport:** Not really!
- ◆ **Singer:** Bruno Mars
- ◆ **Flower:** Roses
- ◆ **Hobby:** Cooking

The Fizzics team are back

High Noon – Sat 18 November

Multi Purpose Centre Dungog High School



GIVING BOX

DUNGOG SHIRE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A box will be left at the school for
the donation of non-perishable food items
to be used to provide
Christmas Hampers

for local families in our community.

Donations will be collected
On the 6th December

Thank you

Swim School

Swim school begins next week. Please refer to the original note for all the details but here are a few general reminders. The students will leave at approx 9.30 am and return by lunch time. The children will need to bring their fruit break, recess and enough water for that period of time. They will eat lunch when we get back to school. Depending on the weather we may be indoors or outside. Please ensure the children have a rash shirt or old t shirt to wear in the water. If your child requires a specific brand of sunscreen please send it with them. We will have our school sunscreen that the children can use. The children will need to wear their swimmers under their uniform as we do not have time to change into swimmers before our lesson begins. Please make sure you remember to send in spare undies. They will require goggles and a towel. PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS EVEN SOCKS AND UNDIES! If your child has long hair please tie it back or provide a swim cap for them. If there are any questions or worries please see Mrs Greaves. Swim school is always great fun and the progress that the children make over this time is fantastic to watch. Thank you for your support of this very important program

Maree Greaves
Swim School Coordinator