

# Paxton Public School

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

Term 3 - Week 3

Thursday, 30 July 2015

## Principal's Report

### Nasty stomach bug

Over the last week a number of our staff and students have been ill with a nasty stomach bug. Please be aware that this bug is going around and if your child is feeling unwell, we encourage you to keep them at home.

### Changes to our playground activities

Since the beginning of this term we have been trialling the use of more areas for students to play on during recess and lunch. As a result students can now play on the concrete, playground equipment and top grass area. Students have expressed positive comments about these changes and this is great to hear.

### 4/5/6 excursion to Civic Theatre

On Tuesday our 4/5/6 students travelled to Newcastle to watch the theatrical performance of 26-Storey Treehouse at the Civic Theatre. Students from our neighbouring schools of Millfield and Congewai came along with this on the excursion.

*On Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July Years 4/5/6 went to the Civic Theatre to watch “The 26-Storey Treehouse” with lots of other schools. While everyone was getting seated by teachers there was some nice music playing. After everyone was seated it took a little while for the play to start but then the actors came out and some people were laughing. They were laughing because “Terry” had lost his undies and was wearing a cardboard box.*

*There was some singing during the play so some of the crowd started to clap. When it was over the actors bowed and we heard lots of cheering, which means everyone enjoyed the play. After, we had recess and got on the bus to get back to school.*

*Liam and Nathaniel*

### Multicultural Day

Yesterday we celebrated Education Week by having a multicultural day at school. Students and parents participated in activities related to different countries. A big thank you to the staff, students and parents who supported this wonderful activity.



**HipHop**

Hip-hop activities are on tomorrow in the afternoon. There is no cost to parents for this activity as we were able to use a sporting grant to cover the cost. It should be lots of fun for students and teachers.

**NAIDOC colouring in competition**

During week 1 of the term we held a colouring in competition as part of our NAIDOC activities. Prizes will be handed out at our next assembly for the stage winners. Well done to everyone who created a piece of art and especially our stage winners.

**Jeans for Genes Day**

Students are encouraged to wear jeans to school next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August and to bring along a gold coin donation. All money donated will be sent to the Children's Medical Research Institute to assist with research into childhood diseases.

**Staffing**

There has been some staffing changes this term and I appreciate your support with this area of our school management.

K/1 - Miss Kierrin Elsley will be staying as the classroom teacher for the remainder of the year. A note was sent home with the students of K/1 on Wednesday of last week. If you didn't receive this note please contact the school.

Early Action for Success (Intervention teacher) - we have now filled the position of an Intervention Teacher to support our K-3 programs. Mrs Vanessa Armstrong will be working with the K/1 and 2/3 students and teachers to improve and enhance literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students in these rooms.

**Welcome breakfast**

The welcome breakfast is confirmed for Wednesday of Week 4 (5/8/15) from 8am to 9am. Please fill in the RSVP attached to this newsletter so we can cater for everyone. Breakfast will include cereals, juice, sausage, egg and juice/coffee/tea.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

Our PBL star charts commenced last week with the focus area of Safety.

**Homework Policy survey**

As part of our school processes we review programs that are run in our school. Our Homework Policy will be reviewed this term and there will be a survey with next week's newsletter that we are asking parents/carers to complete and return.

**Newsletters by email**

If you would like to receive our school newsletter by email please fill in the attached slip. This is just an option for families and we will still be printing out the newsletter and handing it out on Thursdays as normal.

*Michelle Murphie*

**Upcoming Events**

Fri, 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Hip-Hopping Yrs 3-6
Wed, 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Welcome Breakfast
Fri, 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Jeans for Genes Day
	Zone Athletics
Wed, 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Book Week Parade
Tues, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	MVHS Maths Fun Day Yr 6
Wed, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Father's Day Stall
Fri, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Father's Day Lunch
Sat, 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Swamp Queen Ball
Tues, 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	K-3 Civic Theatre
Fri, 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last day Term 3

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.



## **-Paxton Public School P&C Mission Statement-**

Our main aim is to raise money so we can offer financial support to provide our children and staff with all that is required to ensure they have the same opportunities as they would at larger neighbouring schools. Often bringing the whole school community together in the process is an enjoyable bonus.

