Principal’s Message,

Our Junior Girls Relay Team has been practising their baton changes in the lead up to the Hunter Regional Carnival, and already look to have shaved off a couple of seconds from their time. Whilst mention was made of Mackenzie and Shay’s individual qualification for the Regional Carnival, we have since found out that Mackenzie also made it through in the 10 year girls 100 metres. This has been a tremendous achievement for our school at this level.

Congratulations to our SRC members who received their badges this morning and are looking into activities that can be introduced into the playground at lunchtimes. The SRC members are Jorgia, Amy, Lillian, Demi and Lincoln who will be led by our captains, Ana and Mitchell.

Do you have a tasty idea for a canteen item? Our canteen is always on the lookout for delicious items to add to our healthy menu. Send your food suggestion in to school, list the ingredients needed to make it, add a photo or two, give your creation a special name and we will feature your idea in a future newsletter.

To all of the Year 5 and 6 students travelling to camp at Canberra, we hope that you have a wonderful time in our nation’s capital. Make sure you take plenty of warm clothes as this morning’s temperature in Canberra was a freezing -4.5 degrees, that’s cold! Camp is a great experience and the experience is heightened when you listen carefully to your guides and get involved in everything on offer.

Bookweek runs from 16 to 22 August and we have the shortlisted books for this year’s Children’s Book Council of Australia awards on display in the office foyer. We have appreciated the generous support for our Library over many years and if your family would like to donate one of the shortlisted books please let Sue Allen, our Admin Manager, know which title you would like to donate.

This year’s theme is “Connect to Reading” and the ideas above can help us to use reading to connect. As Bookweek approaches, try these ideas to create a reading culture for your children:

- **Every night**: read a story at bedtime.
- **Every dinner time**: ask your children what they’re reading, and why they like it, or suggest ways they might find a book they like more.
- **Once a week**: share a household chore like unpacking the dishwasher or tidying a bedroom – one person works while someone reads to them.
- **Once a week**: visit the library together and hunt for books you might like to read.
- **Every weekend**: share what you’re reading with your kids. Share an item in a newspaper or magazine, or a text from a friend, or an online article.
- **Every weekend**: find a new way to share a book or a poem or a story. Get grandma to skype reading a story; blutac a poem in the loo; read the dog a bedtime story; tell your kids a funny story about your childhood, or their grandparents.
- **Every month**: lend a book you love to a friend or give a book to a charity or school or library.

Sharing the gift of reading with your children creates a legacy – your child will see and follow your example. We can easily fall into the trap of being “too busy” to read and share with our children however, it is time well spent and the rewards for you and your children will be evident for years to come.

regards,

Graeme
**Dates to Remember**

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18: 5/6 Camp & Book Week begins  
18: NO CANTEEN  
22: 5/6 return from camp  
22: Premiers Reading Challenge finishes  
26: 2015 Kindy visit |
| Sept  | 2: P & C meeting  
9: 2015 Kindy visit  
14: Vacy Country Carnival |

**Canteen News**

Pizza Rounds as will be available from the canteen on Thursday 7th August at the price of $2.00.

There is also chicken goujons available (like fingers) at the price of $2.50 for 6.

**Premier’s Reading**

Last day for books to be entered is 22 August, 2014. After this date I will validate the entries. N.B. If your child is entered they receive a certificate of completion and their name appears on the honour roll published in the Sun Herald. Therefore I will check the media permission notes that you signed at the start of the year in order to decide who is allowed to enter. If you wish to change and either give or withdraw permission please send a note to school indicating this, otherwise the original decision will stand. If you have any questions please contact me.

Kind regards, Mrs Greaves

**For Tender**

The school has purchased a new ride-on mower and have placed a 16 Hp Husqvarna ride-on mower with a 42” cut up for tender.

