Principals Message

The parent – teacher interviews are a very important component in your child’s educational growth. They allow an opportunity to further develop the relationship between the school and home which has been shown to be central to gaining the greatest educational advantage for students. That’s why we make teachers available for a full day to meet and discuss your child’s progress and give detail to the ‘where to next?’ question.

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the interview request.

Well done to our debating team who were defeated by Iona Public School in the Small Schools Debating Competition last week. With nearly the whole school as the audience, our speakers are developing the skills to confidently speak to an audience of peers which can be extremely daunting.

Our next P & C meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 24 June from 7:00 pm in the staffroom. This date was changed from last week to ensure that we have a good attendance. All welcome.

One practice that we found needing attention following our recent emergency drills 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.

This week marks the end of a short, yet highly productive Term 2 for 2014. Classes will be holding their class parties as a reward for those students who have been cooperative and displaying good behaviour. We will also be having an ‘out-of-uniform day’ and cake stall on Friday 27 June as a fundraiser to support our dance groups to purchase costumes.

To finish the term, our Fitness leaders will be running a tabloid sports afternoon on the last day.

To everyone, have a safe and enjoyable holiday and thanks for your continuing support of Vacy Public School.

Regards,

Graeme
Dates to Remember

June
24 Rescheduled P & C meeting
27 Dance Group Fundraiser Day - Out of Uniform - Gold Coin donation
27 Last day Term 2

July
14 Staff Development Day
15 All Students Return
21 Hunter Dance Festival – Senior
23 Commonwealth Games Day @ Dungog
24 Hunter Dance Festival - Junior
29 School Photo Day - Children to wear new shirts
29 ICAS English Competition

Canteen News
Due to increases in supplier prices the canteen prices will have to rise as well. A new price list will be sent out the first week back at school.
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

Thursday 26 June Russell Jessop, Tim Carter & Robyn Preston

Dance Group Fundraiser
This Friday, 27 June the dance groups are holding a cake stall and an out of uniform day to raise funds for their costumes. They are hoping to raise $400 which means they are going to need a lot of support from their family and friends! Students are allowed to come out of uniform for a gold coin donation and cupcakes and slices will be on sale at recess for $1.00 each.
We are hoping that everyone gets involved and supports our talented groups. Kind regards, Miss Corrigan

Year 1,2,3 Dress Up Day
Tomorrow, 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.

Class Parties for 4/5/6 C & F
Years 4/5/6 will join together on Thursday to have a ‘pyjama party’ and movie afternoon. The students are required to bring in their pyjamas to change into during the middle session on Thursday. Please make sure that it is sensible attire for school and warm. They are also allowed to bring in their pillows if they wish. Nothing else is required to be brought in.

Assembly Awards - Doing Our Best
20 June, 2014

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ETHICS CLASSES FOR VACY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Primary Ethics exists to develop and deliver philosophical ethics education for children who do not attend scripture classes in urban, rural and regional schools. Are you interested in learning more about what the Ethics classes will be all about? Maybe you’re interested in getting more closely involved or becoming a Primary Ethics teacher? You can find out more about Primary Ethics here: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/about.html

To enable us to deliver Ethics classes to students at Vacy, Primary Ethics is seeking the services of at least two volunteer teachers. To become a Primary Ethics teacher, you need to apply for the role and be interviewed. Once successful, a two-day training program prepares you for the exciting part, teaching the Primary Ethics curriculum to students at your school, once a week. You can read more about the teacher requirement and expectations here: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html

The Primary Ethics curriculum is designed to stimulate conversational style learning and interaction between the teacher and students. You can see an outline of the curriculum here: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/K-6curriculum.html

We encourage you to take a few minutes to view a short video showcasing the experiences of another school so you can get an idea of how a Primary Ethics class might run and the level of interaction between students and the Ethics teacher: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhjAQtOsEhE&feature=player_embedded

Primary Ethics has appointed Joe Thompson as the Coordinator for Vacy P.S, and we encourage you to contact Joe if you are interested in becoming more closely involved, becoming a teacher or any other aspects of Primary Ethics. Joe can be contacted on 0411 125677 or email buckscreek@westnet.com.au
Pajama story time

Bring your teddy, come in your pajamas and join Doug the Reading Bug for a story, hot chocolate and some bedtime book fun.

Dungog Library on Wednesday 9th July from 5pm—6pm. This is another FREE Doug the Reading Bug Book event.

All welcome.

Call 49921133 for more info

Date: 9th July 2014
Time: 5pm—6pm

Reading to children from birth is one of the most important things you can do to support their life long learning
Join Doug the Reading Bug for lots of free book fun!
Find Doug on facebook

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Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day

To coincide with NAIDOC week, children will learn about Australia’s Indigenous culture through craft, games and interactive activities.

When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 8 July 2014
Where: Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg St)

Free Sausage sandwich for children only, $1 each for adults. Drinks available for purchase. No bookings required.