



Newsletter

Principal's Report

As this term draws to a close, it is worth mentioning to you all some of the great things that our school has been achieving. Firstly, as far as our staff are concerned, this term has seen our teachers participate in quite a few professional development courses in the areas of Differentiation in the Classroom, Technology, Aboriginal Education, Positive Behaviour for Learning and Writing. I myself, have also been involved in courses that look at how we evaluate our programs and processes within the school which will in turn, assist us when we begin our journey through External Validation, a process that Vacy School, like all the other schools must undergo.

Our support staff (SASS) have also been working hard to improve their skills by taking on higher duties and expanding their knowledge. I would like to mention in particular, one of our Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO), Mrs Jacqui Rashleigh, who has recently completed her studies and gained her Certificate III in Education Support and on behalf of the school community; I would like to congratulate her on her achievement. Mrs Rashleigh, along with Mrs Craig and Mrs Crouch, work tirelessly with a large number of the students here at Vacy and without their efforts our job as teachers would be extremely difficult. They mostly assist us by working one-on-one and in small groups so that we are able to cater for all of the individual needs of the students in our class. They also help to develop resources and work side by side with staff to implement our teaching and learning programs throughout the school. I am very proud of the professionalism that all of our staff portrays and I thank them all for their efforts and hard work throughout the term.

Next week is an extremely busy one with PBL reward days and excursions taking place. One of those excursions is for our Year 6 and Indigenous students, to Dungog High for our Community of Schools Naidoc Week celebrations. We will also be holding our own recognition assembly on Monday 2 July at 9:30am in the Cola and we would love to see as many parents there as possible. Due the occurrence of this assembly, we will not be having another school assembly meeting this term.

Please note that student reports will be sent home with your child/children next Wednesday.

Kind Regards

Karen Fonti

Relieving Principal

Dates for your Diary	
July	
Monday 2	NAIDOC Assembly—Cola Area 9:30am. All Welcome
Wednesday 4	Reports Home
Thursday 5	NAIDOC Celebrations at Dungog High School - Yr 6
Friday 6	League Tag —Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 Dungog High
Friday 6	Last day of Term 2
Monday 23	Pupil Free Day Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24	Students return First day of Term 3
Wednesday 25	Tennis Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4 - Maitland
Tuesday 31	English-ICAS
August	
Friday 3	Zone Athletics — Woodberry
Thursday 9	Education Week Assembly - Dungog High School — 4-6pm
Friday 10	Vacy Public School Education Week Assembly Cola Area 9:30am . All Welcome
Mon 13—Thu 16	Year 5/6 Camp to Canberra
Tuesday 14	Mathematics-ICAS
Tues 28—Wed 29	Year 3/4 Camp to Morisset
September	
Friday 7	Grandparents & Friends Day Book Fair
Tuesday 11	Meerkat Production at school



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for our canteen for next term. If you could spare a day to help out that would be very much appreciated. Don't forget that our canteen is not only here to serve healthy lunches for our children but is to help with other ongoing costs throughout our wonderful school.

If you would like to help out then please contact Tanya on 0429 800 608 or find us on Facebook

"Vacy School Canteen"

Without your help our canteen will not be able to run.

Thank you

Congratulations Mrs Rashleigh



Canteen Helpers—July	
Mon 2	Alyssa & Josh
Thurs 5	Mel Smith
P & C Dates for your diary	
28 August	P&C Meeting, 7pm All Welcome
9 September	Vacy Village Carnival
20 October	Cutting Day



AWARD WINNERS Week 8					
	Kindy	1/2G	2/3G	3/4/5P	5/6F
Be Responsible		Nicholas	Gracie		
Be Respectful	Nathan	Ivy Matilda			Toby
Be Safe			Poppy		Natasha
Student of the Week	Ruby	George	Sonny		Sienna
Bronze					

Premier's Debating Challenge

Congratulations to our Stage 2 debaters, Lincoln, Izzy, Ursula and Madison who have successfully completed their second debate. While we have not had a win, the students have performed admirably and they should be very proud of themselves. Thanks to Lucy who stepped up as our Chairperson when we hosted Karuah last Friday. Thanks also to our timekeeper, Jackson. Our next scheduled debate is August 3rd.