- The mower does have some problems, however the engine is in terrific order.
- The mower can be viewed by phoning the school to arrange a suitable time.
- Tenders should be received by the closing date of COB Friday 15 August 2014

**From The Garden**

This week we will be harvesting spring onions fresh from our garden. They will be available on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon and we appreciate your donation which is then used to purchase more seeds and seedlings for the vegie garden.

**Vacy Public School Fundraising BBQ at the Vacy Country Carnival**

**Sunday 14 September**

Vacy Country Carnival is quickly approaching and we are looking for eager mums and dads to help us out for the breakfast shift. We will be cooking a bacon and egg BBQ, nothing too strenuous for the wee hours of the morning. Please fill out the form below, tick the time frame that you would like and return to the school by Monday 8 September.

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Thank you for all of your support.
Sir Nicholas Winton by Imogen Key

World War II was one of the most gruesome events that has left everyone with a question. How could some human beings treat people the way they did? Even though the war was bad, there were some special people who were heroes because they saved many lives. Sir Nicholas Winton was one of the many people who disliked what the Nazis were doing. But unlike most, he did something about it. Sir Nicholas Winton is one of the heroes who saved Jewish children during World War II.

Sir Nicholas Winton was born on 19 May 1909 and grew up in Hampstead in London. His parents moved to London two years before he was born. He got married to Grete Winton in 1948. Grete Winton died in 1999 leaving Nicholas alone. He was educated at Stowe School in Buckingham and he later worked as a banker and stockbroker.

A little bit before Christmas in 1938 Sir Nicholas Winton was planning to go to Switzerland on a holiday but he decided to go to Prague to help his friend Mark Blake, who had asked for him to assist him in Jewish Welfare. Sir Nicholas Winton made an organisation to save the Jewish children from the Nazis. In November 1938 the House of Commons allowed children under 17 to enter Britain under the circumstances that they had a place to stay and there was a £50 warrant that they were to return to their own country eventually.

Sir Nicholas Winton saved 669 Jewish children from the Nazis. To get them out of Czechoslovakia, he planned for 8 trains to take them across to London where they would live with families who were willing to take them in. The eighth train planned to leave the day the war broke out. This train did not leave the station and it is believed that all the passengers died. To get all the children out he had to forge documents as it was taking too long to get it all approved. He may have broken the law but it was all for a good cause. Sir Nicholas Winton said that “It was hard to convince the parents that I was doing the right thing taking their children away to a safer place”.

Sir Nicholas Winton did not tell anyone of the things he’d done. He said that he just wanted to do the right thing and didn’t want credit for it. No one knew, not even the children he saved, that it was him who had saved them until 1988 when his wife Grete, found a scrapbook from 1939 with all the information about the children he saved and letters to their parents convincing them to let their children go to London. Finally the world knew about his heroic rescue efforts.

Sir Nicholas Winton has won many awards and had been knighted by the Queen. Today the children that he saved call themselves “Winton’s Children”. He just turned 105 this year and has done some fantastic interviews with many shows including 60 Minutes. Sir Nicholas Winton has lived a long life and will hopefully live on for many more years.

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Supporting Giant Steps
To The Sydney Tower Eye Observation Deck

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- Show Off Your Skills In Fielding In The Batting!
- Lead Your Team In The High As A Kite Catching Competition!
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What's In It For You?
- Support & Information for Families & Carers in Their Caring Role
- Information for Professionals to Support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers:
10.30am - 11.30am: Kelly Herbert - Health New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services "Aged Care Reform: AGA Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care"
12.30pm - 1.30pm: Dr Les Stanhope - Consultant Clinical & Counselling Psychologist "Managing The Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Carers, Cared and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Children's Entertainment:
"Loopy the Clown"
"Face Painting, Animals Bouncing, Magic"

Details:
Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost:
This is a Free Event. Please book through event website.

For Information or to Register:
Phone: 4921 4855 or 1300 887 778
Email: Event.Admin@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au

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James Theatre Dungog
August 23 - 3.00pm