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A full-frame image of asteroid (4) Vesta acquired by the NASA spacecraft *Dawn*, which entered orbit around the 500km diameter body on 2011 July 15. The image was taken from a distance of about 5,200km on July 24. Vesta is the second largest asteroid after Ceres and was the fourth minor planet to be discovered. *Dawn* will spend a year orbiting Vesta, and will then move away to take up orbit around Ceres. *Credit NASA/JPL-Caltech/UCLA.*

