



Newsletter



A message from the Principal.....

During the past few weeks, all of our staff have been very busy organising programs and excursions that help to embed the curriculum for our students. There have been a lot of notes go home regarding the up and coming events in the school and we have really appreciated the support we have received from you all so that these activities can be enjoyed.

This week, our students have attended a debating workshop, competed at the zone swimming carnival and today, most are competing in a soccer gala day at Gresford. Later in the week, all of our students will be attending the Surf School Program at Stockton Beach. These programs are inclusive and enrich our students, catering for all interests and levels of ability. A big thank you to the staff who organise them with a special mention to our office staff, Mrs Buck, Mrs Pereira and Mrs McCabe who always work tirelessly to make sure all the "i's" are dotted and the "t's" are crossed.

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our Parent Information Evening last week. I apologise for my non-attendance during the evening and thank all the staff for running the show so well. If you missed out on attending the evening, all of the information can be found on our website or you can request a copy to go home with you son or daughter from the office. Please make yourselves aware of the topics that were discussed for future clarification.

One of the topics discussed at the meeting was the idea of having our school newsletter going out on a fortnightly basis. We have decided that for the rest of this term we will trial the idea and at the end of the term gather some data from our school community regarding its effectiveness. Please note that we have our website, Skoolbag App and FaceBook to assist us with our communication so please remember to use these items to assist you when needed.

All classes except, Kindergarten have elected their new Student Representative Council members for the next ten weeks. We will be presenting them with their badges on Friday 1st March at our morning assembly. Parents are of course welcome to attend. The job of the SRC is to communicate with the principal the feelings and thoughts of the students in the school. Part of our meeting agenda will be an outline of what's happening at Vacy School presented by the principal and the other part will be based around discussion so that our student's have a voice in the decision making process and event management in the school. Students will then report back to their classes for further discussion and consultation.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Relieving Principal

Dates for your Diary

March 2019

Friday 8	Meerkat Production— Note & Money due 22/2 \$9
Friday 8	Gresford Show—K-2 Note & Money due 1/3 \$2
Friday 22	School Cross Country Carnival—9.30am

April 2019

Tuesday 2	Zone Cross Country—Tocal
Friday 12	Last Day for Term 1 ANZAC & Easter Festivities + Scripture Service

AWARD WINNERS Term 1 Week 2 & 3

	Kindy	1/2	2/3	3/4	5/6
Be Responsible	Elsie	Milla	Dougal Matilda Izaak	Thomas Emily Madison M	Lucy
Be Respectful			Nicholas Harry India	Rhylee Nate Brigette	
Be Safe	Levi				Nikita
Student of the Week	Melia Eden		Austin	Harry Fletcher Emmaline	Mia



ABOUT THE SHOW:

Bill is having a bad day.

Mr Huff is following him around and making everything seem difficult. Bill tries to get rid of him, but Mr Huff just gets bigger and bigger!

Then they both stop, and a surprising thing happens...

Our adaptation of Anna Walker's award winning book enables children to identify emotions and how to deal with them.



Canteen Helpers

Monday 25/2/19	Alyssa & Kerry
Monday 04/03/19	Rochelle & Skye
Thursday 28/2/19	Summah
Thursday 7/3/19	Loren

P&C Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th March	Annual General Meeting 7pm
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Don't forget Surf School is on tomorrow!!!!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Recess, lunch and plenty of water
- Swimmers (students will be supplied with a long sleeve rash shirt)
- Beach Towel
- Hat & Sunscreen
- Underwear—packed to be worn after the excursion

The day will only be cancelled due to severe storms so please make sure you pack warm clothes to change into afterwards.



Firstly, I would like to welcome all our new Kindergarten students and their families and say 'Thank you' for being organised and supportive at this time of year. Everyone is very busy and Kindergarten have settled into their new school routines very nicely. They are learning the school rules and trying hard to follow them and collecting plenty of Splats along the way. We have established some good classroom routines and getting started with our learning.

Already we have covered 12 sounds in our Jolly Phonics program and we are starting to use our letter and sound knowledge to read and write.

In Maths we have been doing lots of counting and number recognition. Mrs Rogers is working on measurement and has been looking at shapes over the last couple of weeks.

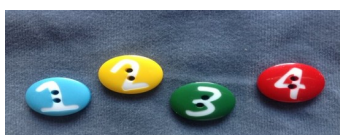
Some of us have started and completed our paintings of 'My Favourite Person' so we are ready for the Gresford Show. The rest of us will be completing those next week.

