

Paxton Public School

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“Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect”

Term 3 - Week 4

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Principal's Report

Nasty stomach bug

Unfortunately the nasty stomach bug still seems to be affecting our students and this isn't good to see. Please be aware of the illness in the school and if your child is feeling unwell, we encourage you to keep them at home. The school will contact parents/carers if your child is feeling unwell during the day.

PBL focus

During this week and next students will be focusing on TEAMWORK as part of our whole school PBL lessons. Classroom displays are being created and there are lots of discussions both in the classroom and playground around what teamwork looks like, feels like and sounds like at our school. Our welcome breakfast was a great example of working teamwork and how when we work together we can achieve lots of things.

Education Week awards

Every year schools can nominate students, teachers, community members and school programs they feel deserve recognition for their contribution to the school as a whole. This year the staff nominated two deserving recipients and they were awarded with a certificate at the Education Week Awards held last Wednesday at Mount View High School.

Student Leader – Connor Archer for demonstrating leadership skills and contributing to the school core values.

School community member – Tracey Harrington for outstanding contribution to Paxton Public School.

A big congratulations to our schools' two nominees.

School Leaders Breakfast

On Tuesday of this week I went along to the School Leaders Breakfast with our school's two captains – Courtney and Connor. We joined with other school leaders from across the Cessnock local council area at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre for breakfast and to listen to a guest speaker. The guest speaker was Australian adventurer John Cantor who was the first Australian to cross The Brooks Range in Alaska. During his speech John spoke about the adversities he faced while attempting his expedition such as overcoming fear and anxiety. He also spoke about the importance of discovering your passion and commitment.

Public Speaking

The next round of the local public speaking competition is being held next Monday and Tuesday at Nulkaba Public School. We wish our school finalists all the best for this activity and know that you will represent Paxton Public School to a high standard.

Staff professional development

During three after school sessions this term, our school staff will be involved in professional development focused on strengthening our knowledge and skills of students with Autism. These sessions will provide an opportunity for our staff to join with Congewai PS in a professional development activity that is being run by the Department of Education.

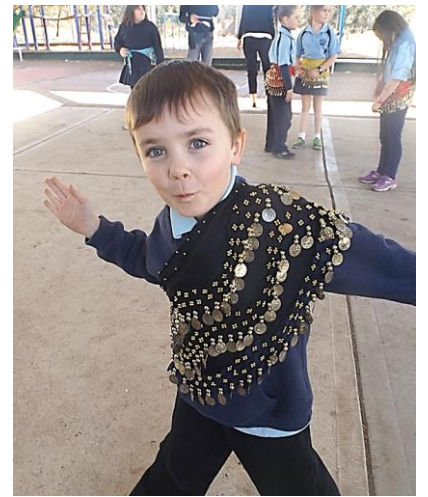
Welcome Breakfast

If it was great to see so many people braving the chilly morning temperatures to join us for breakfast at school yesterday. This was an opportunity for parents and carers to meet some of our new staff within the school. A big thanks goes out to all our helpers who cooked, served and supervised the breakfast. There was heaps of delicious food as well as nice warm milos to help keep us warm. A very big thanks to our students for working together to set up and put away the tables and chairs. You all worked really well as a team and your help was very much appreciated. THANKS EVERYONE!!



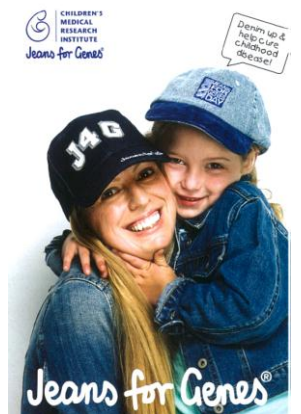
Hip-hop

What a great way to end last week! All students and staff had a great time joining in with hip-hop activities last Friday. There was lots of great dance skills being demonstrated and the kids really enjoyed being involved in the activity. We will certainly get this activity again in our school.



Jeans for Genes Day

Don't forget to wear your jeans tomorrow to show your support for Jeans for Genes Day. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation and all money will be donated to the Children's Medical Research Institute to assist with research into childhood diseases.



Zone Athletics

Paxton School has a large representation at tomorrow's Zone Athletics to be held at Turner Park. We wish them well.

Michelle Murphie

Upcoming Events

Fri, 7 th Aug	Jeans for Genes Day
Mon, 10 th Aug	Zone Athletics
Tues, 11 th Aug	Public Speaking @ Nulkaba
Fri, 21 st	Public Speaking @ Nulkaba
Wed, 26 th Aug	Yrs 3 & 4 Sydney Excursion
Tues, 1 st Sept	Book Week Parade
Wed, 2 nd Sept	MVHS Maths Fun Day Yr 6
Fri, 4 th Sept	Father's Day Stall
Sat, 5 th Sept	Father's Day Lunch
Tues, 8 th Sept	Swamp Queen Ball
Fri, 18 th Sept	K-3 Civic Theatre
	Last day Term 3



With Mr Wilson

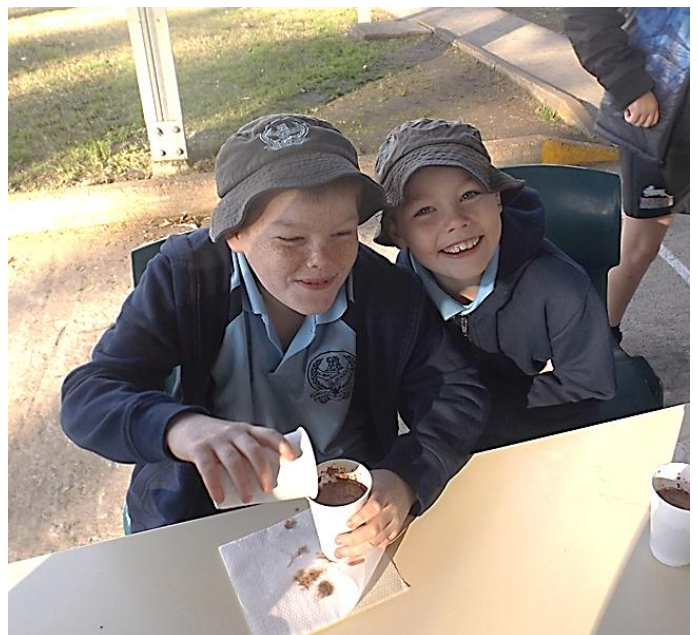
The Touch football competition for Years 2 – 6 is into its 3rd round this week. Some students are also enjoying the opportunity to referee and they are doing an outstanding job. I would like to make a special mention to Corey Jobson, Max Bolsover, Connor Archer and Aidan Harris for their help with refereeing.

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.





-P&C General Meeting-

The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday August 26th at 9.15am in the school library.

If you feel you'd like to be a part of the P&C or have any ideas you'd like to discuss, please join us. We'd love to see you there!

-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!!



- No Canteen Credit Given-

Please be aware that **no credit** will be offered through the school canteen. If your child's Friday lunch order is not submitted by 9.30am and accompanied by the correct payment, their lunch will not be prepared. This has always been canteen policy and we thank you for your understanding.

-Dates to remember-

September 4th – Fathers' Day Stall

It was decided at last week's meeting to bring the stall back to its original date of Friday Sept. 4th.

September 4th–Fathers' Day 'Thank You' Lunch

September 5th- 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 25th.

**Raffle ticket books are available at
the school office and will also be
sold on the night at the event.**

4 prizes to be won!

-Cadbury Chocolate Drive-

The closing date for the drive has been set for Friday September 18th, 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



Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~