Date for your Diary

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Notes Sent Home

♦ Dungog League Tag Gala Day
♦ Easter Bun order form
♦ Expression of interest for High School 2017
♦ K/1 Literacy - Parent Helpers
♦ K-Yr 2 Gresford Show excursion
♦ Yr 6 Graduation shirt order form

Principals Report Week 6

I am really enjoying meeting more and more parents and starting to put names to faces and making the connections between children and their families. I hope that everyone feels comfortable approaching me to discuss any issue regarding their children and that I am meeting your needs and the needs of your children in my role as Principal. Our lives do not always run according to plan or follow a clear script. I aim to ensure that whatever is happening in the lives of our students will always be appreciated, respected and supported so that they are feeling as safe, secure and as happy as possible whilst still socialising with their friends and learning to the best of their ability. As always, I encourage you to please contact your child’s teacher and/or myself if you think we need to know something or can help in any way.

Thank you to the parents who have kindly volunteered to help with the Easter celebrations. It is wonderful to be part of a school where everybody works so well together for the benefit of the children and the community.

Thank you also to those who have returned their RSVP for the focus group meeting. If you have yet to reply please send your note back in. I will be collating responses on Friday and filling declined positions next week.

Next term Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) will once again take part in fortnightly inter-school sports afternoons with our neighbouring schools. This is a great opportunity for our students to mix with students from other schools and develop their sporting skills while having fun and working as part of a team. More information regarding this will be sent home in the coming weeks.

The school is purchasing a subscription for an online mathematics program called Mathletics. This program will be able to be utilised in class and at home. Details regarding use of this will be given to students once our subscription is finalised and teachers have set up how they will be using the program in their classes.

A reminder also to let the school know about any skills you may have to help us develop our building and maintenance schedule in the following weeks.

Regards,
David
Easter Raffle
Dear Parents,
We are looking for volunteers to help with Easter activities. If you would like to help with our Easter Raffle this year please contact Mrs Sally Rogers. Jobs would include stamping raffle books with the school stamp and wrapping Easter prizes. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Easter Activities 2016
Our Easter activities for 2016 will take place on Thursday 24 March. We invite you to join us at 10.30am in the COLA for our Easter Hat Parade. This year students will be making hats at school. Students will need to bring in things to make our Easter hat. Easter hats will be made during the week from Monday 21 March.

After our Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea we will assemble in the COLA for our Easter Raffle draw, presentation of prizes for our Easter colouring competition and Easter Songs by the Choir and K/1/2. At 12.15pm we invite parents and friends to join us in 1/2/3 room for our Easter Scripture Service which will conclude our Easter celebrations.

This week we have included the Hot Cross Bun order form and next week we will send home raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle. We are asking each family to donate Easter eggs for raffle prizes. Please bring donations to the office.

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter celebrations.

AWARDS FOR WEEK ENDING ~26.02.2016

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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CLASS AWARDS

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<td>Charlie Watson for effort in story writing.</td>
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<td>Jack Miller for sketching beautiful 3D shapes.</td>
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<td>Seth Deacon for effort and application in class.</td>
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<td>Annabelle Pereira for Citizenship - showing kindness to others.</td>
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2/3G News
Students have been asked to bring 2 hats to school on Monday 7th March 2016, could you please assist your child if necessary to ensure that the hats are available to bring on or before Monday. These are for a drama activity that we will be doing in class, the children have been asked not to rehearse or prepare anything for this task. Many thanks for your help.
Canteen News

Today being the first day of Autumn has me thinking about our winter menu and what foods might warm your child’s belly on those cold days to come. If there is anything you or your child would like to see on the menu for next term please let me know. Feedback about the menu is always appreciated and it’s nice to know your child’s likes and dislikes when putting one together.

It’s that time of term also when the roster for next term is being shaped up ready for the term ahead. Angela Gollan has taken on the task of organising the rosters for each term and would love to invite new volunteers to join us! Our canteen relies on the support and time committed by the generous volunteers from the school community. If you’re new to the school and would like to lend us a day or more for Term 2 (Mondays and Thursdays) please contact Angela Gollan on 0428 798 220 or post a message on the Vacy School Canteen Facebook page. You will be rostered on with one of our experienced and friendly volunteers or you can nominate a friend who you would like to spend the day with. The best part is seeing how excited your little person gets when they see mum or dad in the canteen!

A big thank you to Phil, Cassie and Nyree for giving up some of their precious time to be in the canteen this week.

Emma Maslen
0411 342 935

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<td>Thursday March 3</td>
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<td>Penny Evans and Heidi Watson</td>
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P&C Update

Continuing our series of information about the P&C committee roles, at the AGM next week we will also need to elect the following:

**Uniform Coordinator**

We are fortunate that we can access all our basic uniform needs right here at the school, at very reasonable prices. This is an important role for the school as it looks after:

*Uniform orders from parents
*Taking and receipting payments
*Ensuring adequate uniform stocks
*Liaison with the suppliers
*Resolving any issues which arise with customers

**Canteen Coordinator**

Our canteen is open two days per week and offers a range of quality foods for recess and lunch. Staffed by volunteers, it is a very important part of our school as it raises some funds and provides our kids with the opportunity to have a special lunch or recess treat.

The Canteen Coordinator oversees all the canteen operations:

*Setting the menu in consultation with the P&C committee
*Food ordering and restocking
*Canteen and equipment maintenance
*Ensures food preparation procedures are in place

We also have a Canteen Roster organiser who looks after the roster to make sure we have a couple of people for every day the canteen is open.

Zone Swimming

A huge congratulations go to all of the students who represented Vacy at the Zone Carnival at Maitland Pool last Tuesday. Although none of our students made it to the next level, I have been told that they all competed well and did their best. Thank you to all the mums and dads who attended on the day and to Mr Todd Magri for managing the team.

Young Leaders Conference 2016

Yesterday Mrs Grainger and I transported our 13, Year Six students down to Sydney for the 2016 Young Leaders Conference. Throughout the day we listened to various speakers talk about their lives and how “mastering the little things” led them to be the successful people that they are today. “Mastering the Little” was the theme throughout the day. A big thank you to Mrs Grainger who helped transport our students to Sydney and also to all of the Year Six parents for agreeing to provide this great opportunity to their children.

Hopefully they all got the message from the day and gained some inside knowledge about ways that they can succeed in their own lives that then in turn lead to change in others.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

An Invitation to Carers

Do you provide care and support to another person? You are invited to Carer Connections. Take the opportunity to connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker! Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER: June Morris - Service Manager Newcastle/Lake Macquarie Dementia Advisory Service

TOPIC: “Dementia and why you need to know about it”

VENUE: Wallsend Diggers, 5 Tyrrell Street, Wallsend

TIME: 10.00am to 12.00pm

COST: Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Thursday 31 March 2016

RSVP: Thursday 24 March 2016

For more information or to register contact:

HNE Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter on 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776 or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au (We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

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Good for Kids good for life

IN YOUR BACKYARD

Children love to play and the backyard, courtyard or local park are great places to learn, explore, make up games and have fun. Backyard games don’t have to be complicated or expensive - a bit of chalk, a ball or a skipping rope can all get a game underway.

Try these games this weekend:

• Hide and seek
• Skipping
• Hop Scotch
• Throwing and catching games like piggy in the middle
• Backyard games like tag & stuck in the mud
• Chasing games like tag & stuck in the mud
• Backyard cricket
• Racquet games against a wall
• Running & jumping

Adapted from Healthy Kids ‘In Your Backyard’ Resource

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Don’t forget to mention Vacy Public School when making a purchase so that the school will receive the benefit.