



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

November

19-23	Swim School (<i>not Wed</i>)
26-30	Swim School (<i>not Wed</i>)
3&4 Dec	Swim School
Thursday 22	Year 6 2019 Leadership Speeches—2pm
Friday 23	Year Six Graduation Dinner Due 15/11—\$15pp
Wednesday 28	Information Evening & Disco—Year 7 2019

December

Tuesday 4	Year 6 Orientation day at Dungog High School
Thursday 6	Mufti Day
Friday 7	School Extravaganza Dungog High School Note Due 26/11
Tuesday 11	Swimming Carnival Kurri Kurri Swimming \$13 due 4/12
Thursday 13	Presentation Day 9:30am
Friday 14	School reports home
Monday 17	Class Parties \$5pp due 3/12

January 2019

Wednesday 30	Year 1-6 First Day 2019
Wednesday 30	Kindy 2019 Best Start
Thursday 31	Kindy 2019 Best Start

February 2019

Friday 1	Kindy 2019 First Day
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A message from the Principal

As you are probably aware, we have been going through External Validation. This process is an important component of a system-wide approach to school excellence. Schools are asked during the process, to regularly self-assess their improvement efforts using evidence to support their reflections. A document is presented to a panel who then come out to the school to discuss and assess the findings.

It is with great pride that I can report today our panel members had nothing but praise for our school. They were overwhelmed by our achievements, practices and processes and agreed with our self-assessment report except in two areas, where they thought we were not giving ourselves enough credit, thus bumping us up to the next level. This achievement has been one that the whole staff have been involved in since Term 2. It has been a mammoth task for us all and without the support of everyone we would not have completed it to the excellent standard that we did. Congratulations to everyone! I will be presenting the findings of the panel at our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 27th November.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Canteen Helpers

Monday 19/11	Jillian & Tanya
November 22/11	Vanessa & Loren

P&C Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27/11	P & C Meeting @ 7pm
Sunday 9/12	Volunteer Appreciation Night—Vacy Store

Please be reminded that students who are attending swim school **NEED** to be at school by **9.10 am** sharp we cannot wait for late students.

AWARD WINNERS Term 4 Week 4

	Kindy	1/2G	2/3G	3/4/5P	5/6F
Be Responsible			Sam S	Emmaline	Bailey
Be Respectful		Matlida Beatrix	Sonny	Alana	River
Be Safe					
Student of the Week	Milla	Zac	Gracie	Eva	Lincoln

PBL Award Winners

Term 4 Week 4



Bronze

Marshall, Ava

Silver

Ursula, Charlotte P, Charlie, Izzy, Natasha, Tiahnee, Sonny, Sam S, Ruby, Gabby, Nathan, Austin, Kodie, Layla, Taylah, Montana, George, Beatrix, Penny, Zac, Milla, Izaak, Aria, Matilda. Mia, Ryhlee, Emily, Nakita, Lucy, Bree, Nellie P, Alana, Fay, Wil & Nellie C

Gold

Eva



Well done Emelia

What wonderful, community minded students we have here at our school. Emelia has worked hard and raised money to donate to "Buy a Bale" and Vacy Public School. Well done and thank you, Emelia.

My name is Emelia and I have donated \$231 to Vacy school. I made this money by having a slime shop where you could make your own slime or I would make it for you. My shop was at the Cutting Day. I raised \$462 altogether but I split it in half so that half of the money was for the drought and Buy a Bale. The other half I have donated to the school so that we can buy more sports equipment. I am glad that I did it but it was messy and hard. I was very happy at the end of the Cutting Day.

Attention All Volunteers!

SAVE THE DATE

To celebrate and recognise all our wonderful volunteers in 2018 the Vacy School P&C are hosting an appreciation afternoon tea.

When: Sunday 9 December from 3pm

Where: Vacy General Store

for nibbles/cheese platters.

BYO alcohol or buy your coffee/soft drinks there

SEE *You* THERE



INVICTUS GAMES

SYDNEY 2018

FOR OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Visiting the Invictus Games earlier this term was an unforgettable experience for our Vacy Public School students. Students in 5/6B have continued to explore the spirit of the games by investigating the history behind the games, researching the stories of competitors and playing some of the featured adapted sports. They are now looking forward to developing their own sport that has been modified to cater for a range of abilities. Could a visually impaired person play cricket? What changes can we make to achieve this?

Most importantly, the students have learned what it means to be resilient, brave and unconquered. The students agree that the poem 'Invictus' written by William Ernest Henley, effectively sums up the ethos of the games. The final stanza states...

***It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.***

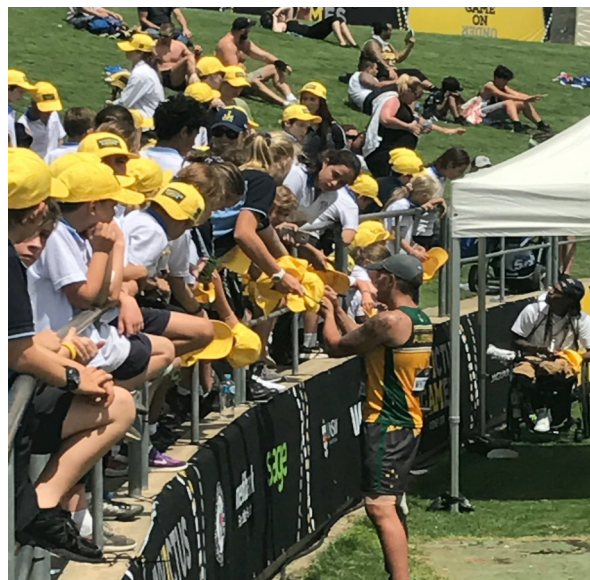


It was very interesting learning about the Invictus Games. I was lucky enough to get chosen for the Invictus Games excursion. When we got there, we were walking into the great Olympic Park in Sydney. All the competitors were very resilient and even though they were competitive, they all showed great sportsmanship. Also, they were not just cheering on their country, but other competitors from other countries. These people have possibly lost limbs or visual impairment and many other types of injuries. Every time they would finish a race or competition they would tell each other how well they all did. All the competitors were very determined and eager to be part of the games. Overall, this subject and excursion was a fantastic experience.

By Natasha

I really enjoyed how so many former soldiers with so many different problems ranging from PTSD, to losing all of their limbs in the war have found a true use and purpose for their lives. Every single one of them displayed resilience and I am proud of them all. It was also pretty cool to have seen all of the medals being made at the mint while we were on our 5/6 Canberra camp. It was also a great honour to get to attend the event. Even if we had to get up at 4AM.

By Lincoln



This has been an interesting topic to study. From studying the different athletes, to going and seeing it live I have enjoyed the whole experience. I especially enjoyed being able to meet some of the athletes and getting some signatures. Overall, it was a fantastic subject!



That even though people have something wrong, they look to the bright side and still represent their home country in this wonderful athletic competition. I also loved watching them making the bronze medal at the mint and then seeing those medallions handed out to the lucky athletes.

By Toby

I didn't enjoy learning about the injuries and people getting hurt, but the idea of the Invictus Games is great. To be able to get people who have gone through this to be able to start over and live basically another and better life again. All and all, it was a pretty good subject to learn about.



I enjoyed learning about the Invictus Games and looking at all the sport and the way they compete compared to the way we compete. I also enjoyed watching the people with prosthetic legs and how they run. When the competitors were competing, I was thinking about how they would adapt to the way they have to live now, and how hard it would be to compete. My favourite part of the day was when we were watching the shotput and how they couldn't use their legs so they have to use their core muscles. Overall I enjoyed the day so much.

By Izzy