



Newsletter

A message from the Principal

Mrs Fonti has safely arrived in China and luckily she managed to get to Hong Kong before the typhoon started to cause issues. She looks to be having a fabulous time and is enjoying many of the cultural activities that China has to offer. Mrs Fonti will return at the start of Term 4.

Today the parents of students who completed NAPLAN testing this year will receive a letter containing their results. If you would like to discuss these, or you need further information, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Keep in mind that this is only one of the many tasks that teachers will use to assess their students and that it is always considered together with other assessments in order to gain an accurate picture of an individual student's performance. As a school we will analyse our results over the coming weeks and see what areas we need to develop further and also what areas we are showing growth and strengths in. Vacy students sat the online version of testing and from all accounts it was well received and was delivered without any issues.

Three way conferences have started this week and will continue next week. We will close appointments as of Friday so please make sure that you have secured your time before this. If you are unable to attend at the times that are available please contact the relevant class teacher and find a mutually suitable appointment. These are a great opportunity for the children and parents to be involved in setting learning goals for the remainder of the year. Any students whose parents are unable to attend, will work through their goals with their teacher and a copy will be sent home.

Students and their class teachers are busy deciding on what their reward day for this term will entail. A copy of their decisions and the dates that have been decided on are included in this newsletter. This is a lovely way to reward those students who have demonstrated that they are following our core values of Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe. Congratulations to all who will be attending their class parties.

I have been receiving some very positive feedback on the excellent behaviour of our students when they have been attending our recent excursions. I also have had teachers from other schools in my room for observations recently and they have also commented on how engaged and well behaved our students are. It makes us all very proud of the wonderful group of students that we have here at Vacy School.

Thanks to all who were able to collect their children on Wednesday when an unforeseen issue with the water supply occurred in Vacy. We were in the unfortunate situation that the water had been off for some time and we were unable to be guarantee that it would be back on before the end of school. The toilets were already full and there were no facilities for hand washing or drinking. Given this we thought it best to see if parents who were home or close by would be able to collect their children. We were aware that this would be impossible for some parents and we had some contingency plans in place for those students. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally P & C will be held next Tuesday at 7pm in the staff room and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Maree Greaves

Relieving Principal

Dates for your Diary	
September	
Tuesday 25	Mr Prior — 3/4/5 3 Way Conferences
Wednesday 26	Mrs Grainger — Kindergarten 3 Way Conferences
Thursday 27	Mrs Babic — 5/6 3 Way Conferences
Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27	Mrs Greaves — 1/2 3 Way Conferences
Friday 28	Cricket Game — Selected students only Vacy V's Karuah @ Vacy oval Starts 10:15am
Friday 28	Last day of Term 3
October	
Monday 15	Term 4 resumes for children and staff
Thursday 25	Invictus Games—Sydney
November	
Monday 12	Surf School—Stockton Beach <i>\$25 per student due by 2/11/18</i>
M,T,Th,Fri (19-23)	Swim School (<i>not Wed</i>)
M,T,Th,Fri (26-30)	Swim School (<i>not Wed</i>)
M,T (3&4)	Swim School
Friday 23	Year Six Graduation Dinner
December	
Tuesday 4	Yr 6 Orientation day at Dungog High School *Please note change of date
Friday 7	Vacy School Extravaganza Dungog High School
Tuesday 11	School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 13	Presentation Day 9:30am

Canteen Helpers — September	
Monday 24	Summer & Alyssa
Thursday 27	Alyssa & Alex
P&C Dates for your diary	
Tuesday 25 September	P&C Meeting, 7pm
Saturday 20 October	Cutting Day

Cricket Next Week

Next week, Vacy will host a cricket team from Karuah Public School as part of the Reg Kelly Cup. Our players are very excited to get stuck into only their second match of the year. The game will start at around 10:15am on Friday, 28th September on the bottom oval. Permission notes will be sent home to all players selected for the team and spectators are more than welcome!

Attention:

Surf Fun Safe Program

It has been brought to our attention that the wrong date was put on the Sun Surf Safe Program note.

The date for this excursion is the 12 November, not the 19 November.

We have rectified this on the note that was sent home today, so if you could sign and send this back this would be very much appreciated.

