



Newsletter

December

Friday 1	Year 6 Farewell—6pm
Friday 1	Book Club Orders Due
Tuesday 5	Year 6 Orientation Day @ Dungog High 9.00am - 3.20pm
Thursday 7	Surf School
Friday 8	Presentation Day 9.30am
Wednesday 13	Yr 6 Fete Day
Thursday 14	Class Parties & Waterfight
Friday 15	Students Last Day

January

Tuesday 30	Students return for 2018
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Canteen Helpers

Thursday 30	Jen & Mel
Monday 4	Alyssa & Tanya

Gold and Silver PBL

Award Lunch

Wednesday 22 November 2017



Principal's Report

Let me begin my report today by congratulating all of the Year Five candidates who spoke at our special assembly last Thursday afternoon. No matter what happens now with the voting outcome, make sure you hold your heads high because you all did an outstanding job.

A big thank you goes out to a few people in our school community this week who have been working extremely hard. Firstly I would like to thank Mr Viner, Nathaniel and Mrs Craig for the beautiful Christmas tree they assembled and decorated last Thursday. I have seen a picture of it with the lights on and it looks spectacular. Secondly, I would like to thank Brad and Angela Priestley for giving up their Sunday afternoon to help remove some of the old garden beds as they were no longer needed in our playground. Our new pump that was purchased with the winnings from our Water Wise entry will be assembled soon and our vegetable gardens will then be able to flourish in the future.

Unfortunately, we have to say farewell to our playground equipment that has served us so well for the past 23 years. Regrettably it is no longer safe for our students to use and because of its age, it no longer meets the Australian Safety Standards. We will not be replacing the equipment due to the enormous costs involved; however we will endeavour to put something else there in its place that the younger students can enjoy in the future.

This Friday is our Year Six Graduation Dinner and I am looking forward to seeing all of our graduating students and their families join us in the Vacy Community Hall for dinner. If you are a Year Six parent and you have not yet relayed your intentions please do so as soon as possible.

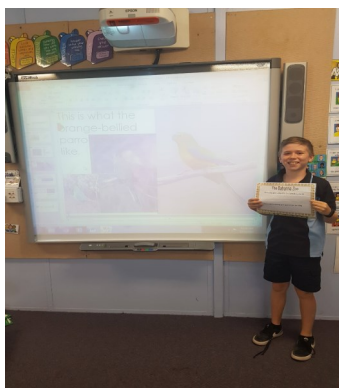
Finally, if you still wish to donate some money towards a gift for our departing teachers, please do so before the end of this week so we have enough time to purchase something special.

Kind regards,
Karen Fonti
Relieving Principal

4/5B News

Last week, students from 4/5B created persuasive powerpoint presentations about an endangered animal they believe should have a place in the last enclosure at the Banana Zoo. The students presented their work to the Banana Zoo judges (Mrs Babic and Miss Hanna), in an attempt to persuade them to give their endangered animal the very last enclosure. Ewan Knowles was awarded the last enclosure for his extremely informative and persuasive presentation on the orange-bellied parrot.

Congratulations Ewan!



VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DINNER

When: Wednesday 13th December 2017
6.30pm

Where: The Flying Duck—Vacy

Cost: \$15pp (to be paid on the night)

RSVP: By Friday 8th December 2017

Alyssa (0400 440 740)

Tanya (0429 800 608)



Kindergarten News

This week home readers and library books will be collected for stocktake. This is also the last week for parent helpers. Many many thanks to our parent helpers for all their efforts. Your help this year has been greatly appreciated.

This is Mrs Dunn's last week of her placement at Vacy. We have enjoyed having Mrs Dunn in our classroom and we wish her well for her teaching career.

5/6F News

Hello, my name is Breanne Gee and I am one of the four placement students placed at this school for the past three weeks. I have been working in 5/6F and it has been great to get to know the friendly and bubbly students in 5/6F and everyone around the school.

I would like to thank Mrs Fonti, Ms Grace and all the teachers who have helped me throughout my placement. I have enjoyed my time here and will have wonderful memories of Vacy Public School.

