From The Principal
Don’t the children of Vacy look terrific! Our transition to the new, dark blue fronted school shirt is now complete and 2015 sees it as the recognised school shirt. Our students are looking good and proudly wear the school uniform. Thank you to the many parents who purchased black leather footwear over the holidays.

Raffle tickets were given out to all students who were in full school uniform last Friday with Marshall and Fletcher H having their tickets drawn and winning a movie pass at Scotty’s Cinema, Raymond Terrace.

We have had some very positive comments about the wonderful job that our Year 6 students are doing as “buddies” for our new Kinders. The Year 6 students have taken their responsibilities seriously and Mrs Rogers has commented on the friendly and cooperative way in which the Kinders are behaving towards their classmates.

Our first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 10 February at 7 pm in the staffroom. This is the accepted forum at which to raise and discuss general school matters and when some important decisions are made to support all students.

Our PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 17 February at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. A permission slip and information sheet for students in Years 3 to 6 (and students in Year 2 who will be turning 8 years old this year and can swim) will be sent home with further details, including lunch arrangements. Students in Kinder to Year 2 will remain at school and enjoy some ‘water activities without getting wet’. Sounds interesting.

Don’t forget to find out what’s happening in your child’s class at our Parent Information Night and P&C Welcome Barbecue this Thursday 5 February. 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 Block DC-1 (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.

Don’t forget to have a look at our new Kinder students and our 2015 School Leaders in tomorrow’s Dungog Chronicle.

Yesterday, we commenced our weekly multi-sport and team-building program delivered by the Sports In Schools Organisation. The first session was FREE for all students.

This is a great program and the SISA staff bring along many pieces of equipment that we cannot normally access. A flyer and permission note, with details and costs, were also distributed to all students and we ask that notes and money be returned to school by Friday. This is a compulsory activity for all students as it takes place during the Monday afternoon session.

Regards,

Graeme
Dates to Remember

**February**

- **Thu 5 & Fri 6**: Kinder Best Start
- **Thur 5**: Parent Info Night. See page 1
- **Drumming starts**
- **Tue 10**: P & C Meeting 7.00pm
- **Tue 17**: School Swimming Carnival @ Kurri Kurri Years 3 to 6

Canteen News

By all accounts our first day yesterday was a great success with our frozen pineapple rings very popular! Thank you to Kelly and Karen for your time spent preparing lunches yesterday.

Please remember we need separate bags for lunch and recess orders.

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Kindy News

Welcome Kindergarten 2015! It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Thursday and even better to see smiling faces continuing to walk in our classroom this week!

It is a very busy start to the year with our school sport program beginning yesterday and Best Start assessments taking place on Thursday and Friday. Miss Fox will supervise Kindergarten while I carry out assessments. Parents will receive Parent Feedback Report before the end of Term 1. Thank you parents for continuing to fill out communication books regarding travel home and for sending folders to school every day. Please clear notes from folders when they go home.

Mr Oke introduced Kindergarten students to our school library yesterday. Please ensure your child has a library bag for borrowing next Monday.

Dungog Chronicle took our photo last Friday and it will feature in tomorrow's issue.

Thursday afternoon at 5pm is our information session and it would be great to see everyone there. This session will be for parents and caregivers, (you may like to consider having children minded as I will be speaking to parents). For any parents who are unable to attend, I will send home the handout. There will be a free sausage sizzle provided by the P & C.

regards,
Mrs Rogers

Dance Group Update

Welcome to 2015!

Already this year I have had many enthusiastic students asking about dance group. Dance group will be operating in a similar way to last year. Students will indicate their interest by choosing ‘Dance Group’ when selecting C.O.Ws preferences.

Unfortunately, due to constraints set by Hunter Dance Festival, only approximately 20 students can participate in each group. These students will participate for Term 1 & 2 in the hopes of successfully auditioning for the Dance Festival. Children who do not make it in will be given the opportunity to join during Term 3 & 4.

