

Paxton Public School

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“Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect”

Term 3 - Week 8

Thursday, 3 September 2015

Principal's Report

Chat with me...

Just a reminder that if you would like to talk to me about anything regarding the school I am available most days before and after school. I also have a principal relief day on Wednesdays and am off class between 11am and 1:30pm on a Thursday. If these times don't suit please speak to me or phone the school and I will make other arrangements. It is a priority of mine to be as available to parents/carers as I can and I am always willing to talk to parents about any concerns or questions they may have.

Parent teacher meetings

Over the last few weeks we have been having parent teacher meetings with our K-2 families. During Week 10 of this term we will be meeting with our Yr 3 and Yr 5 families to discuss their children's progress. Parents/carers of Yr 4 & 6 students will get an opportunity to have a parent teacher meeting in Week 1 of Term 2. Further information on dates and times for these meetings will go home this week. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding your child's progress please talk to the relevant classroom teacher.

Term 4 Sporting program

This week we received confirmation that we have received a grant with Sporting Schools, a government sporting initiative aimed at encouraging schools to provide a wide range of sporting programs to students. As a result we have booked in a 6 week gymnastics and trampolining program with Cessnock PCYC for our students during Term 4 as part of Physical Education (PE) program. Students will travel by bus into the centre on a Thursday starting week 1 and will participate in the program for 1 hr each week. There is no cost to families for this activity and we will be sending a permission note home next week.

Homework survey

A big thanks to the families who filled in the homework survey. The information you have provided in the surveys will help guide us to create a homework policy to be implemented from 2016. We will inform parents/carers of the survey results early next term. If you didn't get a chance to complete the survey and would like to have a say, please see Leah in the office for a survey form.

-P&C Meeting Timetable 2015-

September 16th at 9.15am

October 21st at 9.15am

November 18th at 9.15am

December 16th at 9.15am (last day of school)

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.

Staffing

Next term Mr Mark Wilson has been given an opportunity to work at another school five days a week and this continues into next year. A big thanks to Mark for his contributions to our school especially with taking the students to sporting activities. He will be missed by many, especially for his handball skills in the playground. If you haven't already read the poem Mark wrote about Quigleigh the pig, please pop into the office and have a read. We are currently seeking a replacement teacher and I will provide more information on this later.

Jodi's place collection drive

This week information on our collection drive for Jodi's Place went home with students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to help other people and to contribute to the community.

Jodie's Place is a local domestic violence refuge which provides women with not only a place to stay, but also helps them find suitable housing and supplies furniture and bedding when they leave.

Items urgently needed include:

- Non-perishable food
- Toiletries
- General household cleaning products and washing powder
- New or clean preloved women's and children's clothing

Donations can be left at the school office.

- Household goods such as white goods and furniture are also needed.

-Fathers' Day Celebrations-

Fathers' Day Stall - This year's Fathers' Day stall will be held tomorrow in the morning session. We have a wonderful range of gifts available which cost \$2 and \$5.

It's a great opportunity for the students to choose a thoughtful gift for someone special.

Fathers' Day 'Thank You' Lunch – Tomorrow, we will host our annual 'Thank You' lunch to celebrate Fathers' Day or what we like to call 'Thank You Day'. Lunch will be served at 1.15pm.

We had a great afternoon last year, but this year will be even better!

A lunch order form was sent home last Friday offering a Scotch Fillet Steak sandwich or Sausage sandwich and drink options. Thanks to all those families who have returned their orders.

The meat is being ordered today and limited extras will be available on the day.

We hope to see you there?

Father's Day Lunch, Sporting Activities and Assembly

Tomorrow we are celebrating Father's Day with activities starting from 12:30pm. Fathers, grandfather, uncles and other significant males are invited to join us for the afternoon. Sporting activities will start from 12:30pm and continue through to lunch at 1:30pm. The canteen will once again be providing a special lunch order on the day. We will then get ready for our usual fortnightly assembly which will start at 2:30pm. We would love you to join in this activity.

Whooping cough note

This week we were notified of a case of whooping cough that was in our school. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. Fully vaccinated children can also get whooping cough.

Children with symptoms should see a doctor.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please notify the school and keep them at home until they have taken antibiotics for 5 days.

Michelle Murphie

Upcoming Events

Fri, 4 th Sept	Father's Day Lunch
Sat, 5 th Sept	Swamp Queen Ball
Tues, 8 th Sept	K-3 Civic Theatre
Fri, 18 th Sept	Last day Term 3
Mon, 5 th Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Tues, 6 th Oct	First day Term 4
Thur, 8 th Oct	Gymnastics begins



With Mr Wilson

Touch Football Competition

After 5 weeks of fun competition, the lunch time Touch Football Competition finished this week. The Ragers were crowned champions winning a very close final against the White Tigers. The competition was played in great spirit and it was great to see those kids who have never played touch football before participate. It was also a very difficult decision, however, Bailey Harris was named player of the tournament. Well done, Bailey!

My team, the Ragers, won the final. It wasn't all about winning though, it was also about teamwork. I really enjoyed the competition and I was really happy for my team to win.

Nicole

I liked the touch football competition because it was really fun.