We are currently looking to purchase extra seating for the students, in and around the playground. We also fund end of year activities and functions, and subsidise the purchase of the much loved 'Books in Homes'.

This would not be possible without the support of our school's families and the wider community, for which we...



## **-Cadbury Chocolate Drive-**

The closing date for the drive has been set for Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>, which is the last day of this term. Thanks to those families who have already sold boxes and returned money, and to those who have supported the drive by buying a box basically for family consumption.

Boxes of assorted chocolates are still available. Please see a P&C member or inquire at the school office if you are interested.

## **-Dates to remember-**

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

It was decided at yesterday's meeting to bring the stall back to its original date of Friday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

## **SWAMP QUEEN BALL Major Fundraiser 2015**

## **Tickets on sale now!**

**Available from Paxton Public School office and  
Paxton Bowling Club.**

**All tickets must be finalised by August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## **-Woolworths Earn & Learn-**

Earn and Learn is on again! Simply collect your tokens when you shop at Woolworths and put them in the allocated bin for our great school. From tomorrow, Paxton Public School will have a bin at Woolworths Cessnock and a box in the school office. Thank you!!



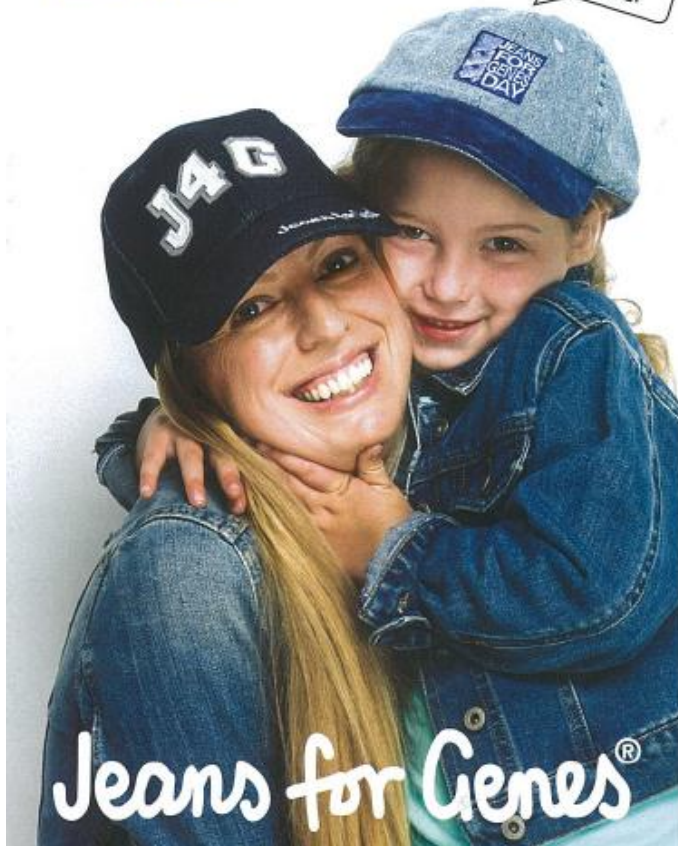
*Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C*

*~ Together we can make a difference ~*

Friday 7th August 2015



Denim up & help cure childhood disease!



Sticker sheets are available from the office.

Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council's Relay for Life each year.

An experience with fun activities and moving ceremonies to raise vital funds for research, prevention and support services.

Help us make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Register now at [relayforlife.org.au](http://relayforlife.org.au)

### Cessnock

#### Relay for Life

Baddeley Park Cessnock

17th October

10am to 10pm

Register. Participate. Donate.  
1300 656 585

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*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*2<sup>nd</sup> Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

# *Welcome Breakfast*

*Everyone is invited to attend a breakfast on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August as a welcome to all staff, families and children.*

*Breakfast will include cereals, juice, sausages and eggs with juice and tea and coffee.*

*Please indicate below how many will be attending the breakfast for catering purposes.*

*We look forward to seeing you!*

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## **Welcome Breakfast**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people attending (including children):** \_\_\_\_\_