From The Principal

Welcome back for 2015! I hope that all of our students and families have had a great start to the new year and are ready and refreshed.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, our new Kinders and all of our returning students. We have 113 students which means that we will again have 5 classes this year. Our numbers are complex and we have tried various arrangements to accommodate all concerns.

Our class structure has been carefully considered and we believe that it is the best fit for Vacy Public School. Our ‘home’ classes for 2015 are:

- Kinder with Mrs Rogers,
- 1/2 with Mrs Greaves,
- 2/3 with Ms Graham (and Mr Oke on Tuesday),
- 3/4 with Miss Corrigan, and
- 5/6 with Mrs Fonti.

Mr Oke will take on the role of Release from Face-To-Face (RFF) teacher and Library teacher for all classes. We welcome Mrs Anne-Maree Goodwin who joins our staff as the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) for literacy and numeracy. Mrs Goodwin comes to us from the Armidale Community of Schools where she was the Assistant Principal Learning and Support.

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you on Thursday 5 February at our Parent Information Night and P&C Welcome Barbecue. Come along, enjoy a sausage sandwich and meet other parents. We have staggered the sessions as follows:

- Kinder in Block D at 5:00;
- 1/2 in Block J at 5:30 as well as Yr 5/6 in Block C at 5:30;
- 2/3 in Block J at 6:00; and
- 3/4 in the demountable classroom at 6:30 pm.

The Parent Information Sessions are designed to outline class routines, expectations, excursions and events and an overview of units and topics to be treated.

Tomorrow, Friday 30 January, the Dungog Chronicle will be visiting and taking photos of our new Kinder students and our 2015 School Leaders. The photos will appear in next Wednesday’s edition of the Dungog Chronicle.
Next Monday 2 February, we will commence our weekly multi-sport and team-building program delivered by the Sports In Schools Organisation. The first session will be FREE for all students. A permission note with details and costs will be sent out with next week’s newsletter.

Regards,
Graeme

No Hat, No Play
The school has a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy in line with the Cancer Council’s SunSmart policy that students who do not have a hat to wear during play periods are to stay under the shade of the COLA. Now is a good time to check that your child has their hat, labelled with their name either at school or packed in their bag each day.
Hats are available through the school’s clothing pool and orders can be made at the office.

Printable 2015 homework calendars
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


### Dates to Remember

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### Canteen News

New Canteen menus have been sent home with the students.

We are open every Monday and Thursday for lunch and recess orders and our first day of the year will be Monday Feb 2nd. Snacks and ice creams are available after lunch on those days over the counter.

When ordering lunch and recess a separate lunch bag is needed for each order and please include your child’s name and class on each order.

A big thank you in advance to our term 1 volunteers. I hope it makes your little persons day having you there; maybe even serving them an ice block! Without you giving up your precious time we would not be able to operate.

Emma Maslen
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