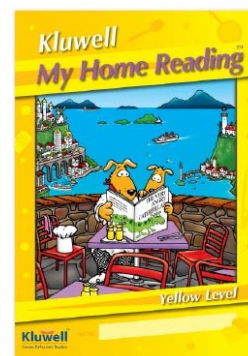
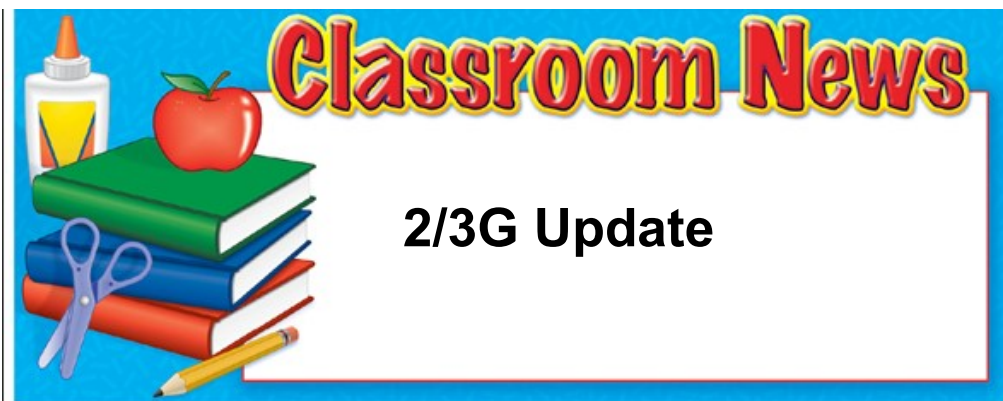
All students are enjoying being lead by Year 6 students Darcy and Brigitte in fitness groups and we are focusing on learning and mastering out fundamental movement skills.

This week has already been a big one and will see us attending our first excursion. I, along with all the children are very excited. The children and myself will be extremely tired this Friday, so rest up over the weekend, ready for another big week next week at school.

Over the next week or so we will be asking for parents who may wish to come and help during Literacy time, any assistance during class is a great benefit to all our students, so please keep an eye out for this note. I will also be sending home a permission note for home readers which we will be starting soon as well.

Kristy Grainger





Home readers are being sent home as permission notes are received. Please assist your child to complete their home reader diary and return it once per week (any day is fine).

This week, I have sent home information regarding speaking tasks for Year 2. This is simply a more formal style of presenting news and I will be working with the class on expectations and format for this task. I will be encouraging the children to speak to me if they have any questions regarding this.

Maths homework is available on Mathletics and log in details have been sent home.

If you would like spelling homework for your child, let me know and I will send the list home via email.

Library is Tuesday for Year 2 and Friday for Year 3.

Ms Graham



100 point check

The NSW Department of Education requires Volunteers to bring in 100 points of identity and complete a form as part of its Child Protection strategy. Anyone who works in the school in any voluntary capacity in classrooms, canteen or transporting students to any sporting venue etc. needs to bring in a few forms of ID and complete the form at the office as soon as you can. If you are a new parent at our school – you will need to complete this. Please see the office for further details.



Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Arriving at school and class on time:

Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
 Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
 Give students time to greet their friends before class
 Reduces classroom disruption
 Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.
 Here are some suggestions for setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to be out of bed.
- Have a set time to go to bed.
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Turn the television on for a set time
- Provide lots of positive encouragement.
- Book doctor's appointments, haircuts etc. after school.

LIBRARY MONITORS



Congratulations to our Year 6 students who have been chosen as Vacy PS Library Monitors for 2019. They are Darcy, Samuel, Alana, Brigitte, Nikita, Charlie & Marshall. These children have already been very busy helping out in the library at lunchtimes. Their role includes keeping the library a safe and

welcoming place where students can come to work, borrow and return books, read a book, play a game and be with friends. They also help set up displays and re-shelve books.

Interest Group Update

Vacy students have been busy trying out some new skills and having fun at lunchtimes in interest groups.



Monday	Weaving (with Ms Graham) for 3-6 only. Students are making colourful rugs.
Tuesday	Environmental Group (with Mrs Rogers). Students are helping look after our trees and gardens around the school. Sport (with Mrs Babic). Various games in the playground. Library is open for board games, colouring, reading and borrowing. (with Mr Prior & the library monitors)
Wednesday	Coding (with Mr Prior) for 3-6 only.
Thursday	Yoga (with Mrs Greaves) for K-3 only.
Friday	Cooking (with Mrs Grainger & Mrs Smith) for K-2. Choir (with Mrs Fonti) for 3-6





Outside School Hours Care

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Vacy OSHC have had some changes in the way parents can contact our service these are as follows:

NEW Vacy OSHC Mobile – 0455 040 998

NEW Vacy OSHC Email –vacyoshc@outlook.com

Hours & Days *Please note there is a change for Friday afternoons.

OSHC will operate Monday to Friday of the school terms with an exception to Friday afternoons

OSHC will not operate on public holidays & pupil free days.

The OSHC hours are as follows:

Morning sessions - Monday to Friday 7.00am to 9.00am

Afternoon sessions – Monday to Thursday 3.00pm to 6.00pm & Friday 3.00pm to 6.00pm by booking only

***Friday** afternoon will only be operational if you have booked your child in by 1.00pm as there are no permanent bookings for this afternoon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

If you are booking your child into our service it would be preferred if you used our new mobile number and text through your child's casual booking. If your child does not know they are to attend our service in the afternoon and you have left us a text, could you also advise the school to notify your child of that change.

