From The Principal

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Vacy Public School P & C Association will be held on Tuesday, 10 March 2015 commencing at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. At the AGM, all positions will be declared vacant and nominations for 2015 positions will be decided by an election. The AGM will be followed by a general meeting.

Our PSSA Swimming Carnival was held today and it is very encouraging to see the strong participation which is the Vacy way. Selection to the Maitland District PSSA Swimming Carnival is made according to times and students who go on to represent Vacy PS at the district carnival will be informed and receive a permission note. The district carnival will be held next Tuesday 24 February.

The Before and After School Care committee are on the lookout for someone to plaster and fit out the old sports shed as it will be used to store the BASC sports equipment. If you know of someone who would be interested, please let them know that the BASC would welcome them quoting for the job.

Our Dungog Community of Schools has received funding through the Healing Foundation to support a Sorry Day Event at Dungog High School on Wednesday 25 February. There is no cost to attend the event and buses have been arranged to transport the Year 6 students and Aboriginal students in other grades who are encouraged to bring a ‘buddy’. The event will include a range of activities including a talking circle with a Key Note Address about the Stolen Generation and the challenges faced in the past, present and future for Aboriginal people; story telling; music and dance; and artwork.

This will culminate in a combined activity for all participating students with a smoking ceremony and an opportunity to showcase artwork, dance and ideas from the 4 workshops with a focus on healing and moving forward.

During the day, the school gates are closed to ensure that all of our students are safe and that risks are minimised. At present, we need to be extra vigilant with closing the gates, including the staff car park gates, to manage the safety of some of our younger students. We do ask that, if the gate was closed when you came upon it, then please close the gate once you have passed through. If in doubt, please close the gate.

I hope that you have had a chance to see the brilliant Year 6 mural that was mounted last week. If you are yet to see it, I’m sure that your children will be able to give an enthusiastic account of the mural.

Special thanks go to Nyree Wiseman for her design work and vision and to Fritz Woller for cutting out all of the leaves and getting the mural mounted.

The mural will be a growing feature of the school and new arrivals will be able to paint their own leaf and have it on the mural for the future.

Regards,
Graeme
Dates to Remember

February
- Tuesday 24th  Zone Swimming
- Wednesday 25th  Sorry day @ Dungog
  High School Yr 6 & Transition Day for Yrs 5 & 6 @ DHS 5pm

March
- Friday 6th  Dungog League Tag Day
- Monday 9th  K-1 excursion to Paterson Pre-School
- Tuesday 10th  P & C meeting

April
- Friday 3rd  Good Friday - School Holidays start

Canteen News  PLEASE! CHECK YOUR DIARY…

Thursday March 12 – We need a generous soul to volunteer their time! One of our volunteers for the day is unable to make it that day and needs a replacement. Please have a think and let me know if you would like to come in and cook for our little people! The children really do love having their own someone special there for the day!

We are really lucky with our helpers, many of whom book their days in advance and lock them in for the coming term. While checking through your diary why not skip ahead to Term 2 and see if there is a day or 2 that you might like to dedicate to our canteen. Let me or Eleesha Pereira know and we will schedule you in!

A big thank you to Eleesha, Robyn, Carrie and Donna for your time this week. We are very lucky to have you.

Emma Maslen. Ph 0411342935

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Kinder  Emily Grainger
1/2     Alana Waight
2/3     Madison McCosker
3/4     Jack Magri
5/6     Mackenzie Peirce

CLASS AWARDS

Kinder  Campbell Evans for an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom.
Year 1  Thomas Cowell for excellent news presentation.
Year 2  Charlie Watson for settled and independent work habits.
Year 3  Kaleisha Lye for fantastic knowledge of Australian geography.
Year 4  Tom Doyle for always applying himself to his studies
Year 5  Lillian Richardson for outstanding Art.
Year 6  Imogen key for leadership.
Our Mural
Congratulations to the 2014 Year Six students whose beautiful mural was mounted by Mr Woller and Mr Oke last Friday. It looks fantastic and will be a real feature in our school as people enter into the grounds. Vacy School would like to thank Nyree Wiseman and Fritz Woller who spent endless hours drawing, painting and cutting so that our students could create this masterpiece. Also a big thankyou to the Williams family for the contribution on the panels. Another community project that we can all look forward to enjoying.
Karen Fonti

A message for 3/4C
The students in 3/4C who have paid for their text books received them last week. It would be greatly appreciated if these books could be taken home and covered in contact at your convenience. Please pay text book fees as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the office. Thank you Miss Corrigan

Kindergarten News
Yesterday Kindergarten students took home a note regarding news. Please note your child’s name on the timetable for the day they will have news. This begins next week. Every Tuesday students will bring home sight word flashcards. Please put these in a place children can read everyday. We are all settling into school routines nicely and having a great time at school. (me too!)
Regards,
Mrs Rogers

Our new Kindergarten students for 2015
WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOLING?
Youyoong Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) is the place to make that difference.
AECG is an Aboriginal community organisation that works with schools & community to better the outcomes for Aboriginal Students in Education.
If you would like to have a say in your child’s education come along to our meetings, or if you just want to learn more about what we do please contact Rachel on 0431 580 086.

VACY PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.00pm in the Vacy Public School staff room. The business of the meeting will be:
Election of office bearers: President, Vice President (x2), Secretary, Treasurer.
Consideration of changes to the Constitution of the Association
All parents and caregivers are members of the school P&C and are cordially invited to attend.
J Thompson

Attendance at School
Regular attendance at school is important for students to be able to reach their potential. The school is required to record the reason for any absences. Students are only to be absent when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school.
If your child is sick you can notify us via the Skoolbag Ap, telephone us, or send a note in when your child returns to school.
You can download the Ap on Apple or Android devices– simply visit your Apple Store or Google Play Store and search for “Vacy Skoolbag”.

MAITLAND SAINTS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

Max McMahon Oval, Rutherford
2015 Registration Date
Sunday 22nd February 10am-2pm
@ Max McMahon Oval
NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years
$75 (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
Juniors – 8 Years to 17 Years
U9s / $120 (includes shorts & socks)
U11s-U17s / $150 (includes shorts & socks)
Youth Girls - 13 Years to 16 Years
U16s / $60 (includes Shorts & Socks)