



Newsletter

Important Dates

Tuesday 9th April 2019
P&C Meeting 7pm

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
10.45am onwards

Monday 29th April 2019
Staff Development Day
No students

Tuesday 30th April 2019
School Photos
(first day Term 2)

Fri 3-Sun 5 May 2019
Tocal Field Days

A message from the Principal.....

As Term One draws to a close at the end of next week, I find myself looking back and thinking where the time has gone. This term has certainly been a busy one for all our staff and students as they adjust to their new classes and get to know their new students. For some boys and girls, this is an easy task but for others it can be a struggle. Working in partnership with you as parents, is of the utmost importance to us all here at Vacy School. We always endeavour to maintain positive relationships with our parents, whether it be in the front office or in the classroom. Knowing our community helps us to get to know our students. This then assists our staff to understand how each of our students learn and what we need to do to make school a positive place for them all.

As Principal of Vacy Public School, I'd like to thank you for being a part of our great school community. There are a number of ways in which you can contribute to making our school a better place for our students to learn. Whether it be offering your time at an event, making cakes for fundraising events, assisting in the classroom or canteen or just attending our special assemblies, know that we appreciate your efforts. It is through your efforts that we were able to purchase our new playground equipment last year and finally, with great joy, I can announce that it will be installed in the school holidays ready for use when the students return for Term Two.

To end, I hope that you will be able to join us for our Anzac Day service and our Easter festivities on the last day of term (the times are noted in this newsletter). To each and every one of you, have a safe and restful break with your family and a very happy Easter.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Relieving Principal



2019 Anzac Service

Vacy PS's Anzac Day service will take place on Friday 12th April. The service will begin at 10.45 am near the flag pole. We welcome all members of the community to attend on the day.



School Cross Country



Congratulations to all of our students who ran their little hearts out competing in our school cross country event. It is always inspiring to see our students giving it their all. This kind of running is not for everyone, but everyone had a go.

Congratulations to those boys and girls who did qualify for Zone Cross Country. The event was held this week at Tocal and even though we didn't have anyone reaching the next level of competition, Mrs Babic assures me that they all did themselves and their school proud.

2019 Kindergarten Disco



On Wednesday 10th April, Kindergarten will be having a disco to celebrate their good behaviour as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. The disco will take place after lunch in the Kindergarten classroom. Students may bring “disco “ clothes to wear over their school uniform. Please make sure all items are labelled. Students must wear school shoes during this activity. Students will receive a small packet of chips (some flavoured) and a Freddo Frog during the disco.

Eddie Woo

This week, Year 6 students from across the Dungog District Community of Schools were invited to Dungog High School to see a presentation from the inspirational mathematician and teacher Eddie Woo. Woo became a worldwide sensation with his maths videos on YouTube and received Australia's Local Hero award last year. He spoke to the students about the importance of playfulness, exploration and teamwork in mathematics and left the kids spellbound. "I can't believe we just spent an hour doing maths, and I actually had fun," said Dakota afterwards, looking slightly confused. The presentation was extremely inspiring, and all interested students or parents are invited to check out Eddie's videos at mrwootube.com.

Thankyou to the Dungog Community of Schools who sponsored this excursion.



3/4 Class News

With the first term already drawing to a close, the children of 3/4SP have been working industriously across a range of exciting projects in the classroom. Our Discovery Learning projects are reaching an exciting climax as students wrestle with designing the perfect street library to place in Vacy using the 3D design program Tinkercad and concrete materials. Students have been learning about advertising techniques and have produced videos, posters and catchy jingles to promote apples. The class has produced some beautiful artworks with Mrs Smith and a range of Easter hats are currently under construction. Students are also developing touch typing skills with Typing Club, broadening their understanding of mathematical concepts with Mathletics, working on their comprehension skills with ReadTheory and Reading Eggs, and participating in online discussions on Google Classroom. A familiarity with these technologies will provide our students with a distinct advantage in our ever more connected world.

Thanks to all the parents who were able to make time for 3-way conferences in these last busy weeks - it's been fantastic to get your input on learning goals for our students. Don't forget about our end-of-term 1980s disco party coming up on Wednesday 10th April.

As always, please contact me or Mrs Smith with any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Lachlan Prior

Classroom Teacher

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.



**Story time
at the library**

Join Doug the Reading Bug

Pyjama Storytime

4.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday 24th April
@ Dungog Library

Join Doug for stories,
craft & yummy hot
chocolate.