If you have a permanent booking and your child is not attending, we do ask you to let us know of this change.

Thank you.

**School supervision
DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL 8:40am
and ENDS AT 3.10pm**

Please organise your child care around these times

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to organise before and after school care. It is not acceptable to drop your children at school before supervision commences. Children on the school site before or after supervision ARE NOT SAFE. We understand that many parents may have commitments at work which require them to start early. We start early too. There are OOSH services operating here at the school. As an alternative, you may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children before school. Some families in our school who have working parents take turns to take each other's children to school.



DUNGOG SHIRE COUNCIL.

Looking for energetic, community minded people to apply and be a volunteer on a Dungog Shire Council management committee!

APPLICATIONS ARE SOUGHT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE VACY SPORTSGROUND 355 COMMITTEE

Council is seeking applications from a good mix of residents with a variety of skills, ages and backgrounds for the Vacy Sportsground 355 Committee.

The appointment term is for four years and all Members will be required to conform to the Council Code of Conduct and operate the Facility in accordance with Sec 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Vacy sportsground is located in Vacy.

Application forms and information packs may be obtained from and lodged with Dungog Shire Council, PO Box 95, Dungog, NSW 2420 or by telephone on the number below.

Applications must be received by 4.00 pm on 29th March 2019

Information Package: Contact Tracey Lowrey on 4995 7777.



GRESFORD SHOW NOTICE

Gresford Show is only a couple of weeks away so it's time to start getting all your entries organised.

Don't forget about the Pet Parade on Saturday morning and the Kids Disco on Saturday night. The Show will be held on the 8th & 9th of March this year.

Let's make this year's Children's work display bigger and better! You can get lots of information & downloads from the website www.gresfordshow.com.au



HELP WANTED

If any parent/grandparent or someone else you may know would be interested in giving the children's section a hand at the Gresford Show please contact Rosalie Lawrence. Ph 49315257.

Help is mostly needed on Saturday 11th evening at 6.15pm for about 45minutes to assist in handing out items but also on Thursday 9th between 9am and 1pm.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.



SCHOOLS GALA DAY

On Wednesday 20th February GVFC hosted the ever successful inter schools gala day at SunScorp Stadium. Much fun was had by all with attendance from Gresford, Vacy, Paterson and Iona schools. This year saw a big increase from the previous year from approx 100 to 170 participants.

There were plenty of new kids that had not played the beautiful game before that hopefully got a taste of the benefits of this team focused game to pursue this further.

There were 3 divisions based on age, with each school's age group getting 2 games in during the day in mixed teams, plus a successful all girls games towards the end of the day.

A big thanks to all the schools, their great teachers and parents for assisting on the day and our excellent scorpions committee members who took the day off from work to facilitate the event.

Special mention to Jack Cowled for the days planning and coordinating with all the schools and Dave the Jenny Crouch plus helpers for the fields being ready and available for the day.

SCHOOLS EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

GVFC has recently donated both balls and small sided goals where needed to the 4

schools above last month to drive and promote sports participation at school and potentially club registration with GVFC for this season.

Registration is still open but time is ticking with closure in early March.

Don't miss out (don't be that parent) - get registered NOW!

COACHING COURSE

Our new coach coordinator Brad Merchant has organised a preseason coaching course locally for Tuesday 9th of April at Vacy, 6 - 7:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity for new and current coaches to build the knowledge and experience to pass onto our budding super stars the drills & skills helpful for the game.

If you are interested in coaching this season or have concerns or questions, contact Brad on 0417 470 090.

EARLY REGO PRIZES

GVFC has promoted early Rego prizes in weekly draws this season. The winners are:

WEEK 1 - Lochlan Fitzpatrick - \$25 Rebel Sport Voucher.
Mick McCosker - \$20 voucher for Paterson Service Station.
Max Cowled who wins an official Scorp's Beanie.

A special mention goes to William Venter who was the very first registered player for



season 2019. William registered on the 3-01-19 and as a special bonus he will also receive a Scorp's Beanie.

WEEK 2 - Janelle Rose Chapman - \$25 Rebel Voucher.
Dominic Jordan - \$25 Butcher Voucher.
Genevieve Fitzgerald - Scorp's Beanie.

Janelle registered that week and the other 2 were from previous week which shows the benefit of registering early and being involved in multiple draws.

Congratulations all.

3-4 YEAR OLDS

The successful Mini Ross 'Kick Off' program will occur again this year with further information to come shortly for the registration process. Stay tuned!

SEASON GAMES START

Friday night 26th April for seniors and senior citizens.
Saturday 27th April for juniors.
Sunday 28th April for the ladies.

For more information or help contact:

Club President Jim Doyle M: 0407 307 800 -- Club Secretary Jack Cowled M: 0427 385 803
Web: www.scorpions.com.au Email: gresfordvacvfc@outlook.com