Students enjoying some well earned refreshments after their debate.

I have had the pleasure of completing my practicum for university at Vacy Public School. I have been at the school for the last 3 weeks working with Mrs Babic on class 5/6 to help to continue developing my teaching skills. I am a current Master of Teaching (Primary) student at the University of Newcastle and am in my second of two years within this degree.

It has been a great pleasure to come to such a welcoming school with such wonderful students and staff. The community spirit within the school is evident and helps to create such a positive learning environment for all students. I look forward to the rest of my practicum and continuing my learning within Vacy Public School.

Mr Schwab.

1/2 Greaves and 2 Graham History Task.

Next week the children in 1/2 will be studying objects from the past. If you have an item that your child could bring in for us to study it would be appreciated. If the item is too large a photo would be great. We will be working on this next Thursday.



2/3G Class Party

Congratulations to all the students who have followed our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) rules and who are now invited to the end of term party. Food is the theme for our class party on Thursday next week.

Can you please assist your child to organise a plate of food that is suitable to share with the class. Remember that we are a nut aware school, so please take care to ensure that there are no nut products included. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Ms Graham

Coles Sports in Schools

Last week we went shopping with our vouchers. Our final tally was around 19000 vouchers which translated into some lovely new equipment for us. We are looking forward to getting it in Term 3. Thanks everyone for supporting us with this and collecting and sending in your vouchers.



1/2 Greaves News

This week was speech week and I was impressed with how prepared the children were. It was great to see them all willing to participate in an activity that can be quite daunting for them. They all tried their best and the audience was entertained with some very interesting and engaging speeches. Well done everyone.

Tuesday is our reward afternoon. Please ensure the children remember to bring their pyjamas to change into. They are welcome to bring a sleeping bag to snuggle in however, if they are unable to pack it back into its case please send a rug instead. (It was a difficult task to pack 23 sleeping bags up at home time last pyjama day and I did work up quite a sweat!)

Congratulations to Mrs Rashleigh on finishing her study and attaining her SLSO qualifications. We love having you in our class helping us.

Next term we will have a Newcastle University student in our class completing her final internship before becoming a qualified teacher. We are looking forward to her visiting us next week and working with her in Term 3.

July School holiday tennis- multisport camp.

Vacy Public School

A fantastic tennis camp experience for kids of all standards. Try tennis for the first time, or improve your game while having heaps of holiday fun with school buddies and new friends.



Tennis Australia's ANZ Hot Shots Development Program.

Children will be put into groups depending on their age and tennis ability using the Hot Shots grading system (**Blue 3-4 yrs, Red 5-8 yrs, Orange 8-10 yrs, Green 9+**)

Multisport.

Camp consists of a mixture of cross training using other sports for tennis related activities (cricket, soccer, t-ball) helping children to further develop their hand-eye co-ordination. Tennis is still the main focus.

Dates: July 12, 13 **Ages:** 4-13 yrs. **Times:** 9 -12 noon.

Cost: \$45 per week, \$25 per day. Prizes and competitions.

Limited numbers-bookings essential.



Conducted by Chris Herden- Tennis Australia Club Professional. USA college player, Former NSW ranked junior, 25 years international- Australian coaching and playing experience.

