From The Principal

Welcome back for Term 4! I hope that everyone had a safe, enjoyable and revitalising holiday and that those who were struck down by the nasty flu bug in Term 3 have been able to fully recuperate and are healthy and ready for what promises to be an exciting concluding term for 2014.

At the end of last term we made a change to the staff carpark to allow for safer parking conditions. A big thank you to Peter Walker for organising the scraping and laying of gravel to complete the carpark.

Recently we have made other improvements to the grounds and classrooms including adding fresh ‘softfall’ in the playground equipment area, laying down garden soil for the garden bed that borders the carpark, replacing the projector in the Library to upgrade the interactive whiteboard and we have engaged a contractor to install a new shade sail over the playground equipment.

We also undertook an energy audit at the end of term and will be looking at the measures and strategies that we can put into place to reduce our electricity consumption and energy bills which will mean that funds can be diverted to support the learning of our students.

This Saturday, 11 October is the annual Vacy Charity Cutting Day, an event which contributes a significant amount towards the P&C and ultimately to the students of Vacy Public School. It is for the students’ benefit that our school community supports the Vacy Charity Cutting Day by volunteering time to assist at the event, whether it be on the barbecue, in the drinks van or timekeeping. Let’s get behind this event and support our students.

Tonight, at 7 pm, a special P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom to finalise arrangements and organisation for our involvement in the Cutting Day.

As part of the school’s membership of Parenting Ideas we are able to access a broad range of archived articles on parenting help. It is our aim to include a link to these articles on the school’s website with a new article uploaded every two weeks. This week there is a very interesting article on the “Ten Common Parenting Mistakes” and which gives some sage advice. You can find these links on the ‘Our School’ page on the website by simply scrolling down to the “Parenting Ideas” section.

The Kinder to Year 4 excursion to Newcastle Civic Theatre to see the performance of “Pete the Sheep” promises to be a fantastic experience for students. Notes were sent home last term and we would appreciate notes and money to be returned as soon as practicable.

Regards,
Graeme
Dates to Remember

October
9  Year 6 photo by MSP Photography
14  AASC - Tennis begins 3.15pm to 4.15pm
17  AASC - Gymnastics begins 3.15pm to 4.15pm
21  K-4 excursion - Pete the Sheep

December
6  Year 6 Farewell Dinner @ Tocal College
11  Presentation Evening @ Tocal College

Canteen News
Due to suppliers price rises we have had to put the prices of menu items up. So just be aware when looking at menu that prices have changed. There will still be some items available that are not on the menu until sold out, they include beef lasagne, macaroni cheese, spag bolognaise. I will put in news letter when sold out. Annabelle Pereira’s nachos are still available until sold out. I am still looking for some fresh ideas for menu. Drop into the front office with name on it so we can put in newsletter.

No Canteen this week.

| Monday 13 October | Kellie Richardson & Karen Wells |
| Thursday 16 October | Kris Doyle & Russell Jessop |

Kindergarten News
Welcome back to a busy, final term for 2014. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday. This term, Fitness is scheduled for 9.10am so Literacy Groups will run from 10am to 11am Monday to Thursday. Maths games will continue on Friday morning at 9.15am. Thank you again to those parents that are able to help with these group activities, the children benefit greatly from the extra time and knowledge that you bring to the classroom. News this term will be free choice except for a prepared speech task (information to be sent home shortly). Your child’s news day will be the same as last term.

Ms Sue Graham

Learn To Swim School for Students K to Year 4
There are still some vacancies left if you would like your child to be involved with the Learn To Swim School lessons. The lessons begin on Monday 3 November, 2014 and finish on Friday 14 November, 2014.

The total cost for this 10 day tuition is $105.00 and a deposit of $50 must be in by 17 October, 2014. The full amount is payable by Thursday 30 October, 2014. A form is available from the school’s office if you have misplaced the form that has already been sent home.

If you have any questions please ring the school on 4938 8153.

Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best
19 September, 2014

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“Local Schools, Local Decisions”

We are currently beginning the process of developing a new School Plan for the triennium 2015 – 2017. The reform “Local Schools, Local Decisions” gives an emphasis for schools to provide opportunities for extensive consultation with parents and community members. To this end, I would like to invite school and community members to look at the process of developing a school vision and future strategic directions by completing a 'vision' form of what we want our school to look like in the future. More details next week.

