



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

August

Tues 28—
Wed 29 Year 3/4 Camp to Morisset

Friday 31 Fathers Day Stall

September

Wednesday 5 Maitland Art Gallery and Library
Excursion for Yrs K- 2

Friday 7 Grandparents & Friends Day
Book Fair

Tuesday 11 Meerkat Production at school

October

Thursday 25 Invictus Games –selected
students only

November

Monday 12 Surf School—Stockton Beach

Mon 19—Fri 30 Swim School—Maitland Pool

Friday 23 Year Six Graduation Dinner

December

Friday 7 Vacy School Extravaganza
Dungog High School

Tuesday 11 School Swimming Carnival
Kurri Kurri Swimming Pool

Friday 14 Presentation Day 9:30am

Canteen Helpers — August

Monday 27 Tanya & Alyssa

Thursday 23 Loren & Paul

P & C Dates for your diary

28 August P&C Meeting, 7pm

A message from the Principal

Another busy time at Vacy with staff illness, professional learning and administration commitments filling our school week. Our students have been fortunate though to be able to carry on with their normal classroom lessons due to good planning by their teachers. I would also like to thank our committed casual teaching staff who have professionally implemented those programs in our absence.

It is time for us to meet together to discuss our student's learning goals for the remainder of the year. Our 3 Way Conferencing interview times have been organised and are available for you to make a booking. The link will be included in the newsletter and will also be published on Facebook and Skoolbag for your convenience. Be aware that you will also need to use the specific code to access the site. After we conducted our interviews last term, we as a staff decided that a timeslot of 30 minutes would be more appropriate than 15 minutes. That is why interviews will now be scheduled over a two day period for all staff. If you are unable to attend, please organise a time that a phone interview can take place.

If your child is going to be late to school, you need to make sure that you accompany them to the office to explain why. A late note will then be given to the child to take to their teacher containing an explanation for the partial absence. This is a departmental process that needs to be followed for the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Good luck to all of our Year 3 and 4 students who are travelling to Morisset next week for their adventure camp. A big thank you also, to Ms Graham and Mr Prior who are giving up their family time to take them down. I'm sure you will all have a wonderful time and I can't wait to hear your stories.

Our next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 28th August 7pm in the staffroom, and we will be discussing the purchase of the playground equipment and the progress we have made in the process.

Kind regards

Karen Fonti

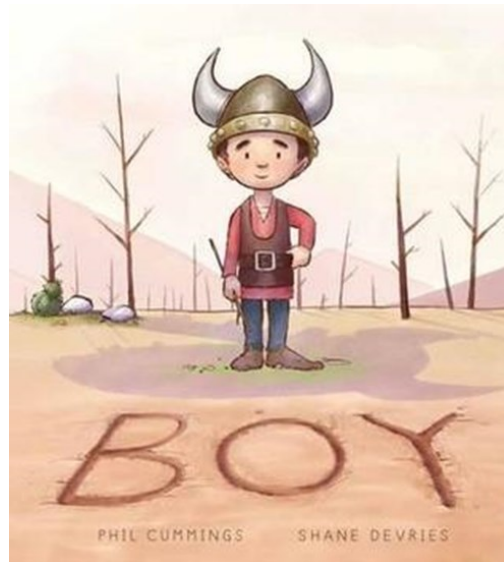
Term 3 - 3 Way Conferencing Interview

The following link will provide you access to our available times for our 3 Way Conferencing interviews at the end of the term. All of the times are different for each individual teacher so please make sure that you get in quick if your time is limited. This is an important and worthwhile experience for all stakeholders in your child's education so we hope that you will be able to attend one of the sessions.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=kgJyXO>

Access Code: ne6dq

Meerkat Productions



Meerkat Productions have been successfully bringing books to life for our school for some years now. They will be back again on Tuesday, September 11 at 2pm.

This year, the play will be based on the book *Boy* by Phil Cummings. This book is included in *The Children's Book Council of Australia's 2018 Book of the Year* shortlist.

Notes and payment are due back at school by Monday 3rd September

Invictus Games—Expression of Interest

Just a reminder that the closing date for expression of interest notes regarding the Invictus Games Excursion on 25th October, 2018 need to be in soon (Years 4, 5 & 6 only). We will be drawing names out of a hat on Friday 14th September to determine the final 30 students who will attend. Then the balance of \$70 will need to be paid by the end of Term 3 (28th September, 2018).

Art Gallery and Library Visit

K-2 are looking forward to visiting the Maitland Regional Art Gallery and Maitland Library on Wednesday 5th September. We will have a tour of the Gallery, and create our own art work before having a picnic lunch then walking to the Maitland Library for a story.

Zone Athletics

Vacy Public School was well represented at our Maitland Zone Athletics Carnival. We had some very strong competitors across a range of track and field events, with many students competing in a range of both. It was very pleasing to see students from our junior and senior age groups competing in the 100m and 200m finals and upholding our Vacy PBL expectations at the event. Our Senior Girls Relay Team perfected their baton transitions and was only half a second off of qualifying for the regional level. Great work team!

A very special mention goes to Charlotte who was very busy on the day. After competing eloquently in all track and field events, she achieved an incredible accolade considering the calibre of competitors at this event. Charlotte was named the Senior Girl Champion, meaning she scored the highest score on the day. We would like to congratulate Charlotte on her efforts and wish her well at the regional carnival next Friday. We're sure she will compete just as well.



Canteen News

We are still needing volunteers for the following dates for the canteen:

Thursday 6 September

Thursday 13 September

Thursday 27 September

We know your time is valuable and we appreciate all our volunteers but if you are available on one of the days above to help out, could you please contact Tanya Reynolds on 0429 800 608 or find us on Facebook 'Vacy School Canteen'.

Thank you

Tennis lessons

For any booking enquiries parents can call us direct. Price is \$12.50 a lesson and paid weekly. The first lesson is a free trial. Family discounts if more than 2 children. Casual bookings are OK. We try to emphasise to parents the importance of getting their children to commit and if they can't make a lesson to call us. We also need to know who is booked in for staffing ratios as we limit numbers as there is only one court.

Chris



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JUNIOR CRICKET

Registrations for the 2018/2019 season are now open.

Competition commencing 20th October.

Games are played at 8.30am Saturday mornings in and around Maitland

Games last no longer than 2 hours.

Registration fee of \$75.00

Includes a game day shirt and hat.

Active Kids Rebate is available - enter your voucher number on the online registration form

Online registrations and payments at:
www.playcricket.com.au:

Search Gresford Vacy Colts and follow the registration link.
For further details contact

Hazel Craig – hazel.craig@hotmail.com or 0405 417 900.

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At Vacy Public School

Orientation Sessions 2018

For Kindergarten Starting in 2019

Tuesday 30th October - 9:30am to 10:30am

*bring a piece of fruit for crunch n sip.

New Kinders will explore the Kindergarten room and tour the school whilst parents attend an information session in the library.

Wednesday 7th November - 9:10am to 11:10am

*bring a piece of fruit for crunch n sip.

New Kinders will experience a full session at big school.

Parents will need to have completed their child's enrolment form and given it to the office, before heading home to relax.

Thursday 15th November - 9:10am to 11:35am

*bring a piece of fruit for crunch n sip, food for recess and a hat.

New Kinders will venture into the playground for the first time. They will be well supervised by staff.

Our orientation program provides children with a gradual building of school experiences in a nurturing learning environment. Please notify the school office if you are able to attend.



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and safe.



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