

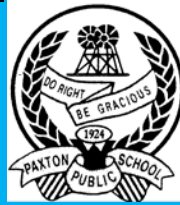
# Paxton Public School

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

Term 2 - Week 7

Thursday, 4 June 2015

## **Principal's Report**

### **Semester 1 reports**

Semester 1 reports will be handed to students next Friday (12/6). We have changed our report layout this semester with the intention of providing more detailed information to parents/carers on the content that is taught to their child. Parent teacher meetings will be held in Week 10 of this term and the note with times and dates will accompany the report. It would be appreciated if you could return this note to the teacher promptly. If you are unable to make the times stated on the letter please contact the teacher to make other arrangements.

### **Academic enrichment class, Mount View HS Year 7 2016**

Year 6 students received an information letter for the Year 7 enrichment class at Mount View High School this week. Please note that the placement tests for this class are conducted after school at Mount View HS. If your child did not bring a note home yesterday please contact the office for more information.

### **Touch football game**

Please note that the game will be played at Biralee Oval next Tuesday. The team will leave school at 12 noon for a 1pm start. Please return the permission notes to Mr Wilson as soon as possible so we can arrange transport.

### **Public Speaking**

During week 8 of this term students are asked to present a speech on any topic they choose. The finalists from each year will then progress to the school final. The school final round will be conducted at a special assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June during week 9 from 2pm in the school library.

Parents and community are invited to attend this assembly. Students who progress onto the next round will be presenting their speeches at Nulkaba Public School in Term 3.

### **Stage 2 combined schools excursion to Sydney (Year 3 & 4)**

We are still receiving information about this activity and have been given a tentative date of Term 3, Week 6. The excursion cost is based on an approximate price of \$70. Please note that the date and amount of the excursion will be confirmed in the next coming weeks.

### **Stage 3 combined schools camp (Year 5 & 6)**

As the organising school for this year's camp we are currently finalising all the information for the camp. We have booked in the dates of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Forster Centre. The confirmed cost will be \$270 and that includes transport, accommodation, food and activities. A more detailed note will be sent out early next term along with payment slips to start paying off the camp. The last date to pay for the camp will be the Friday of Week 1, Term 4.

### **Pirate Day**

Friday 12th June is a day where our school will be raising money to assist with research into childhood brain cancer. Students are encouraged to come dressed in pirate costumes and donate a gold coin towards this cause. Pirate wristbands will also be on sale for \$2 and students will be involved in a range of pirate based activities during the day. You can also find out more information about Pirate Day Friday at <http://www.piratedayfriday.com>.

*Michelle Murphie*

### Upcoming Events

Mon, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tues, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Touch Football
Fri, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Pirate Day
Mon, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Healthy Harold
Tues, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Healthy Harold
Thurs, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Speaking Finals
Fri, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Brainstorm Performance
	Last Day Term 2
Mon, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Development Day
Tues, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 begins

### What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

To meet the Challenge, students must read the required number of books and enter them online, <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> in their Student Reading Record. Students log on using their DEC portal username and password. Students can access their Student Reading Record to add books at any time while the Challenge is open. Once a student's Reading Record is complete, it must be validated by the school's coordinator in order for the student to be eligible for a certificate. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 21 August. The Challenge closes for coordinators on 28 August (11:59 pm).

Paxton School also highly values reading as a lifelong skill for knowledge and enjoyment. We encourage you to enter the challenge.

## How to lead a healthy lifestyle

### Get active each day

Regular physical activity is important for the healthy growth, development and well-being of kids and teens.

Kids and teens should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity everyday, including vigorous activities that make them 'huff and puff'.

Parents should be good role models and have a positive attitude to being active.

### Choose water as a drink

Water is the best way to quench your thirst – and it doesn't come with the added sugar found in soft drinks, fruit juice drinks and other sweetened drinks.

Reduced fat milk for children over 2 years of age is a nutritious drink and a great source of calcium.

Give kids and teens whole fruit to eat, rather than offering fruit juices which contain less fibre.

### Eat more fruit and vegies

Eating fruit and vegies every day helps kids and teens grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases.

Aim to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies everyday.\*

Have fresh fruit available as a convenient snack and try to include fruit and vegies in every meal.

### Turn off the TV or computer and get active

Sedentary or 'still' time spent watching TV, surfing online, playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to kids and teens becoming overweight or obese.

Kids and teens should spend no more than 2 hours a day on 'small screen' entertainment.

Plan a range of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children, as alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.

### Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives

Healthy snacks help kids and teens meet their daily nutritional needs.

Snacks based on fruit and vegies, reduced fat dairy products and whole grains are the healthiest choices.

Limit snacks that are high in sugar or saturated fats – such as chips, cakes and chocolate – which can cause children to put on excess weight.



### **-P&C General Meeting-**

The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.15am in the school library.

