From The Principal

There certainly does seem to be a lot of things happening over the next few weeks!
The P&C meets tonight, Tuesday 28 October commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Some of the agenda items include Cutting Day evaluation, Year 6 Farewell organisation, developing a vision statement and goals for the school’s next 3–year plan and establishing a ‘coffee and chat club’ for parents. There will be plenty to discuss and I look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of the Vacy PS school community, I’d like to say thank you to the Cutting Day Committee who have generously donated $5 000 to our school. That’s a huge effort!

These funds will enable us to complete the print copy and digital copy of the Springboard and the Springboard Into Comprehension series, purchase bigbooks on all the text types across the K-6 range, an interactive whiteboard handwriting program and the purchase of additional iPads for class use.

This is a massive input into the school’s resourcing to meet the needs of our students.

Don’t forget to download our App, suitable for installing on Apple or Android devices - simply visit your Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for ‘Vacy Skoolbag’.

Miss Corrigan will be taking a number of Year 5 and 6 students to participate in the Maitland League Tag Gala Day at Maitland Park. These days are a lot of fun and give our students access to the wider community.

It will be awesome to finish this week with our Halloween Disco on Friday in the Vacy School of Arts Hall. Kinder to Year 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm followed by Years 3 to 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Cost is $3:00 per student and proceeds go towards the Year 6 gift.

Our Learn to Swim program at Maitland pool is ready to proceed next Monday 3 November. We have filled 43 of the available places and I would like to remind parents to please ensure that full payment is made by Thursday 30th October. If you require financial assistance, please contact the office.

The last of our Kindergarten Orientation days for 2015 was held today from 9:30 – 11:30 am. We have enjoyed seeing our Kinders interact with our school students.

Regards,
Graeme
**Dates to Remember**

**October**
- Tue 28  P & C meeting 7pm
- Thu 30  Maitland League Tag Gala Day Year 5 & 6
  - Final payment due for Swim School
- Fri 31  Disco - 5.30 - 6.30pm K-2
  - 6.30 - 8.00pm Yrs3-6

**November**
- Mon 3  Learn to Swim School begins
- Fri 14  Learn to Swim School ends
- Fri 28  Year 6 Farewell Dinner - Venue to be decided

**December**
- Wed 10  Presentation Evening @ Tocal College

**Newcastle Art Gallery Visit**

Last Thursday night I went to the opening of “Face in an Urban Landscape” to see my self portrait at the Newcastle Art Gallery. When I went there the lady who owns the Art Gallery said that a 70 year old man who is a professional artist said that he was most inspired by my artwork. Then I had my photo taken by a man from the Education Department.

I saw lots of inspirational artwork.

By Indica Chapman

**Kindergarten News**

A note was sent home yesterday regarding a speech that I have asked the children to present during week 5. In class, we are continuing to work on the content and delivery of the speech, however your child will benefit from practising with you at home. If you have any questions about this task please let me know. There will be no Literacy Groups while swimming lessons are on so parent helpers can take a well earned break during the next 2 weeks. Now that the hot weather is upon us, I encourage the children to have their water bottle on their desk. Please make sure your child has a water bottle each day as this saves trips to the bubblers during class time.

Ms Graham

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**Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best**

24 October, 2014

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Active After-Schools Program
Parents are reminded that students who have enrolled in tennis on Tuesdays and gymnastics on Friday are expected to commit to the program for its seven week duration. Once enrolled, students are determined to be attending unless the office has been notified of changed arrangements. We do have a number of children on waiting lists for both activities and ask that if your child does not want to continue in the program please notify the office so that students on the waiting list can participate.

No Hat, No Play
The school has a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy in line with the Cancer Council’s SunSmart policy that students who do not have a hat to wear during play periods are to stay under the shade of the COLA. Now is a good time to check that your child has their hat, labelled with their name either at school or packed in their bag each day.
Hats are available through the school’s clothing pool and orders can be made at the office.

ICAS RESULTS
Congratulations to Amy Magri who earned a Credit for her Spelling test. Pictured are Amy, Saskia, Mackayla and Kacia who were all congratulated in the last newsletter for their efforts in Mathematics.

5/6 Maitland League Tag Gala Day
All students are looking forward to attending the League-Tag day this Thursday at Maitland Park. It is going to be a busy day with many schools in attendance (approx. 500 children). It is important for students to bring plenty of food and water for the day, as well as wearing the appropriate sun safe attire. There will be a canteen open on the day selling cold drinks and a sausage sizzle. Please make sure your child arrives at school before 9.00am so that we are able to arrive at the venue on time.
Kind regards,

1/2/3 News
A note went home with the children last Monday about a talking and listening assessment task. The students who had their homework books at school glued it into that and the others brought it home stapled together with their usual homework sheets. Talks will begin next week (week 5) and will take the place of normal news.
The school disco is on this Friday night. The format is a little different as explained on the note the children brought home. K –2 will boogie from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Years 3 to 6 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. It will be a fun night & I look forward to seeing the children there. Children can dress up in Halloween or black if they wish to.

Swim School
Swim school starts next week (week 5). Please make sure that if your child is attending you have read the notes about swim school and that you send the children with all the items requested. Please label everything so any items that are lost will be returned to the correct child. Any questions please see Mrs Greaves. Also final payment (if not already paid) is due by this Thursday 30 October.

28/10/2014
K-4 Excursion to Civic Theatre
Tuesday last week, Kindergarten through to Yr 4 set off on a bus trip to the Foreshore Park in Newcastle and then on to the Civic Theatre to see a production of "Pete The Sheep". This was a wonderful opportunity for the Kindergarten students to experience their first major school excursion. The scenery is always much more exciting seen from the window of a large bus. It was a pleasure to see our students representing our school in full uniform and behaving in a manner that reflects positively on our school. Well done everyone.

“Pete the Sheep” Reports
On Tuesday K-4 went on the bus to Newcastle to see “Pete the Sheep”. First we went to the park and had lunch. After we had lunch K-4 had a play in the park. Then we got on the bus and went to the theatre to watch “Pete the Sheep”. My favourite bit was the funny hairdos. We got back on the bus just in time for home time. It was fun.

By Nellie Periera

On Tuesday K-4 went on the bus to Newcastle to see “Pete the Sheep”. First we went to the park and we went on the swings in the cool park. Next was the play, it was cool and it made me laugh and laugh. After the play we went back on the bus and then we went home to our mums and dads.

By Patrick Gillespie

On Tuesday K-4 went on the bus to Newcastle to see “Pete the Sheep”. First we went to the park and had lunch and we had a little play on the playground. I went on the train. Then we went on the bus to see “Pete the Sheep” and it was funny. Then we went on the bus home.

By Alana Waight