

# Paxton Public School

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***“Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect”***

Term 4 - Week 4

Thursday, 29 October 2015

## Principal's Report

*Mrs Michelle Murphie*

### Arson over the weekend

Over the weekend we had a fire in the school grounds with the pile of branches and leaves set on fire. We had organised for the removal of the rubbish pile this week but it seems someone decided to come into school over the weekend and set fire to it. If you see anyone on school grounds outside school hours please phone school security on 1300 880 021 or Cessnock Police Station on 49910199.

### 2/3 classroom teacher

Mrs Vanessa Armstrong has had a great start in taking over the teaching position in the 2/3 classroom this week. Vanessa will be teaching the class on Monday to Thursday and Jodette Clark will continue to teach the class on Fridays. I would like to thank Vanessa for taking on this role and would encourage parents/carers to talk to Vanessa about any concerns they have about their child.

### Intensive swimming cancellation

A note went home to families earlier this week regarding the cancellation of our intensive swimming program. We had been given an estimate cost of \$50 and were very surprised when the final cost for transport and swimming lessons came in at \$85. I discussed this cost with staff and the P&C and both groups decided that it would be best to cancel the program and organise it for another time. We will be programming an intensive swimming program into next year's sporting activities and will look into a grant to assist families with the cost of the program. If you have any questions about this decision please contact the school. The students will still be attending a surf life safety day at Nobby's Beach in December and more information about this activity will go home to families soon.

## Cessnock Advertiser – AIM High Careers through Science

Yesterday the Cessnock Advertiser came out to school to have a look at the AIM High Careers through Science program that our students are currently involved in. The reporter spoke to myself, the program coordinator and some of the students about the activities they have been doing. Keep an eye out for this article in the Cessnock Advertiser!

## Term 4 Event Calendar

Attached to this week's newsletter is the term 4 event calendar. We have put upcoming activities on the calendar and hope that this provides lots of information for our families. From next year we hope to have each term's calendar finalised by week 2 of that term.

## Milo Cricket gala day

Next Thursday a group of stage 2 and 3 boys will be travelling to Turner Park in Cessnock for a cricket gala day. The boys will be bringing home notes this week that has all the information on it.

## 2016 Kinder orientation program

The 2016 kinder students have been having a great time during their orientation sessions. Vanessa Armstrong has been engaging the children in lots of activities and this week they got to meet their buddies which are the current Year 3 students. The buddies played with the new kinders and will have a great time at the Teddy Bears Picnic which is planned for next Wednesday. The buddies were a great help this week and seemed to really enjoy helping their new school friends.

## P&C General Meetings for 2015

Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

All meetings will be held in the school library unless notified. Please note that these dates are a guide and are subject to change if required.

### Upcoming Events

Fri, 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bandana Day
Thurs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NRMA Safety Day
Mon-Fri, 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Intensive Swimming
Mon-Wed, 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5/6 Camp
Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	White Ribbon Day
Thur, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	MVHS Yr 6 Orientation
Wed, 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Surf Fun Day
Mon, 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol's Night
Tues, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Farewell

## Cadbury Chocolate Drive Money due

Sincere thanks to all those who have assisted with the Chocolate Drive Fundraiser. Please return any money raised or unsold chocolates to the office as soon as possible.

## Good for Kids good for life

### Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own 'ice cream' using mashed up bananas (it's deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!



