



Paxton Public School

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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

Term 4 - Week 6

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Student newspaper

This week our 4/5/6 students will print the 3rd edition of the Paxton Student Newspaper. The students are doing a fantastic job of writing articles, interviewing people, taking photos, editing and publishing the newspaper. The student newspaper contains all the student activities from the last fortnight. Each edition students reflect on how to improve the newspaper by looking at fonts, layouts and colours. If you don't receive a copy of the latest edition this Friday, please drop into the office and grab a copy.

Staffing 2016

This week a text message was sent out to families stating that it is our intention to have 3 classes next year. Mrs Vanessa Armstrong will be the K/1 teacher, I will be the 4/5/6 teacher and the 2/3 teacher will be determined in the near future.

2016 orientation

This Wednesday our 2016 kinder students came to school from 9am-12noon for the first time and joined in with our current kinders in the K/1 room. On a Wednesday when our new kinders are with us all the students will move up a year. This gives the students and teachers an opportunity to meet and be involved with class activities. This program worked really well yesterday and will occur every Wednesday for the rest of the term.

Early Action for Success (EaFS)

On Monday of this week I attended a meeting about the K-2 literacy and numeracy program that our school has in place. During the meeting, Cindy Sadler (Instructional Leader) and I discussed how our students are meeting targeted achievement levels and that most of our students are working above these levels. This is terrific news and reinforces our classroom programs and teacher intervention support we have in place with Cindy, Teri and Jodette.

CCGPS meeting

Last Friday I attended a Cessnock Community of Schools principal meeting and we discussed programs that we as a group of schools will put into place next year. This includes continuing to conduct a speech therapy assessment program for all new kindergarten students, Aboriginal Education, student and staff wellbeing.

Stage 3 camp

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will be accompanying our Year 5 and 6 students on a small schools camp with students from Mulbring and Millfield. We are heading up to Tuncurry to a camp and will have loads of fun on the waterslides, mud path, zorb balls and at the country fair. While I am away at camp, Teri Clark (Mrs C) is available for parents to talk to.

Sporting Schools Grant

This week was our last of six lessons with Cessnock PCYC. We have had a fantastic time on the trampolines and gymnastics equipment. The sporting grant will continue to pay for the basketball program which continues up to week 10. We are currently organising the sporting program for next year and will apply for grants to assist with these programs.

Cessnock advertiser links

It's great to see the Cessnock Advertiser promoting some of the great programs our school is involved in. Our 4/5/6 students were recently interviewed about their program with The University of Newcastle AIM High Science program. The newspaper also published photos of our Remembrance Day ceremony yesterday.

P&C agenda items

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November. During this meeting I will ask the P&C to comment on a range of items such as revisions to (1) the student handbook, (2) the student

welfare policy, and (3) homework policy. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and contribute to the discussions. If you are unable to attend the P&C meeting, and are interested in these documents, please see myself or Leah in the office for a copy of the policies.

Current Staffing

It was brought to my attention that some of our families may not know our new teaching staff. Below are some photos and information about the teaching staff in the school.



Miss Cindy Sadler is our Instructional Leader for the K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Early Action for Success (EAfS) program.



Miss Kierrin Elsley joined our school in term 3 this year on the K/1.



Mrs Vanessa Armstrong joined our school staff in term 3 as our Interventionist for the K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Early Action for Success (EAfS) program.

Earlier this term Vanessa became the 2/3 class teacher.



Mrs Teri Clark (Mrs C) joined our school staff this term.

Teri supports K/1 and 2/3 in numeracy, 4/5/6 in numeracy and literacy and develops our current Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) activities.



Mrs Jodette Clark joined our school staff this term.

Jodette supports K/1 and 2/3 in literacy, has 4/5/6 on a Wednesday, takes all classes on Thursday while the teachers have RFF and is the 2/3 teacher on a Friday.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie
Principal*



P&C General Meetings for 2015

Thursday November 19th at 2pm

December 9th at 2pm

Only two meetings left for this year...

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

We hope you can join us?