Please note: the date has changed for the note and monies to be returned to school.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Selective High School Placements

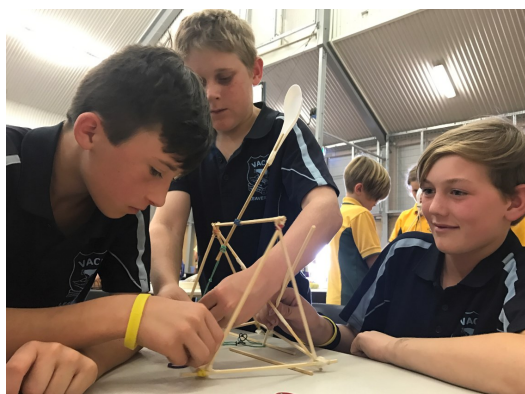
A note has gone home today with year 5 students regarding the application process for selective high school enrolments for 2020. If you intend applying for a place you will need to follow the instructions listed on the separate note. Any questions regarding this process please phone the office.

PBL Rewards Day

Kindergarten Tuesday 25 September	Movie and ice cream afternoon.
1/2 G Friday 28 September	1/2 G could not decide what they wanted to do the most, so we decided to do it all, as we deserve it! So we can, dress up as our favourite character, or be out of uniform wearing suitable everyday clothes, or wear crazy hair for the day. Then in the afternoon we will have a free choice of varying activities such as toys, computers and a disco.
2/3 G Thursday 27 September	Devices afternoon. Bring them to your teacher for safe keeping and then play the afternoon away on devices.
3/4/5 P Wednesday 26 September	Eighties Disco. Dress up and dance to the music of the eighties! (best decade ever!)
5/6 B Wednesday 26 September	Sock wrestling. Bring a pair of clean socks.

Midcoast Science and Engineering Challenge

Last Friday the students from years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to head to Dungog High School and participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge day. This day consisted of primary schools from the local area all coming to participate in various science and engineering activities. The students participated in a variety of activities that consisted of constructing and solving (various) engineering problems. The biggest highlight was the bridge building activity and the testing of the various bridge designs. There were some really valuable lessons taken away from the activities and the students all participated in some fantastic quality learning experiences. There is definitely some strong problem solving skills within the 5/6 students and some potential engineers and scientists in the future. All students were very well behaved and were once again a credit to the school and the local community. Well done 5/6 on such a great day and for representing Vacy to such a high standard.





Here are some of the reasons why Kindergarten enjoyed the Meercat Production of Boy.

I liked Mr Obese King because when he danced he was even more fat.

By Nate

I liked the dragon because he breathed fire.

By Ayasha

I liked the cling clang clong because they were noisy.

By Jack

I liked the little boy because he had dancing hands.

By Ruby

I liked the fat King because he danced funny.

By Ben



Local, nutrient dense, responsibly grown food through low input organic biological farming. Available at Vacy store or can be delivered.

Food that we make an effort to provide in a sustainable manner, from field to fork from our small family farm.

Taking into account local cultivation conditions and challenges as well as local solutions.

Comparable in price to supermarkets. Reduced plant nitrate levels.

Less potential environmental impacts with significant reductions in nutrient runoff and/or leaching soil erosion and pesticide contamination.

Saves energy because it does not rely on energy intensive synthetic fertilisers or herbicides.

Price list Sept 19.

Celery	half Bunch	\$3.00
Leeks	Bunch	\$3.50
Spring onions	Bunch	\$3.00
Shallots	Bunch	\$3.00
Potatoes – dutch cream, russett Burbank	1kg Bag	\$4.00

Contact/text Chris on 0400 331 553 for produce or enquiries.

Please note change of date for Orientation Day



Dungog High School

Year 6 students and parents are invited to attend

Dungog High School's Orientation Activities 2018

Information Evening and Student Disco – 28th November 2018

Information Evening and Disco: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Parent Information Session – Library

Student Disco and BBQ – Multi Purpose Centre

We encourage you to take the opportunity on this evening to
pay fees and purchase book packs from the office as well as
purchase uniforms from the uniform shop in preparation for 2019.

Opening times for the office and uniform shop: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm – 7:30pm

Program: Meet the Principal, teachers and school leaders for 2019,
what learning opportunities can you expect at DHS, wellbeing information,
and general administration and information.

Orientation Day – 4th December 2018

Time: 9:00am – 3:20pm – meet your Year Advisor at the Multi Purpose Centre

Travel: Year 6 students may wish to travel to school on the school buses.

Bus companies are aware this may be the case.

Please make sure you are at an approved bus stop.

