From The Principal

The Vacy Country Carnival, after a foggy start, turned up the heat for glorious summer-like conditions to welcome many visitors to Vacy.

Thank you and well done to all of our dancers, both senior and junior, and the choir for your performances which opened the Carnival. Thank you also to those families and staff members who supported the performances, the P&C breakfast and the Year 6 fundraiser through your time, effort or contribution.

It is appreciated very much and at risk of missing someone when acknowledging individual contributions, please accept this as our way of recognising your support.

The Year 6 fundraiser of hot potatoes with fillings was fortunately backed up by offerings of cold drinks which were the order of the day.

Our next event is the Vacy Charity Cutting Day to be held on Saturday 11 October which is being coordinated by Fiona Hack. Many volunteers are required for this event to help out with the canteen, parking and other jobs and a form accompanies this newsletter for families to show their support. All monies raised are distributed between our school and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service with our funds being used last year to buy much needed reading resources.

We have joined up with the Parenting Ideas organisation to provide advice, articles and information on parenting. This includes quarterly magazines, parenting tip sheets and access to Michael Grosse’s Parenting Blog which can be accessed on the school’s website from today.

Also, to try to stay better connected, we will be launching an iPhone trial of an app called SkoolBag in the near future. As soon as it is made available, we’ll let you know and send copies of all letters, forms and notifications via the app. Watch this space!

If you are out and about in the holidays and happen to purchase a pair of footwear from The Athletes Foot store at Greenhills, mention Vacy Public School and the school will receive $5.00 for every pair of shoes purchased.

This Friday marks the last day of Term 3 and the start of the holidays. The SRC would like to have a “show your sporting colours” day on Friday to raise funds to support our sponsor child, Maurin in Tanzania. Students can wear their sports gear in exchange for a gold coin donation to wrap up the term.

Class reward days will be held this week to recognise the positive behaviour of our students throughout the term. 1/2G and 2/3R will have a combined games reward day on Wednesday, Kinder will have a party time on Thursday and 4/5/6C and 4/5/6F will have a combined sports and games day on Friday.

Thanks for a great term and I would like to wish all our families a safe and enjoyable holiday. Students and staff return on Tuesday 7 October following the ‘long weekend’.

Regards,
Graeme
## Dates to Remember

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## Canteen News

**Thursdays canteen special** is Anabelle Pereira’s Nacho Dippers with cheese and bolognaise sauce for $3.50.

Items unavailable on Thursday are chicken pops and meat hamburgers.

| Thursday 18 September | Sian Jones & Tim Carter |

## Found at Vacy Carnival

A shirt and a drink bottle were left behind at the Vacy Carnival. If you have lost these items please contact the school’s office.

## 1/2 News

We have been very fortunate to have 4/5/6F come to our class and help us publish some of the fantastic stories we have written over the term. Each 1/2 student had their own laptop to use and an older student to help them logon and publish a story using word. The older students showed 1/2 how to choose fonts, change colours, add a picture and border and how to save the stories. Thank you 4/5/6 for giving up your time to teach us these skills. We really appreciate your help. Here are some photos of us hard at work.

- As the weather warms up just a reminder that the children have been asked to bring a water bottle to school to have on their table during class time. The children can then access water whenever they wish and not have to wait until recess and lunch for a drink.
- Don’t forget projects are due this Thursday for Ms Fay.

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16/09/2014
**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

Congratulations to those students who have received their results from the ICAS tests. These tests are a great way for students to become more confident in test situations and provide comprehensive results for both students and their parents.

**In Computer Skills**, Participation Certificates were awarded to: Tom Doyle, Connor Fernance, Jack Magri, Alec Grainger, Saskia Bickerdike, Amy Magri & Jasper Lloyd.

**In Science**, Participation Certificates were awarded to: Connor Fernance, Jack Magri, Alec Grainger & Saskia Bickerdike.

Amy Magri earned a Credit for her Science test.

Well done, everyone. More results will be available early next term.

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**Kindergarten News**

The children are looking forward to a well earned break after a very busy term. A special thank you to Ms Hartigan who has worked with us in the classroom and the playground over the last few weeks. I hope she has learnt as much from us as we have from her. To celebrate continued fabulous behaviour and solid work throughout Term 3, we will be having a small party on Thursday afternoon. Look out for the separate note that is going home today. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Ms Graham

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**Term 3 Reward For Good Behaviour For Years 1,2 & 3**

Tomorrow students in 1/2 and 2/3 will be celebrating good behaviour for this term. The students have been asked to bring in board games to play during the middle session. No electronic toys or devices are allowed.

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**Active After School Sport**

With today’s newsletter is an Active After School form for Term 4. We are offering Tennis on Tuesday afternoon and Gymnastics on Fridays. If your child/children are interested please fill in the form and send back to school asap so we can organise our groups. Thank you.

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**Thank You**

I would just like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful staff, students and parents at Vacy Public School for making my stay here so enjoyable.

Thank you for your patience, kindness and help, I really appreciated it. I would also like to make mention of the beautiful manners used by all children when coming up to the office, it was wonderful getting to know you all.

Thanks

Sue Allen

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**Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best**

12 September, 2014

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CWA SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
For children from 5years to 15years
$5.00 per day per child
To be held in the CWA rooms
12 Durham Road, East Gresford

MAKING CARDS - with Jan Godwin
Tuesday, 23 September - 9.30am to 2.30pm or 3.00pm
Bring coloured pencils, textad, glue stick, lunch and drink.

COOKING - with Dotti Hilliard
Wednesday, 24 September - 10.00am to 1.00pm
Bring an apron and a drink.
For more information contact Cookery Officer Dotti Hilliard on 4938 9483
RSVP Dottie phone 4938 9483 or email robynmthornton@bigpond.com

Paterson Swimming Club Registrations
Registrations for Paterson Swimming Club will be held at Tocal Pool on
Tuesday 7th October between 5pm-6pm and
Saturday 11th October between 11am - 12midday.
First swim Club commences on Tuesday 21st October at 5:00pm.
To be able to compete on Tuesday night all membership forms must be completed, paid and received by 8.00pm Sunday 19th October.
Forms can be dropped off to 11 Wallaby Close, Duns Creek.
For further information please contact Jenny 49385918.

ART space
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
Paterson Gallery will be running a ART WORKSHOPS for kids during the school holidays!
Monday to Friday
10.00am till noon or 2.pm to 4pm
Limit of 6 per class
$40 per child
All materials supplied
Bring a snack and a drink
Phone Cath to book in on 4938 6632

Milo Cricket 2014-15 meeting will be on this Thursday at 5.00pm at the Farmers Hotel.
Please come along to register your child. Free BBQ.