



# Newsletter

## Important Dates

Tuesday 26 March 2019

Maitland Library

Years 3-6

Wednesday 10th April

Deposit \$100/Note due

5/6 Camp

Friday 12th April 2019

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 12th April 2019

Anzac /Easter Festivities &

Scripture service

Monday 29th April 2019

Staff Development Day

No students

Tuesday 30th April 2019

School Photos

Fri 3-Sun 5 May 2019

Total Field Days

## *A message from the Principal.....*

This week at Vacy School, we celebrated Harmony Day. This is a day where we can all reflect on the theme "Everybody Belongs". Harmony Day is a celebration of our cohesive, culturally diverse society that is held on 21<sup>st</sup> March each year. This special day, celebrated in all schools, coincides with the United Nations International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In light of recent world events, it is with great importance that we instil in our children the need for acceptance and tolerance of all. Thank you to all of our students who wore something orange to complement their uniform yesterday.

A note was sent out recently to invite parents to attend our 3 Way Conference interviews for Term 1. I would like to encourage all of our parents to attend these valuable meetings. If you are unable to attend a session to discuss the learning progression of your child, a phone interview may be organised with the teacher.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Relieving Principal



## School Photos

Don't forget school photos are Day 1 Term 2 –Tuesday 30th April. (envelopes will be sent home next week)

Bring photo envelope and correct money on this day.

If you would like a photo of all your children together, sibling envelopes are available from the front office.



## Year 5/6 Camp

To secure your child's position, a \$100 deposit will be required by Wednesday 10th April. The camp can be paid off until 18th September. Cost includes all activities –Luna Park entry, Ghost tour, accommodation, meals , activities and instructors.

## Skoolbag –Electronic Signature

To access your electronic forms simply  
>Click on school bag  
>select Vacy School emblem  
> select EFORMS> select permission note  
> fill in details.  
> sign  
If all details are filled in you can proceed to submit form. An email will be sent to you after completion.

## Relay for Life Visit

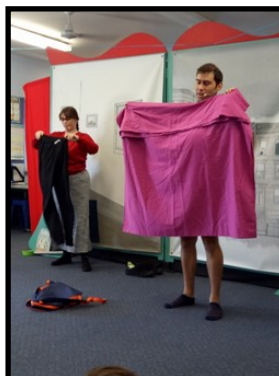
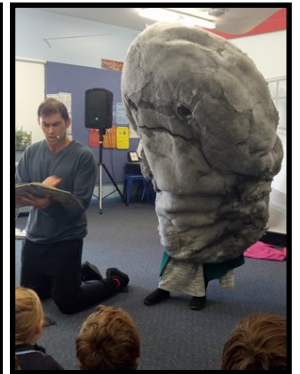
Last Friday our students had a visit from Dougal Bear from the Cancer Council teaching us all about sun safety and the importance of wearing sun safe clothes and a hat when outside.

Relay for Life in Dungog is on Saturday 30th March. For more info see their Facebook page—Dungog Shire Relay for Life.



## Mr Huff

Dancing, laughing, singing! Thanks to Meerkat Productions for another outstanding performance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive interpretation of the book *Mr Huff*, written by Anna Walker.



## Congratulations Eva

The Vacy School community would like to congratulate Eva who has been selected to play with the Maitland Zone Touch Football team. The selectors shared that there were over 40 applicants with a very high standard of talent displayed across the day. Eva is one of only 9 girls selected to be on the team. Train hard and we wish you well, Eva!



# What is PBL?

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a comprehensive whole school approach to addressing student wellbeing and behaviour.

## So how does PBL work?

- At Vacy Public School we have 3 core expectations that underpin the PBL framework in our school. These expectations are: we are responsible, we are respectful and we are safe.
- Rules and expectations for behaviour are very clearly set out for each area of the school and are visible, in the form of signs and symbols in classrooms and out in the grounds.
- It requires staff members to be consistent, meaning that processes for managing students who need school rules to be reinforced will be the same right across the school. Each class has the same system in place to deal with issues that arise.
- The school-wide rules and expectations are explicitly taught in the classroom so that all students are aware of the rules across all areas of the school and that they understand what these rules actually mean. We need to explicitly demonstrate how to be responsible, respectful and safe at school in the same way that we teach the students how to read and write.
- Each class has PBL lesson on a Monday afternoon and then this is reinforced throughout the week.
- Our core expectations are reinforced on assembly each Monday morning and also on Friday as the class awards that are handed out are based on our core expectations.
- A PBL Reward System is put into place where students receive splats when they are seen to be complying with the school rules and expectations. These are collected and recorded. 100 splats = bronze badge, 200 splats = silver badge and 300 splats = gold badge. These badges are proudly displayed on their hats each year.
- Year 5 students who wish to nominate for leadership positions must have achieved silver level in order to do so.

At Vacy Public School we are dedicated to providing a safe environment where the students are responsible and respectful. The PBL system allows us to achieve this goal.