Parents are not required to stay for Orientation Day.

Book packs are available for purchase from the canteen.

Uniform Shop will be open – 8am – 4pm

Please note: if you wish to purchase uniform and cannot attend at these times,
please contact the school office to organise a suitable time.

Program:

Students will meet their Peer Support Leaders, complete a series of activities,
attend mini lessons, and observe some performances by Dungog High students.

What you need to bring: pens, notebook, lunch/recess or money for canteen

We look forward to welcoming all parents and students to Dungog High School.

Gresford Vacy Football Club Newsletter



100% Grand final success and Club Presentations events

In what could be arguably the scorpions' best finals series outcomes to date, GVFC had 3x teams progressed on to the grand finals, that all won their games, sealing a 100% strike rate of 3x new major premierships, coupled with 2x minors premierships to add icing a rather delicious yellow and red cake.

Brilliant efforts to our U12s, AA Friday G and O35 teams.

Junior Presentation

Saturday 15th Sept saw both glorious junior & senior presentations resulting from many remarkable people in our club contributing week in, week out in their own time, for the good of the club and community, and not themselves.

We had David & Jennifer Crouch, Janette Crouch, Elisa Fitzpatrick, Summer Norton, Kristie Roberti, over the last week preparing food and facilities for today's event. We had Andy & Tracey Kidd, plus Jack Cowled and John Krick getting trophies, jumpers and all things good ready for the Kids.

Our very capable and good looking gear stewards Katie Mulhearn and Myf Doyle sorting coaching equipment back in preparation for next season. Our Treasurer / super goal keeper Cathy Easdown that is the bedrock of our clubs' ability to fund and support this wonderful club, focusing on the youth that we saw have an absolute ball on the day.

But without doubt, all our **Coaches and Managers are the heart and soul of this club**. The day saw their commitment to their teams, community and the greatness that their time brings developing our youth (and adults) and into fine, fit and fair individuals. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** – Make sure you attend the Scorpions Coach, Managers & Committee Dinners on November 17th (see below).

With special mention to Amy Rowles and Julie Hartigan guiding the U12s to glory with the minor and major premierships.

Lastly, we need someone guiding this large ship and the HMAS SCORPION has sailed into calm and prosperous waters under the tireless direction, support and leadership of not only volunteer of the month in April this year, BUT as announced on the day by Hunter Valley Football Association reps, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR going to Fritz Woller ! Amazing and highly deserved mate.

Senior Presentation

A big night followed for the seniors at the Hotel Beatty that was expertly organised by Myf & Kris Doyle. Our A, P, G, 35s grades and women's K team were in fine form for another great event to conclude the year.

Team wise - everyone's a winner here with the ladies team likely being the crowd favourites under Amy Merchants & Andy Kidds excellent leadership, however the success of both G grade as major premiers lead by Luke Kijko & Tommy Everett plus Lino, and Over 35s with both the minor and major premierships lead by Damo Crouch, Kris Doyle & Mark Bickerdike are also very worthy winners. Saturday P grade whilst not dominating this year, is a club favourite team we want to see continue for years to come.

Individually - Many great awards aplenty, but special mention to Bryce Lloyd for goal of the year in P grade, Brett Tobias for Golden boot and Andy Kidd for clubman of the year. All very well deserved !

Our sponsors represented well on the night with Myf & Kris Doyle, Summer & Scott Norton, Cathryn Hines & Grahame Chevalley, Rebecca & Jack Cowled, Sharon & Peter Hill, Plus Bernie from the well watered and fed Hotel Beatty.

A great MC and trophies effort on the night from Jack Cowled with also some lovely words setting up the evening and success of the clubs' season from acting president Jim 'I lovvee the Scorpions' Doyle. A wonderful night to close a big day for the best rural football club in the world.

AGM plus Coach, Managers & Committee Dinner

The much required **Scorpions Coach, Managers & Committee Dinner** is on Saturday 17th Nov 7pm Farmers Hotel Vacy. Meal provided for registered volunteers. Partners / others pay as required. Be there you legends, you're worth it !

The Scorpions **Annual General Meeting** is Wednesday 21st Nov at the Beatty Hotel from 7pm. Come and be involved in this successful club to form and support its future. See position descriptions under docs on the TeamApp.

Any questions or information please contact Fritz Woller on M: 0419 275 760 Email: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com Web: gresfordvacyfc.teamapp.com OR scorps.com.au