



Newsletter

Principals Report

Congratulations to our students and community members who received awards during our Presentation Day Assembly. It was lovely to see such a large gathering of proud parents and visitors celebrating our school and students' successes. I was also glad to welcome back Dr Stammer and his wife along with Mr Peter Lascelles to the event. They have extremely strong and long lasting ties to our school and we feel very honoured that they are proud to still include this event each year in their busy schedules.

To all of the students at Vacy, I was so proud of your behaviour on Friday and I was particularly impressed with how you performed during the dance, drumming and whole school choir items. All of the performances entertained our audience and it was great to see every one of you involved.

Although the day was full of joy it also had some moments of sadness as we reflected on the time that Mrs Roger, Mrs Babic and Mrs Percival have all had at our school. All of these staff members have made a significant impact on not only the students they have taught but also the staff and the greater school community. Each of these lovely ladies has been a true professional. They have each shared their knowledge and talents and worked extremely hard for the betterment of the whole school. We will miss them so much however we send them on their way knowing that we were lucky to have them for as long as we did at Vacy School.

I would again like to acknowledge the support that the community has given the school this year. We have had some tough times where change was needed however, your support and understanding has enabled us to keep our school running so that our students' needs were always being met.

To all the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, I thank you all for the professionalism and dedication you have shown in and out of the classroom this year. We have a great team here at Vacy and although we have also had to adapt to change, you have all been so flexible and supportive of your leadership team. I would particularly like to acknowledge the job that Mrs Greaves does as Assistant Principal of the school. She has been a rock for me this year and I would not have been able to fulfil my obligations as a teaching principal without her.

For those who were not able to be there last Friday to hear the announcement, we currently have 114 confirmed enrolments so our class structure for 2018 will be as follows: Kindergarten, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4/5 and a 5/6. Next year, due to the turnover in staff, we will welcome a few new faces to Vacy School: Mr Josh Cunningham and Ms Julie Hartigan. All of these teachers have previously worked at the school and come with outstanding recommendations from other principals. We'll also welcome back Ms Graham and Mrs Grainger and both Mrs Greaves and I will be leading the school again in our current positions until Mr Oke's return which is yet to be confirmed.

During the holidays, if you are aware of any unlawful activity within the school grounds please check the school noticeboard for the school security contact number. The dates of return for 2018 will also be displayed.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. To our departing students and their families, we wish you all the very best for your future endeavours.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Relieving Principal



December	
Wednesday 13	Yr 6 Fete Day Out of Uniform Day
Thursday 14	Class Parties & Waterfight Out of Uniform Day
Friday 15	Students Last Day Bell Ringing @ 3.00pm
January	
Tuesday 30	Years 1-6 First day 2018
Wednesday 31	Kindergarten First Day 2018
Thursday 15	Swimming Carnival—Maitland
May	
Tuesday 1	School photos

Reminder

Bookpacks and swimming carnival note for 2018 will be sent home this week.

Payments not accepted till 29th January 2018.



Holiday Fun – January 2018

It's all fun and games this summer as Maitland City Library gears up for a supercharged celebration of sports, games, technology and team spirit with our Game On school holiday activities.

[Check out](#) our great range of January 2018 Holiday Fun activities at

www.maitlandticketing.com.au/maitlandlibrary/holidayfun-january.aspx

[Bookings are now open.](#)

For more information phone Maitland Library on 4633 6952



On Sunday, I had to go to my rep touch football day. I am number 4 for the Redbacks team.

I had to play three games of touch football.

My team and I had a draw in the first game we played, it was two all.

The second game we lost but we still had so much fun.

We had a two-hour break in between the second game and last game. After that, we played the last game. It was hard but we won. After that we waited and waited and then we found out that we got into the semi-finals, I was so excited.

We tried our hardest but we lost by one try. After that, I was so tired I fell asleep in the car on the way home.

By Eva Doyle

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our gold award recipients for 2017, Wil, Henry and Fay. This recognises four years of challenge completion. The first three years are completed at school in class, but the fourth year requires the students to complete the challenge and record their reading by themselves. Well done also to Madison, Charlie and Tia along with all of K-2 for completing the challenge this year. Make sure that you keep a list of any reading you do between now and when the challenge reopens for 2018 as it can be included in next year's reading record. Happy holiday reading everyone.

Mrs Greaves



1/2 News

I would like to thank all the parents of 1/2 for the support you have given to your children and myself over the year. A special thanks also to our band of helpers that come in every week to help with Literacy Groups. The children and teachers love having you in our classroom and your efforts are appreciated. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

On Thursday the children are welcome to bring in a board game to play with their friends for the morning.

Mrs Greaves

Class Parties - THURSDAY 14 December 2017

Don't forget our class parties are on Thursday. We will be catering for this event. The students will receive a sausage sandwich, a soft drink or juice, a packet of chips, a lolly bag and an ice block. If you haven't already paid your \$5.00 for this it would be appreciated if you could do so ASAP. If your child does not wish to have a sausage sandwich then please pack their lunch.

We also have water fight/play day as well on Thursday. Please remember to pack swimmers, rash shirt, something to protect their feet, towel and hat. We will have sunscreen at school. The children can bring a water pistol but no water bombs please. This day is also out of uniform day but please ensure the children do not wear singlets or thongs (apart from during the water fight) as we still need to comply with safety rules.