We will be discussing upcoming events and planning the rest of the year's activities so if you would enjoy to come and have your say or just find out more of what's going on, please join us...

### **-Cadbury Chocolate Drive-**

The Cadbury Chocolate boxes have arrived and are ready for collection. We've seen a wonderful response with more than half of the boxes gone already.

We will be ordering more boxes soon, but due to storage restrictions, we only ordered sufficient boxes to initially accommodate all families.

A P&C representative will be available each afternoon this week from 2.30pm at the school canteen for your convenience. It is preferred that the boxes be distributed to adult family members only.

2 types of fundraising boxes are available including assorted Freddos for \$1 and assorted Dairy Milk and Marvellous Creations bars for \$2. This fundraiser will run for several weeks including the June/July holidays so we'll have heaps of time to make the most of this opportunity.

Extra boxes will be available once payment for the previous box has been returned to the school office.



### **-Dates to remember-**

#### **September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fathers' Day Stall**

The Fathers' Day stall will be held in the school library from 2pm on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A wonderful assortment of \$2 and \$5 gifts will be available to choose from.

If you would enjoy to donate items toward the stall or assist on the day, your time would be greatly appreciated.

#### **September 4<sup>th</sup>–Fathers' Day 'Thank You' Lunch**

We will be hosting a 'Thank You' lunch to celebrate Fathers' Day or what we like to call 'Thank You Day'.

This year's Thank You lunch will be held on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:15pm. A \$5 meal deal will be available, with an order form sent home prior to the event.

#### **September 4<sup>th</sup> – Fathers' Day Raffle**

The Fathers' Day Raffle will be drawn at approximately 2.00pm on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of our annual 'Thank You' lunch.

#### **September 5<sup>th</sup>- The Swamp Queen Ball is back!**

Preparations are in full swing for the Swamp Queen Ball at Paxton Bowling Club on Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

We can promise an excellent night of fun including great food and entertainment all for just \$25 per person.

There'll be a raffle, lucky door prizes and 100's clubs as well as the much sought after Swamp Queen Crown.

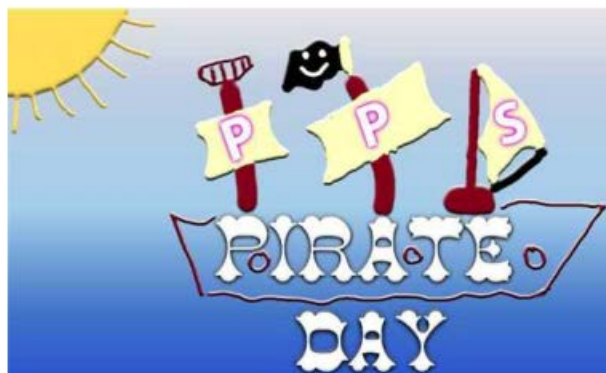
It's never too early to start planning your wardrobe for the evening, the competition is set to be fierce! Book a table of 10 with friends or come on your own, either way you just have to be there!!! Bookings can be made at the School Office.



*Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C*

*~ Together we can make a difference ~*





**Friday 12th June 2015**

\*Come dressed in pirate costume to support childhood brain tumours. Gold coin donation

\*Pirate wristbands \$2

\*Lots of pirate activities during the day



## **A Bug Called Doug & Funky Chicken Book signing in Morpeth June Long Weekend**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015. 11am – 3pm. Free Entry. Morpeth Gallery, 5 Green Street, Morpeth NSW 2321**



Your kids will love meeting *A Bug Called Doug* this World Wildlife Environment Week – he's a super bug – a giant of the insect world – he's a native Australian Giant Burrowing Cockroach! Doug is visiting the Hunter with his mate, the all singing, all dancing children's book author Chris Collin. Brisbane based Chris will narrate the story of *A Bug Called Doug* and his friend the *Funky Chicken*, in entertaining sessions set to music.



Geared towards kindergarten to mid primary school aged children, Chris' books come with a groovy CD. Purchase a book on the day and have it signed by Chris after his performances. They are both ripping yarns. Soft Cover books are \$20 each. Hardcover books \$25. Funky Chicken Soft Toy & Doug Puppet \$20 each. Funky Book Special: Spend \$40 over the weekend and receive a free book bag valued at \$8.

*A Bug Called Doug* – is the second children's book by Chris Collin. It tells the story of two eight year old boys who panic after discovering a monster under the bed. Pandemonium erupts when mum gets in on the act, only to discover the monster is actually an Australian native burrowing cockroach. **Check out some real native burrowing cockroaches when you visit**, to fully appreciate their size. Not all wildlife is soft and cuddly, but we think you'll fall in love with *A Bug Called Doug*, just the same!

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Learn more about *Funky Chicken* & *A Bug Called Doug* books at [www.funkybooks.com.au](http://www.funkybooks.com.au)



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