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 Friday 1/12/2017



4 CAROLS
FREE FOOD,
PROSECCO &
GOOD CHEER!

5-7PM SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2017

4th Annual Vacy Christmas Carols
IN THE GROUNDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

FOR THE KIDS:
DRESS UP NATIVITY,
SHORTBREAD
DECORATION &
ROSE WREATHS
GALORE!

St John's Church is open but once a year. Join us to celebrate this iconic Vacy landmark on its only night of nights!
RSVP 0418 791 146

Maitland Regional Art Gallery 2018
mragm & cleverpatch. present...

FREE ART JANUARY

A MONTH OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Shine at

STAR STUDIO Dance Academy
A Star Above

Enrol Now!
Thornton, Gillieston Heights, Largs

2 years to adult * Emphasis on fun!
Classes from \$6

*No Pressure * No Fundraising * Free Trophy * Free Photographs*

* Tap * Classical Ballet * Pointe * Lyrical *
* Cabaret * Hip Hop * Cheerdance * Acrobatics *
Modern * Musical Theatre *
Contemporary * Jazz

Preschool Programs
* Star Twinkle Tots
* Star Baby Ballerinas
* Star Baby Jazzerinas

Free gymnastics lesson each week for students enrolled in a 1 hr dance class!

Do not settle for copy preschool programs, come and learn from the original and the best!

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Dungog Shire
Community Centre
"....together a stronger community."

Christmas Food Donations

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Non-perishable food items and groceries urgently required this Christmas

Tinned Foods

- Tinned fruit/fruit salad
- Tinned vegetables (eg. peas, carrots, corn, beetroot)
- Packet and tinned soups
- Tinned spaghetti and baked beans
- Tinned tuna and other fish, tinned ham, pre-canned meals, etc

Beverages

- UHT milk
- Tea, coffee, sugar
- Milo, Quik
- Cordial, soft drink
- Long-life juice

Cereals and Carbohydrates

- Breakfast cereals and muesli
- Instant noodles, two-minute noodles, instant pasta packs
- Rice, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce (eg. Dolmio)
- Rice sauce (eg. Kan Tong, Chicken Tonight)
- Muesli bars

Treats

- Chocolate, bags of lollies
- Sweet and chocolate biscuits (eg. Tim Tams, Mint Slice)
- Savoury biscuits (eg. Barbecue Shapes, Sakata, Saladas)
- Potato chips
- Popcorn (pre-popped or microwavable)
- Fruit cups (eg. SPC), jelly crystals, Ice Magic, cake mix, Shake 'n' Bake pancake mix, jam, honey, Vegemite

Extras for Christmas

- Bonbons
- Santa sacks (eg. Cadbury)
- Christmas puddings
- Long-life or boxed custard

HANDY HINTS

Ring-pull tins are preferred!
Tins with ring-pull lids are most helpful, as not all people receiving the food will necessarily have access to a can opener.
Long expiry dates please
Please ensure foods donated are non perishable and their expiry dates are well into next year.

Thank you for your very kind donation.
Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of many local residents this Christmas



Santa will be travelling with the Vacy RFS visiting all the children in the area on Saturday 9th December.

Times and locations for his stops are as follows.

2.30pm at the intersection of Gresford Rd. and Dungog Rd. Vacy

3.00pm at the intersection of Grace Ave. and Dungog Rd. Martins Creek

3.15pm at the intersection of View St. and Wakaya Cl. Paterson Valley Estate

3.45pm Vacy township. Near the oval

4.10pm at the intersection of Bower Bird Cl. and Sanctuary Way.

4.40pm at the intersection of Corys Creek Rd and Lennoxton Rd.

5.10pm at the intersection of Lawson St and Mackellar Dr. Vacy Acres

5.40pm Vacy Rural Acres off Gresford Rd.

6.00pm at the intersection of Fishers Hill Rd. and Gresford Rd.

6.30pm at locations of children along Fishers Hill Rd.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE FROM
THE FIRETRUCK WHEN SANTA ARRIVES.**

SANTA WILL BE STOPPING AT ALL THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

Please monitor the Vacy Rural Fire Brigade Facebook page for weather updates, or Fire Callouts which may affect these times.