The Newsletter of Vacy Public School

Tuesday 2 September 2014
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“Friendship and Learning”

Principal’s Message,

In the lead-up to the Vacy Village Country Carnival on Sunday 14 September the P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 September at 7:00 pm to ensure that we are well prepared and ready to promote our wonderful village school. All moneys raised at events such as this are invested in the programs and resources that benefit all of our children.

With the Gostwyck Bridge closure from the 29 August to the 6 September residents will have noticed an increased traffic flow through Vacy village. Please ensure that your children take extra care given the increased traffic flow and number of trucks that are travelling through Vacy village.

Our new School Administration Manager (SAM) has been appointed through the merit selection process. The successful candidate is Mrs Anne Bettinzoli who is currently a School Administration Officer at Beresfield Public School. Mrs Bettinzoli has a wealth of school administration experience and has recently been filling the role of Relieving SAM in a number of schools. We welcome Mrs Bettinzoli to Vacy Public School when she commences on duty at the start of Term 3.

I would also like to recognise the great work that Mrs Sue Allen has done in her role as relieving SAM over the last couple of months. I’m sure that you’ll agree that Sue has kept the front office ticking over nicely and has maintained the friendly and helpful first contact that is a feature of our small school.

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 a forum on Thursday 11 September from 2:00 – 3:00 pm to look at the process of developing a school vision and future strategic directions.

There will be an avenue for those who would like to be involved in the collaborative decision-making and who would be unable to attend the day-time meeting to contribute.

Our display boards in the foyer have been updated to recognise the efforts and achievements of those students who have reached Bronze and Silver level this year. The students were presented with their Bronze and Silver awards at last week’s assembly.

Thank you to the following families for their kind donation to our library:

Ney Family - King Pig
Beyer Family - Big Red Kangaroo
Pereira Family - Granny Grommet & Me
Mrs Fonti - Yoko’s Diary
Williams Family - Banjo & Ruby Red
Magri Family - Captain Cook
Mrs Greaves - Song for a Scarlet Runner
Rienecker Family - Jeremy
Wintle Family - Kissed by the Moon
Grainger Family - The Swap
Cowell Family - The Windy Farm
Ms Graham - Silver Buttons

Regards,

Graeme
**Dates to Remember**

**September**

2  P & C meeting
4  Father’s Day Stall
9  2015 Kindy visit
14 Vacy Country Carnival
19 Last day Term 3

**Canteen News**

We need some fresh ideas for our summer canteen menu. It needs to be easy to make. It could be something we can have as a special day. I am sure you have some great ideas so drop them into the office labelled canteen menu make sure you put your name on it.

Thanks Mel

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<td>Monday 8 September</td>
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**For all of our Budding Chefs**

Do you have a tasty idea for a canteen item? Our canteen is looking for 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.

**Active After School Sport**

This week is the last week of Dance and Hockey held after school. The children have really enjoyed these activities and have improved throughout the term. Thanks to the coaches who have made this term so enjoyable.

**IPods, Mobile Phones**

IPods, mobile phones are not permitted at Vacy Public School. If your child needs to bring an ipod or phone to school for use after school, please bring the device to the office for safe keeping. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to a device brought to school in breach of our rules. Any such device will be confiscated and parents will need to collect the device.

**Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best**

**22 & 29 August 2014**

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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.

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Doug the Reading Bug says
“ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”

Read a book today!!

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.

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JOIN NEWCASTLE HUNTER JUNIOR OZTAG!

NEW COMPETITION IN NEWCASTLE.
Non tackling recreational Sport.

Venue: Waratah Park Young St Waratah.

Registration Fees: $68 per player
Shorts - $25
Tights - $30

Teams are to organise own playing shirts with numbers.
You can purchase these at www.allgeoallsports.com.au

Registration Nights 2014
Tues 26th Aug
Fri 29th Aug
Tues 2nd Sept
Thurs 4th Sept
Tues 9th Sept
5pm - 7pm
Heid at Hamilton North Bowling Club

Please Contact
Alex Blazon PH: 0447124790
Brianna Howard PH: 0401739344
Or Email: newcastleoztag@bigpond.com

For more info please go to www.newcastleoztag.com.au
and click on the “Joinus” tab on the left hand menu.

GET TAGGED YOU’LL LOVE IT!
Farmers Hotel Cricket Club are looking to start up a MILO in2cricket program. Any interested parents can contact Karen Sanders on 0429 022 449 and send a text message with child’s name and the word YES.

ART CLASSES
With local artist Cath Varcoe of Paterson Gallery
Small group tuition to experiment with painting and drawing.

After school for an hour on a Wednesday or Friday for primary age children.
$20 each child

Maximum of 6 to a class in the newly renovated “Artspace Studio in the gallery on Duke Street.

For enquiries and bookings phone Cath on 4938 5632.
It's on again with merry-go-round, crocodile encounters, camel, pony and donkey rides. Local wine testing, camp oven cookery, market stalls. Ruby the clown will be there.

Jack Russell and Dachshund races. If you have a small dog that is under 40 centimetres, you might like to register him or her for the races. Bucking Bull rides, the Big Bam Boom drummers, Jumping Castle, live music. Joy rides with Newcastle Helicopters. Roadwyz teens to talk to the experts about driving skills.

Come and listen to the Vacy School Choir and the junior dancers along with the return of the Bagpipes.