Charly



Last Chance Swamp Queen Ball Raffle Tickets

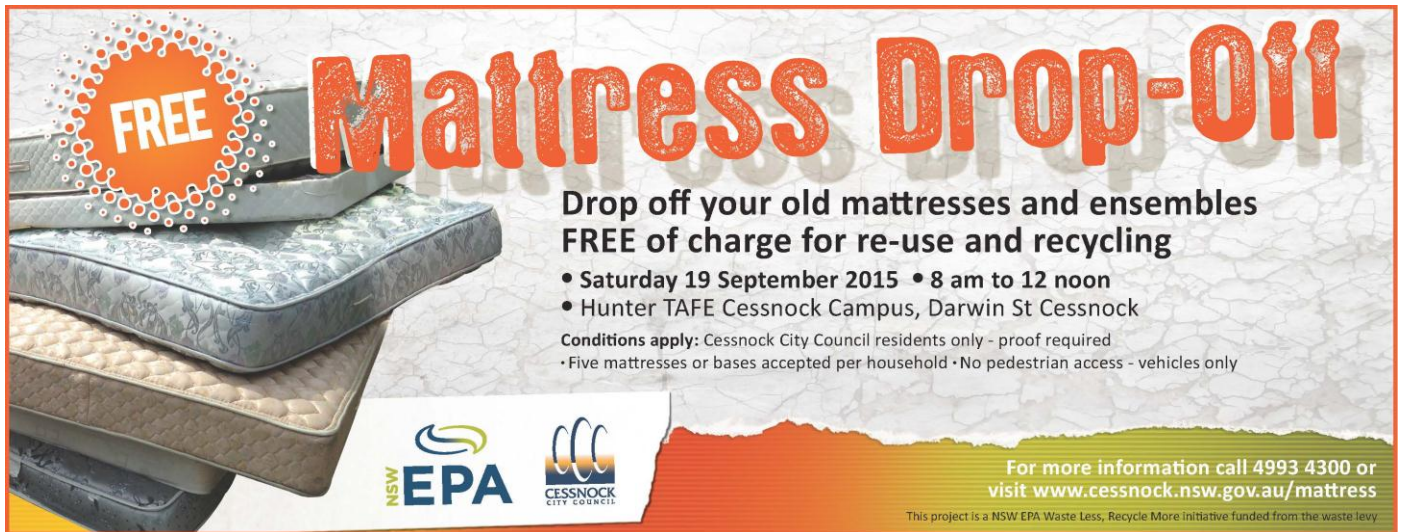
The raffle will be drawn this **Saturday September 5th** at 8pm at Paxton Bowling Club. Tickets will be on sale tomorrow at our Fathers' Day event, but all tickets and money must be returned to the school office by 3pm tomorrow **Friday September 4th** for inclusion into the draw.

- 1st Prize valued at over \$650** includes a Balloon Aloft Hot Air Balloon ride including breakfast for 2 Donated by Coalfields Piers & Horse & Carriage Wine Tour for 2 from Hunter Classic Carriages
- 2nd Prize valued at over \$400** includes a 4 Burner Hooded BBQ from Bunnings, Gas bottle from West End Pharmacy & Post Office, Bellbird Butchery voucher and Fruit & Vegetable box from William's Produce
- 3rd Prize valued at over \$380** includes an 18v Bosch Cordless Drill PSR18Li from Eatons Hardware Cessnock, \$100 Masters Voucher & \$100 Voucher from Cessnock Landscaping Supplies
- 4th Prize valued at over \$350** includes a \$200 BCF Voucher & 4 Person Dome Tent from Ray's Outdoors Rutherford

Raffle Tickets are just \$2 each



To our sponsors!



FREE **Mattress Drop-Off**

Drop off your old mattresses and ensembles FREE of charge for re-use and recycling

- Saturday 19 September 2015 • 8 am to 12 noon
- Hunter TAFE Cessnock Campus, Darwin St Cessnock

Conditions apply: Cessnock City Council residents only - proof required
 • Five mattresses or bases accepted per household • No pedestrian access - vehicles only

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For more information call 4993 4300 or visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/mattress

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative funded from the waste levy

September Holiday Activities @ your library

Places limited, pre-booking essential, no phone bookings

Movie & Craft – ages 5-12

Monday September 21	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday September 23	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Come along and enjoy an afternoon at the movies at the library, followed by craft.

Baby Rhymetime – ages 0-2

Monday September 21	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE
Monday September 28	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE

Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Spring Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 22	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday September 23	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Celebrate the arrival of spring with stories, songs and craft!

At the Easel Art Workshop – ages 10+

Thursday September 24	Kurri Kurri Library	9.30 – 12.00	FREE
Thursday September 24	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.30	FREE

Presented by Sandii Walker of Casscar Art studios, this workshop is designed to encourage painting and experimentation at the easel.

Roger Fletcher Cartooning Workshop – ages 8+

Friday September 25	Kurri Kurri Library	9.30 – 11.00	FREE
Friday September 25	Cessnock Library	2.30 – 4.00	FREE

Calling all budding cartoonists! Come along and pick up some new tips with cartoonist, illustrator and writer Roger Fletcher.

Art Attack – ages 5-12

Monday September 28	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Wednesday September 30	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Stories and craft for kids who like art.

Board Games and Wii – ages 8+

Thursday October 1	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Friday October 2	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Bored? Come and play some “board” games at the library – there’ll be Wii as well!

Make a Noise! – Recycled Instruments – ages 5+

Thursday October 1	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday October 2	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

Create your own instrument from recycled junk, then be part of the Recycled Library Orchestra performance at the end!

Noisy Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 29	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday September 30	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Make a noise at the library – stories, songs and craft

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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