AWARD WINNERS Term 1 Week 7					
	Kindy	1/2	2/3	3/4	5/6
Be Responsible	Parker	Noah Nate	Sonny	Poppy	Nellie C
Be Respectful	Joey			Maxwell	Jake
Be Safe			Isabella		
Student of the Week	Molly	Kodie	Ivy	James W	Rohan



# Sporting Schools- Gymnastics Program

Thanks to funding from Sporting Schools, we have recently completed a 4 week Gymnastics program run by GymMatrix.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to use a variety of equipment under the instruction of qualified gymnastics teachers.

I've just been waiting for this day forever. The magnificent day at Gymnastics.

It's hard because we have to hold on so tight that my hands go red, sore and slippery. The first things that we do are warm ups. It's fun!

The second thing we do is the activities like the magnificent, outstanding, tremendous and out of this world star jumps on the trampoline. The star jumps are so big that you fly out of this world.

I love the bar but it is not as amazing as the trampoline. The trampoline is awesome and super.

Montana

Bounce! Swing! Jump! Another amazing, fun session of gymnastics begins.

It is on again today and we always start with a warm up.

We do star jumps and soldiers that is where you stand up straight, nice and tall.

At the end we do a balancing lesson.

Harry



## PBL End of Term Class

A special day is held each term to celebrate and reward excellent behaviour and the students from each class, choose what activity their class will participate in. Students who have not had 3 loss of plays throughout the term are invited to participate. Please note, no Kindergarten students will be exempt from their reward day this term. Below is a list of activities and the date that our reward days, chosen by our students, will take place. Any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

### Kindy

Wednesday 10th April

Disco!! Wear your uniform and bring your party clothes to change into if you wish.

### 1/2G & 2/3G

Thursday 11th April

Fashion parade or wear your PJ's for free play.

### 3/4SP

Wednesday 10th April

80's Theme Party

Wear your best 80's outfit, bring some 80's themed food to share and listen to some great hits.

### 5/6B

Slumber Party—Thursday 11th April

Bring your PJ's and sleeping bag. We're getting comfy and watching a movie.

## Kindergarten 2020

If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2020 Enrolment Forms are now available from the school office.

## 1/2G News

We will be working on our Easter hats starting Monday week 11. If you have any bits and pieces that the children can use to do this please send them in by the end of week 10.

## Canteen Helpers

<b>Monday 25/3</b>	Kerry B & Rita M
<b>Monday 1/4</b>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
<b>Thursday 28/3</b>	Natalie & Amy
<b>Thursday 4/4</b>	Josh & Penny

## P&C Dates for your diary

<b>Tuesday April 9</b>	P&C Meeting 7pm
<b>Saturday April 20</b>	Gumboot Toss Gresford Billy Cart Derby
<b>Fri 3, Sat. 4 &amp; Sun 5 May</b>	Total Field Days <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>

## Easter Raffle Donations

P & C are holding another Easter Raffle. We are asking all parents and caregivers if they would like to donate a chocolate egg/ bunny towards this fundraiser.

Raffle tickets have already gone home and there are more available at the front office. Any donations can also be left at the front office and the raffle will be drawn on the 12th April.



## Gumboot Toss

Vacy PS P&C have been asked to run the Gumboot Toss at the Billy Cart Derby in Gresford on Saturday 20th April. In past years this event has raised around \$700 for our school. If you are able to help for even an hour or two please email the school at [vacy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vacy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the office on 4938 8153. Thanks

## 2/3G News

Three Way Conferences are happening soon. Please make sure you book a time so that we can discuss your child's progress and goals for learning. These meetings are a great way for your child to see that we all work together to support them in their learning journey.

I spoke to the class about how they see their school day and their thoughts on what to include in our class news. We decided to write about some of the work that we do in class as well as games in the playground. We then worked collaboratively to write a couple of sentences about each topic.

As you can see, a focus for our writing has been "Sizzling Starters" and exclamation marks.

### Art

Splash went the colourful, magnificent paint on the page. Look at the marvellous, amazing, special monsters that we have created.

### Discovery Learning

Wow! Who knew there were so many different types of libraries?

Snap goes the wood! Bang go the nails! Splat goes the glue! That's Discovery Learning in action.

### English

#### *Spelling and Grammar*

Such hard work, it hurts my brain! Question marks, exclamation marks, commas and don't even get me started on speech marks!

#### *Reading*

Football books, bug books, books about anything you can think of. Highlighter to use in my red workbook! Books, books, books.

#### *Word Wednesday*

Now we know that if we make a trivial mistake, Ms Graham will be lenient.

#### *Handwriting*

Feet flat on the floor! So happy that we are using Typing.com for our touch typing.

### Fitness

Jump! We jump up and down. We run around so we can get fit and smart.

### Science

Chocolate!! For Science? That's right Ms Graham, we melt it AND we eat it. That's Year 3 Science with Mrs Smith. Yum, yum!

Night and day—science with Mrs Greaves.

### Maths

Maths is the best thing in the world.

Wow! Numbers make me feel glad. Times tables help you learn more and wonderful numbers are all in my head and everywhere.

### New Playground

Yippee! Our new playground is coming soon. We are so looking forward to the day that we can swing, climb and slide.





