“Friendship and Learning”

Principals Message

We certainly had a fine day for our Athletics Carnival on Friday and it vindicated our postponement from the previous week. I am always really pleased about the way in which the students of Vacy Public School get involved in their sporting carnivals. There is full participation, there is lots of cheering and chanting and there is a healthy competitive feel throughout the day. There is so much to take pride in being part of Vacy. Well done to all of the students and thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came out to encourage and support the students.

Special thanks go to Mrs Fonti for her carnival organisation.

This week our debating team takes on Iona Public School in the Small Schools Debating Competition. They will be debating this Thursday 19 June here at Vacy. Good luck to the team and Mrs Rogers.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 June from 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Please be aware of the change of date. All welcome.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home on Thursday 19 June. The report will also contain a return slip for parents to indicate three preferred times for Parent/Teacher Interviews to take place in Week 9 (last week of term). Whilst every attempt will be made to meet your most preferred time, it should be understood that this cannot always be accommodated and that an alternative will be offered. Please send the return slips in on Friday for teachers to be able to schedule interviews and send out interview arrangements.

Last week we conducted our emergency drills both for evacuation and lockdown. The drills allow us to evaluate our current practices and make any changes to our procedures that are found to be needed.

One practice that we found needing attention was our procedures for ‘late arrivals’ and ‘early finishers’. These are our new arrangements:

- If your child is late to school, please go to the office and have your child’s partial absence recorded on Sentral. You will be given a green card for your child to take to their class teacher. The class teacher will then know that the partial absence has been recorded.

- If you need to collect your child early, please go to the office and have your child’s partial absence recorded on Sentral. You will be given a green card for you to take to their class teacher. The class teacher will then know that you have been through the office.

These amended arrangements should ensure that we are able to account for all students, staff and visitors should an emergency situation arise.

We also had our regular roll marking check and one of the recommendations was for parents to phone the school on the first day of your child’s absence. This is a valid means for parents to explain the absence and indicate how long your child will be away without the need to give a written explanation.

Regards,
Graeme
**Dates to Remember**

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**Canteen News**

Mac N Cheese is now available for purchase @ $2.50. To all canteen volunteers can you please remember if you cannot do your shift and cannot find a replacement please contact Mel Lutschini on 0455281525 or contact Eleesha on 4938 5046.

Thankyou,
Mel Lutschini

**Kindergarten News**

A reminder that parent teacher interviews for Kindergarten are next Wednesday, if you can't attend on that day please let me know and I am happy to arrange another time that suits.

To celebrate another term of hard work and positive behaviour I would like to invite all bears to join us for a picnic. Be they cranky, itchy, hungry or brave, your child’s bear will be the guest of honour on Thursday 26th June. The bears can join us in all classroom activities for the day and we will cook pancakes for them as an afternoon treat.

**The Dance Groups Need You!**

On the last day of term, Friday 27th July, the dance groups are holding a fundraiser to gain enough money to purchase their much needed costumes for their Hunter Dance Festival performance. The dance groups need to raise approximately $400. In order to raise this money, students are to come out of uniform for a gold coin donation. In addition to this the dance groups will be selling cupcakes and slices at recess for $1.00 each. We hope that everyone gets involved in the day!

Kind regards,
Jamie Corrigan

**Year 1,2,3 Dress Up Day**

Next Wednesday, 25th June, students in Year 1,2,3 will be having a dress up day to celebrate good behaviour. Students can come to school in fancy dress clothes, normal rules apply. No thongs, filled in shoes only, no singlet or tank tops and no dangerous props, guns, swords and the like. Students may wear clothes to school for the day, fancy dress clothes should be comfortable for students to sit at their tables and work in the classroom. Student will be following normal school routines.

**Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion Payment Plan**

- $100 Deposit (should be already paid)
- $100 27 June 2014
- $100 17 July 2014
- $120 1 August 2014

All money owed will need to be paid to the school before Friday 1 August 2014. If financial assistance is needed please make an appointment to see Mr Oke as soon as possible.

17/06/2014
Coming soon to Dungog: The Lego Movie!
Emmet is a perfectly ordinary Lego minifigure who has been mistakenly chosen to be the saviour of the world. Along with a fellowship of strangers he battles an evil tyrant. Emmet is hopeless but his journey is hilarious. A must see for adults and children.

The Lego Movie (PG) will screen on Saturday, June 28 at 3pm.
NEW: Giveaway Movie Posters at every childrens' film screening!

Christmas In July
With special guest award winning musician Amber Lawrence.

When: 26 July 2014
Where: Paterson Tavern
Time: 7.00pm
Tickets available from Paterson Post Office or by phoning Anne on 49385128 at $45.00 per person which includes a delicious traditional Christmas dinner.
Proceeds to the Australian Red Cross Paterson Branch.

Sport and Recreation’s Hunter office is pleased to announce the below clinics will be run during the July school holiday period.

Hockey - Maitland, 6-10 years

Hockey - Maitland, 11-16 years

Netball - Medowie, 5-8 years

Netball - Medowie, 9-12 years

The Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
The Cessnock Performing Arts Centre is presenting the stage adaptation of Oliver Jeffers best-selling book, The Incredible Book Eating Boy, on Friday 4 July at 12pm and 2pm. We would greatly appreciate if you could include the following information (and attachments, if you wish) in your upcoming school newsletter to help spread the word.

"The Incredible Book Eating Boy is a stage adaptation from Oliver Jeffers best-selling picture book. Perfect for children aged 3-8 and their families, this incredible story will amaze and delight as it is brought to life at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre on Friday 4 July at 12pm and 2pm. Tickets are $15 each.

Cessnock Performing Arts Centre is located on the corner of Vincent St and Aberdare Rd, Cessnock. Please call CPAC on 4990 7134 or visit the website at http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/comcul/culture/cpac/program for further information and to
Parents and caregivers are the first teachers. The more stimulation they provide by talking to their babies, singing to them, and sharing rhymes and stories, the better the outcomes for their children. Economic and life-changing benefits can be achieved if parents or caregivers introduce their children to books at home, facilitated by sessions at their local libraries.

Doug the Reading Bug has a free Book Nook at the Community Centre where you can get free books for babies and children.

Also the Dungog Library have Story Time at the library at 10.30 every Thursday morning: drop in for a story, some craft, borrow a book and meet new friends.