Vacy Cutting Day

The organisers of the Vacy Cutting day are asking all parents with children at Vacy School to consider volunteering an hour of their time to help with the running of the Cutting Day which is being held on this Saturday 11 October. If you are able to help out could you please contact Adele Horn on 4938 8055.

Doin' It For The Troops

Doin’ It For The Troops DVD. Narrated by award winning artist Amber Lawrence and with the following play list. This is a DVD that everybody would like to own. One hour and 39 minutes of wonderful entertainment. It is only $24.95 + postage which is great value. Every single cent raised goes towards helping our returned Veterans who suffer from PTSD and their families nationally. I’ve put the play list below for you to have a look at so you can see how many wonderful artists came on board for this project. The DVD was completely made from sponsorship money and donor money which is how we are able to give back 100% to our returned Veterans.

The DVD begins with a live to camera speech from General Peter Cosgrove (Ret’d) – now Governor General of Australia

Shout – Performed by Kylie Minogue & John Farnham

Poster Girl – Performed by Beccy Cole

I Still Call Australia Home – Performed by all Artists in East Timor (John Farnham, Kylie Minogue, the late Doc Neeson, Gina Jeffreys, James Blundell, Jack Jones & Rachel Thorne

Missing Heroes – Performed by Adam Harvey

Jingle Bell Rock – Performed by Kylie Minogue and The Living End

Touch – Performed by Touch

The Man Across the Street – Performed by Amber Lawrence

Diggers of the Anzac – Performed by John Williamson – this song is used as a backing song to a Montage that includes various artists who have sung to the troops overseas including Diva Demolition, Beccy Cole, Doc Neeson, John Williamson and many more

You’re the Voice – Performed by John Farnham, Kylie Minogue, Doc Neeson, Gina Jeffreys & James Blundell

Come Back Home – Performed by Dianna Corcoran

What About Me – Performed by Shannon Noll (only part of the song) – this is Channel 7 News footage of when the troops returned to Townsville in 2008

And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda – Performed by Eric Bogle

Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again – Performed by the late Doc Neeson and the others as listed above

There are also live to camera short speeches by Prinnie Stevens, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan (Ret’d), Michael Chugg, Lehmo, The McClymonts and Angry Anderson.

Contact The Repat Foundation on 8275 1039 or go to www.therepatfoundation.org.au to order your copy.
The Athlete’s Foot are running a fundraising program to help our school raise money. This program will run all year round and the dollars raised goes straight to the school. The program is easy and requires families and staff shopping at any of our three stores, Glendale, Charlestown or Greenhills for their children’s school shoes, their work shoes and/or the families sport shoes. The Athlete’s Foot will donate $5 for every pair back to the school. All you have to do is mention Vacy School when you shop at any of the stores mentioned above.

Tick It Dungog

A transport assistance project for pregnant mums and families with young children.

This program is offered under the Regional Transport Coordination Program and is coordinated by Dungog and District Neighbourcare. The project aims to support families with young children to access support, assistance, programs and crisis help across the Dungog Shire and in other centres such as Maitland and Newcastle.

The transport is provided by volunteer drivers, often using their own vehicle.

Please ring Anne in the school office on 4938 8153 for a form if you are interested in using this service.

Please note that after sending your form back to Neighbourcare they will ring you to arrange an appropriate pick up time.

Stallholders Wanted!

Glen William Public School is proud to host:

Le Tour de Glen William

Sunday, October 19th, 2014
8am—2pm
717 Glen William Road, Glen William

Features include:
- A 27km group bike ride;
- An 8km bike riding option with recovery stop;
- Market stalls;
- Fabulous country food;
- Family entertainment.

For more information or to book a stall at a cost of just $5, please telephone the school on 49965507

Intro to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots coaching courses are introductory coaching courses produced by Tennis Australia and supported by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

The course is FREE, but please note, a Working With Children Check must be provided before gaining entry to the course and/or parental consent.

Intro to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots courses contain two major elements:

* Coaching principles: two hours
* Tennis specific coaching concepts: two hours

Who is the Intro to ANZ Tennis Hot Shots coaching course for?

Beginner Coaches, Assistant coaches, Club Community Play Hot Shots Co-ordinators, School Teachers, Parents, AASC coaches, volunteers and Coaches who have not previously had exposure to the ANZ Hot Shots program.

Course content is directed at children’s sport and covers basic sport skills, group organisation, planning, child development, safety aspects, modified games and activities as well as administration of junior programs.

Hope to see you there!