Vacy Public School 2017 Honour Roll

Class Awards

<u>Year</u>	<u>Academic Award</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>	<u>Consistent effort and application</u>	<u>Encouraging progress in all areas</u>	<u>Kindness and Leadership</u>	<u>Valuable contributions to class</u>	<u>Developing Sound Work Habits</u>
1	Thomas Reynolds	Isabella Vonbun	Poppy Uren	India Rowles			
2	Harry McCosker	Nate Allision	Jesse Johnson		Emily Grainger		
3	Fay Magri	Nellie Chapman	Eva Doyle				
4	Madison McCosker	Brigitte Finlay	Nellie Pereira			Lucy Thompson	
5	Ursula Thompson	Charlotte Rienecker	Lincoln Ney				Danika Smith
6		Jack Magri	Charlotte Hopkins				
Dux Of School							
Dr Don Stammer Scholarship							
Tom Doyle							
Rotary Award for Encouragement							
Tom Doyle							
Citizen of the Year							
Seth Deacon							
Leadership Award							
Dallas Champion							
Cory Family Award for School Service							
Connor Fernance							
Alison Nicholson							
Glenn & Carrie Butler							
Premiers Reading Challenge							
Gold Award							
Wil Burgmann							
Henry Corke							
Platinum Award							
Fay Magri							
Swimming Carnival Champions				Athletics Carnival Champions			
Gostwyck				Gostwyck			
Sportsperson of the Year & Regional Medallion				Charlotte Rienecker			
Sporting Achievement				Jack Butler			
Premiers Sporting Medallion				Jessica Johnson			
Overall Champions				Gostwyck			

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Reading Award Rhylee Knox	Reading Award Nikita Van Der Merwe	Reading Award Anthony Collins
Science Award James McCosker	Science Award Charlie Watson	Science Award - Senior Sienna Holding
Maths Award Sam Maslen	Maths Award Bree Walker	Maths Award Ewan Knowles
HSIE Award James Walters	HSIE Award Deegan Holding	HSIE Award Jackson Lambert
CAPA Award Aiden Hall	CAPA Award Darcy Richardson	CAPA Award Bailey Eldridge

2018 School Captains	Lincoln Ney/ Isabella Grainger
Cory House Captains	Fox Nicholson / Ewan Knowles
Gostwyck House Captains	Charlotte Rienecker / Dallas Champion

Graduating Students for 2017

Nathaniel Chapman	Seth Deacon	Tom Doyle	Connor Fernance	Charlotte Hopkins
Jessica Johnson	Jack Magri	Demi Maslen	Pearce Spencer-McNamara	

YWCA Vacation Care
 School holiday fun
 for children aged 5-12 years
 Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking
 Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncl@bigpond.com
 (Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 1 January Sassy CLOSED	Tuesday, 2 January SMILE CLOSED	Wednesday, 3 January NEW YEAR PARTY IN-HOUSE	Thursday, 4 January LEARN HOW TO HIP-HOP AND GRAFFITI WORKSHOP WITH THE FAMOUS PEP-E EXCURSION	Friday, 5 January COCO MOVIE DAY EXCURSION
Monday, 8 January Little Paws EXCURSION	Tuesday, 9 January DISCOVER HAWAII IN-HOUSE	Wednesday, 10 January FERDINAND EXCURSION	Thursday, 11 January FORENSIC SCIENTIST DAY IN-HOUSE	Friday, 12 January NINJA PARC EXCURSION
Monday, 15 January RAINBOW DAY BYO colour to the day! IN-HOUSE	Tuesday, 16 January WIFE COOK EXCURSION	Wednesday, 17 January Meet the PILLARS EXCURSION	Thursday, 18 January BEAR DRINK EXCURSION	Friday, 19 January DINOSAUR REVOLUTION SECRETS & SURVIVAL EXCURSION
Monday, 22 January Flay your kite EXCURSION	Tuesday, 23 January PADDINGTON 2 EXCURSION	Wednesday, 24 January USE AN AUSTRALIAN IN-HOUSE	Thursday, 25 January Fun in the Sun EXCURSION	Friday, 26 January glo CLOSED

Venue: YWCA Hunter Region Inc, 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300 Opening Hours: 7.30am-6.00pm
 Ph: 4929 2954 Email: yncl@bigpond.com To enrol, visit www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/vacation-care
 Cost: \$50 per day (plus applicable excursion/incursion costs) Child Care Benefit/Rebate available to eligible families
PLACES ARE LIMITED, BOOK TODAY, DON'T MISS OUT!

YWCA
Hunter Region

Carols by Candlelight

December 16

6pm

**Therese Doyle Hall Grounds
East Gresford**

Sponsored by **Gresford Community Group**



If you haven't already been to check out our wonderful Christmas Tree that was made by Mr Viner, Mrs Craig and Nathaniel. Make sure you pop by after dark and experience the beauty of this artwork. It looks even more spectacular now with added lights and decorations!

A big shout out to the Grainger family who have been responsible for "lighting up" our tree each evening.

Thankyou.