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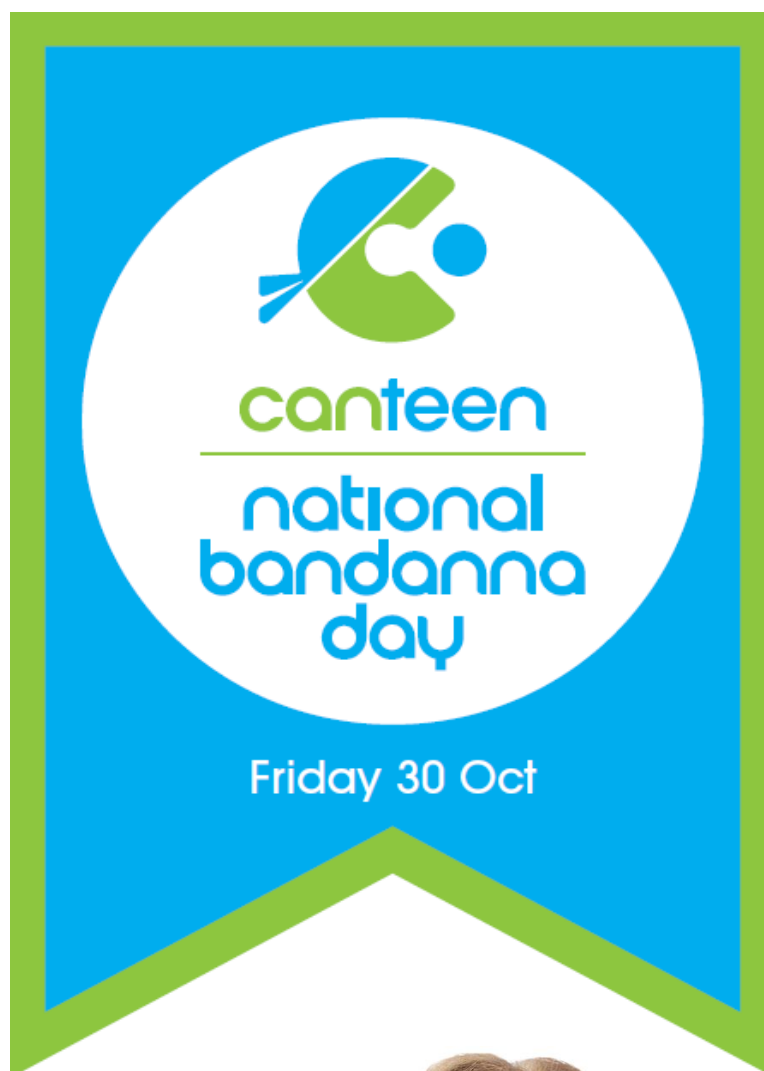
## St Joseph's Parish Cessnock

2015 Sacramental Programme

### ENROLMENT FOR RECONCILIATION

*Children who are in Year 4 (or older) are warmly welcomed to take this important step in their faith journey. If you feel that your child is ready to participate in this programme please note that the Enrolment Meeting will be held after 6pm Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at St Joseph's Church.*

*Please bring Baptismal Certificate*



*How to wear your bandanna!*



## Stepping Stones Triple P



### Would you like some parenting tips?

Is this you? Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. Maybe you're just tired and need some new parenting ideas. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, **Woodberry Place of Friends and Telarah Public School** invites parents and carers of children aged 2 to 12 with a disability to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

**Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability**  
Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

**Seminar 2: Helping your Child reach their Potential**  
Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

**Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour**  
Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

**Where:** Place of Friends, Woodberry Public School, Lawson Ave, Woodberry.  
**Facilitator:** Nerissa King - Learning and Support Teacher, Telarah Public School.  
**Phone:** 49 328477  
**Email:** nerissa.king@det.nsw.edu.au

#### To register please contact:

Cynthia Jenkins – Woodberry Place of Friends  
**Phone:** 49 642174



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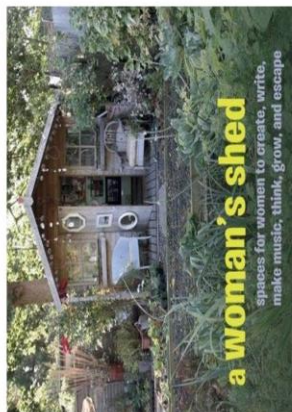
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# Cessnock Community Women's Shed

Members of Branxton Greta Community Men's Shed

## Bringing Women Together



If you would like to make new friends or get involved in a community project

Come along to

Cessnock Community Women's Shed



Every Wednesday at 10.30 am  
At the CYCOS building

49D Aberdare Road, Cessnock

On the second Wednesday of each month our meeting will be held in the D.I.Y area at Bunnings Cessnock



For more information

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