Contact Ali @ Dungog Shire
Community Centre 49921133

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The poster features a cartoon character named Doug the Reading Bug, who is a red bug with large eyes, antennae, and a blue cape. He is wearing a green and blue polka-dot shirt and colorful striped socks. The background is a light blue sky with clouds and a green grassy field with small flowers.

Earn & Learn is on again



We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From May 1st until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

Opportunity Class 2020 Year 5 Entry

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2020 is about to begin. Important dates in the application process are as follows:

Tuesday 30 April 2019: Online applications open

Friday 17 May 2019: Online applications close (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

Tuesday 21 May 2019: Principals' processing site opens

Friday 7 June 2019: Principals' processing site closes

Wednesday 31 July 2019: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents and carers must apply online between Tuesday 30 April and Friday 17 May 2019 at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Interested parents and carers must read Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020 available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>

Easter Raffle Donations

P & C are holding the Easter Raffle and are asking for a donation of a small Easter gift to be handed to the office by Wednesday 11th April.

Raffle tickets have already gone home and there are more available at the front office



Scripture Service



Scripture Easter Service

Friday 12 April, 12.30pm
Vacy School Double Classroom

The Story
The Symbols
and
Songs
about Easter

Everyone is welcome

Canteen Helpers

Monday 8/4/19	Tanya & Jillian
Thursday 11/4/19	Alyssa & Tanya

P&C Dates for our diary

Tuesday April 9	P&C Meeting 7pm
Fri 3, Sat. 4 & Sun 5 May	Total Field Days VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



School Photos

Don't forget school photos are Day 1 Term 2 – Tuesday 30th April

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.





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Gresford Vacy Football Club March Newsletter



Missed Rego ? The following spots are still available

5 year old Mixed – 2 spots
6 year old Mixed – 4 spots
6 year old Girls – 2 spots
7 year old Mixed – 3 spots
8 year old Mixed – 3 spots
12 year old Girls – 2 spots
15 year old Mixed – 3 spots

For more information or help contact via email: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com

Early Bird Rego Prize Winners

Thanks to everyone who got in and registered early this year. Its been a big enrolment and much easier for our committee to plan for.

Junior Prize Winners are:

1st prize - \$150 rebel voucher - goes to Vance Baxter
2nd prize - \$100 rebel voucher - goes to Ewan Knowles
3rd prize - \$50 rebel voucher - goes to Jack Smith

Senior Prize Winners are:

Full refund - Jemma Maytom
Half refund - Sam Griffin (we have sent this to the VAR for review...)
Congratulations ALL

Managers Bags and Meet the Coach – AND Junior Coach Training

On Sunday 17th March we had a large turnout at Vacy for the Meet the coach day, where current and new players plus parents congregated to form our teams and collect the coaching and managers bags for the season.

Thanks to our great committee members who organised and facilitated the day plus in the prior weeks formed the team assemblies – quite a challenging and thankless process. A special thanks to Myf Doyle with Katie & Zac Mulhearn for replenishing and sorting the coaching equipment bags ready for the day.

Without doubt, all our Coaches and Managers are the heart and soul of this club. To our new coaches taking on the role we say a **big thank you** and we have organised a MiniRoos junior coaching training day occurring at Vacy on Tuesday 9th April 6pm - 730pm. Please let our coaching Coordinator Brad Merchant know of your intention to participate on 0417 470 090 or the Messenger group.

Gala Day at GVFC SunScorp Stadium

Gresford Vacy FC is this year hosting the district gala day on Saturday 8th April. Being the pre-season and that our club is running the event, all our teams are nominated for the day.

As we keep our Rego fees the lowest in the zone, by default, the club is at a virtual loss through regos and we need days like the gala day to generate revenue through our canteen sales.

Phyllis Avery

GVFC received the sad news on Monday 17th March of the passing of Phyllis Avery. Phyllis was everything that is Football in the Hunter Valley for 41+ years and was an unbiased supporter of our club, committee and players since our formation some 35+ years ago.

The club has wished HVFA well and are sure they will do their best to continue with the seasons preparations while also taking the required time to grieve, reminisce and celebrate Phyllis for her amazing lifelong dedication and contribution to grassroots football, her colleagues and importantly, the lasting friendships that formed as a result.

First Game of the Season

Friday Evening 26th April for All age Seniors. Saturday 27th April for Juniors and All Age Sat team. Sunday 28th for our ladies teams.

For more information or help contact:

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