Enquiries and bookings:

0400 331 553

TRAIN 4 SCHOOL 2018 Schedule

	Title	Topic	Guest Speaker	Date	Venue
Session 1	Ready For School?!	School Readiness		10am Thursday 17th May	Paterson Public School Hall
Session 2	Ready Emotionally	Independence / Resilience	Hunter Prelude or Family Insight	10am Thursday 31 st May	Vacy Public School Library
Session 3	Ready Socially	Social Skills	Ability Links	10am Thursday 14th June	Gresford Public School Library
Session 4	Learning Already	Early Literacy / Language development	Speech Pathologist / Doug the Reading Bug	10am Thursday 28th June	Paterson
Session 5	Ready to Learn	Early Numeracy / Best Start, Kindergarten.	Kindergarten Teacher	10am Thursday 9 th August	Vacy
Session 6	Ready Physically	Health / Fine and Gross Motor Strength	Occupational Therapist / Early Childhood nurse.	10am Thursday 23rd August	Gresford
Session 7	Ready Practically	Routines, Nutrition, Equipment, etc	Panel of Parenting Wisdom	10am Thursday 6 th September	Paterson
Session 8	Ready Set Go!	Final Preparations / Transition / Change		10am, Thursday 20th September	Vacy
Café follow up	On Track	Follow up and Evaluation		10am 21 st February 2019	Café - tbc



Sunday 29 July
St Anne's Hall
Church Street, Gresford
4pm – 7pm



Finger food from 6pm

**A free family event arranged by the
 Gresford Paterson Anglican Church**



Calling all event organisers!!

If you are involved in running events Dungog Shire Council would like to invite you to a **free** workshop that will assist you in better understanding **public liability insurance** and **managing risk** at your events.

The workshop will be presented by Council's insurers
Statewide Mutual

Where:

James Theatre, Brown Street, Dungog

When:

6– 7pm, Wednesday, 4 July 2018

Who:

Council 355 Committees, members of Dungog Shire Events Inc., local not for profits, community organisations, and sporting groups running events in the Dungog Shire

For more information and to RSVP:

Ivan Skaines, Council's Co-ordinator, Economic Development, Tourism & Events on 4995 7777 or ivans@dungog.nsw.gov.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

~ **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** ~
For children turning the ages above this year



For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Evolving Wetlands – Dinosaur Exhibition

Hunter-Wetlands Centre brings the past to life with Evolving Wetlands, an interactive exhibition showcasing a unique collection of dinosaur fossils and replicas.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 9.30am to 1.30pm daily. Young dino fans can also try Dinocraft, go Dino spotting and check out our resident reptiles.

Special dinosaur-themed meals available at the wetlands café.

More details at: www.wetlands.org.au

Entry: **adults \$8; children (3 to 12 years): \$5**
(incl entry to exhibition & Wetlands); under 3 free



DinoDay Tours

Dinosaur fans aged 7-12 years book in for:

- Exhibition tour and talk with paleontology expert
- Dinocraft
- Dino Dung (send bombs to take home) making
- Dino Spotting on a guided tour
- Reptile Encounter

When: **Wednesday 11th, Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th July**

Time: **9.30am – 12.30pm**

Cost: **\$20 per child**

Booking essential

Book online:

wetlands.org.au/dino-day-tours/

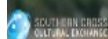
or phone the Hunter Wetlands Centre:

4951 6466



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT THIS AUGUST

www.scce.com.au/hosting



"Before starting I was concerned about the relationship between our exchange student and younger children in our home, but as we reach our 5th month we can see how amazing having our Camilla has been for our boys. They honestly love her so much and we do most of our activities together".
Steph. 2018 Host Mum

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange only needs a few more volunteer host families for our remaining students arriving from Finland, Germany and France in August. Hosting an exchange student is like having another family member and can create the most enduring and wonderful relationships. You will be fully supported throughout your journey. Please contact Cheryl for more information today:

Cheryl Page - cheryl.p@sccce.com.au - 0414 649 707 or 1800 500 501

Tuning in to Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program
for parents of adolescents aged 12-18 years

Where: Rutherford Technology High School
Avery St, Rutherford

When: 9.15am - 11.15am Monday mornings
Beginning 30th July for six sessions

Call Mary-Kate on 4932 5999 or email Mary.ferguson13@det.nsw.edu.au to register your interest

Assisting you to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen
- be better at understanding your teen
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen
- teach your teen to deal with conflict



Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.



You must register to attend the course as spaces are limited. It is open to any members of the community.