Last year we held a whole school fundraiser to cover the costs of attending the Hunter Dance Festival. This only just covered the costs of costumes, dinner and bus fare. To further assist in covering these costs, participants in Term 1 & 2 dance groups will be asked to pay $30.

This year, when students select dance group they are making a commitment to performing at the Hunter Dance Festival and making the $30 payment to cover associated costs. The fee of $30 will only apply if the dance group are successful in their audition for Hunter Dance Festival. We will not know if the payment is required until mid Term 2.

Regards, Miss Corrigan

3/02/2015
**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. Find out more at [http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar](http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar).

**Drumming**
The cost for drumming this term is $90.00 as there are only 9 weeks in this term. We ask that money be paid by tomorrow Wednesday 4th February if not already paid.

Thanking you
Anne

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Sacraments of Initiation Program

Families with Children who would like to undergo the Sacraments of Initiation Program in the Catholic Church this year, please note that the first parent information session (an overview of the program) will begin this week (Tuesday 3rd February 2015). Please attend ONE session during the week to begin the preparation process. Introductory sessions will be running on the following days:

**Tuesday** 3rd February - 7:00pm St Paul’s Church, Rutherford

**Wednesday** 4th February - 7:00pm OLOL Church, Beresfield

**Thursday** 5th February - 7:00pm St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Thursday** 5th February - 5:00pm St Mary’s Parish Hall, Dungog

**Friday** 6th February - 10:30am Corcoran Centre, Morpeth

For any questions or queries, please contact the parish office at (02) 4933 8918.

Gresford Tennis Club

Tennis Programs at Gresford
Teenage and Junior Coaching

Friday Afternoon Beginners
Coaching 4.00 – 5.00pm Juniors
5.00-6.00pm Teenagers

Commencing Friday 6th February

Book Now: Please Phone or SMS Jeff: 0421882055
or
Register at the courts on any Friday afternoon
All new juniors receive a FREE Junior Tennis Racquet

Private Lessons
Available by Appointment

For further information and for all your tennis needs
Check out our website: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au

Dungog Rugby League Club

NSW CUP CAMP 2015...

Dungog Junior Rugby League are excited to announce the Wyong Roos will be providing a training session for all registered players on Friday the 13th February at Bennett Park.

The Wyong Roos will arrive at Bennett Park at around 3.30pm. They then will have a training session of their own for all to look at and take notes, and see how the Top Grade Players train.

At 5.30 til 6.15pm all Registered players will then be trained by the Wyong Roos in appropriate Aged Groups, at the completion of this there will be a BBQ for all to attend with the Wyong Roos leaving Bennett park at approx. 7.30pm.

REGISTRATION DAY....

After the huge success of yesterdays Registration Day we will be holding another on Saturday the 7th February 2015 at Dungog RSL Club from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Dungog Junior Rugby League are still looking for kids from the ages of 5 to 17 to join our club.

We are offering for the Season 2015 that anyone registering to play JRL for the first time will receive free Registration to our club.

Please feel free to contact Lindy Hunt on 04298255470 if you have any questions.

We will be having a lot of Merchandise on sale as well.

Our Head Gears should have arrived also the sale of all last years jerseys.

So come along and join this great club and help make 2015 our Year.

2015 SEASON WINTER COMP SOCCER Register Now!

Play with the ‘Scorpions’ Under 6’s to All Age Men’s & Women’s

New players and beginners are always welcome!

Information / sign – on sessions: for new and returning players will be held at:-

PATERNSON - Monday 9th February at St Paul’s Church Hall - 3.15pm to 5.30pm

VACY - Wednesday 11th February at Vacy School of Arts Hall - 3.15pm to 5.30pm

GRESFORD - Friday 13th February - 3.15pm to 5.30pm

Registration fees: 6-7 years $70 8-11 years $90 12-18 years $105 All Age $205

*SPECIAL LIMITED OFFER*

Under 6’s and Under 7’s pay no registration fee if they sign-up before February 28th - save over $70

Includes free training ball & shin pads

For more information or help contact: Damien Crouch on 0413 305961 or Fitz Woller on 4938 5386ah 0419275760 or email the club: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com

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