# Gresford Show

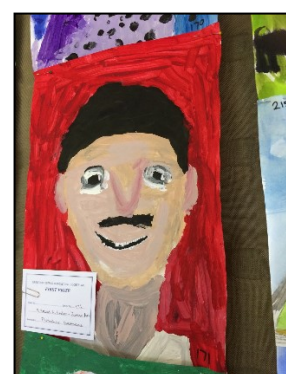
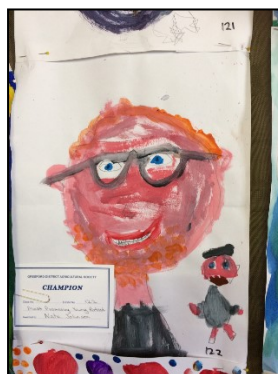
On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> March, K-2 embarked on our annual excursion to the Gresford Show. After a quick bus trip we enjoyed a walk around the pavilions spying all the lovely cooking, flowers, preserves and jams, craft, photography and paintings that had been entered. We saw some names that we knew, some giving us inspiration for next year and then lastly our own work.



After the Pavilion we headed to the grandstand to sit and watch some of the horse events that were on. We managed to spot a few of our students riding around and having fun on their horse.



A big congratulations to all of our students for entering their lovely paintings of their 'Favourite Person', and those who entered other pieces of art from home. It is lovely to go and see all the effort the children put in and support our local show, a super well done to those who won prizes.



## Traffic Safety Around Schools

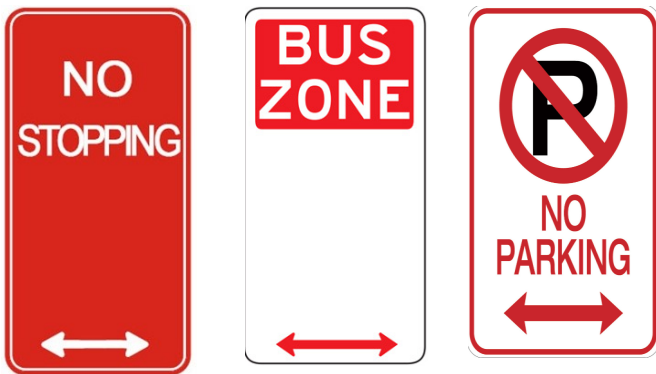
Dungog Shire Council have asked our school to remind our parents what all the signs out the front of our school mean.

**NO STOPPING**—Means you cannot stop in that zone at anytime. This is critical especially for sight distance to school crossing/pedestrian crossings;

**BUS ZONE**—Bus times are displayed and for buses only during those displayed times

**NO PARKING**—Stopping is permitted for 2 minutes only but you must stay either in or within 3m of your vehicle. Mobility Sticker Permit holders can stay for up to 5 minutes.

Parking across driveways is illegal.



## FREE Kids Dental

A reason to smile: \$1000 free dental for kids\*

The Federal Government's CDBS scheme is back, offering \$1000 of free dental care to eligible children aged 2 – 17.

Looking after your children's teeth is worth every cent, but all too often, parents put off visiting the dentist due to concerns about cost. So you may be surprised to hear that taking your child (or teenager) for a spin in the dentist's chair, could cost you exactly nothing. The Federal Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) takes the financial pressure off families and promotes the importance of taking control of your dental health, with the support of your local dentist. Read on for four good reasons why this is one initiative worth taking advantage of.

<https://www.pacificsmilesdental.com.au/news/1000-free-dental-for-kids/>

**PacificSmiles**  
**DENTAL.**

Medowie & Raymond Terrace Vacation Care 15 <sup>th</sup> April – 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019				
Week 1				
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Festive Food</b> Weave It Bunny Pocket Handy Carrot Egg-cellent Fan Rainbow Jam Tape Egg Dress Up: Favourite Costume	<b>Movie Madness</b> Minion Mayhem Inside Out Fun Dinosaur Prints Mickey Snowflakes Magic Mirror Incredible Sticks Special Movie & Popcorn	<b>Excursion:</b> Hunter Valley Gardens HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS MEGA CREATURES	<b>Hoppy Easter</b> Bunny Buddy Easter Chick Scrapbooking Cards Game: Easter Egg Hunt Hatchlings Doily Eggs Craft workshop: Canvas Flow Art	<b>Public Holiday</b> Parent Notes: Important Notice If weather is hot we may participate in water play so please send towel and change of clothes (plastic bag for wet items) each day.
Week 2				
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Easter Monday</b> Closed Happy Easter!	<b>Lest We Forget</b> Cooking: Anzac Slice Wreaths Paper Poppy's Lantern's Special Lunch: Beef and vegetable Stew with Anzac slice and juice. Silhouettes Medals Poppy Plate	<b>Party Day</b> Poppers Face Painting Bow Tie Wands Games Workshop: Hopping Egg-citment Balloon Tennis Hair Spray and Tattoo Parent Afternoon Tea	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> Closed	<b>Excursion: Maitland Reading Cinemas</b> WONDER PARK READING Followed by a picnic at Bakers Brickyard Park, Raworth.