

Paxton Public School

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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

Term 4 – Week 2 Friday, 21 October 2016



Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4

I'd like to welcome all our families back to term 4 and hope that all our students had a nice break. Term 4 is always busy, especially towards the end of term with Yr 6 farewells, fun days and presentation night. To keep families informed of everything that's going on, we sent home a term planner last Friday. We have also attached the latest version to the back of this newsletter and hope that this will be the final version for the term. Closer to the dates of events we will send home more information to families and if you require more information please contact Leeanne in our school office.

School Swimming Scheme

From next Monday 24th October through to Friday 4th November our Year 1 – 6 students will be travelling off to Cessnock Pool every morning from 9:30-11:30 for a 45 minutes swimming lesson. These lessons are provided by the Department of Education's Sport Unit and are conducted by trained swimming instructors. We have received a grant from Sporting Schools and this has resulted in a reduced cost of \$10 per student that will go towards the bus fare and pool entry. The school will subsidise the remaining costs. This is a great program and being so close to home is very accessible. Students are asked to wear their swimmers under their uniforms so they can start their lessons quickly. Students will then change out of their swimmers after the lesson, so please pack underwear and a towel.



Orientation for 2017 kinders

Last Monday we had our first kindergarten orientation session from 9-11am. Mrs Tracy Hickey is our K-2 Instructional Leader and she will be helping our new kinders settle into our school. Our current Year 3 students are also helping our new students in their role as buddies. Kinder orientation will continue every Monday for the remainder of the term, increasing in time over the next 10 weeks. Please contact the office if you require more information about the program.



New K/1 room

Everyone was busy last week putting the final touches on our new K/1 room. A huge thanks to all those who contributed to the creation of a wonderful new space for our K/1 students. Mrs Shoesmith and the current K/1 students were very excited about moving in and trying out the new furniture and equipment. If you haven't already seen the new space, please pop in and have a look.

2017 Student Leader speeches

At our last assembly for the year (Wednesday Week 9), we will hear speeches from Year 5 students who are interested in being school leaders next year. I encourage all our Year 5 students to consider applying for the role of school leader as it provides lots of opportunities for students to develop public speaking skills, confidence and other skills. Leading up to the speeches in Wk 9, I will show students some examples of speeches and techniques that may assist them in writing and delivering their speech. Shortly after the assembly students and teachers will vote for their preferred candidate and two students will be presented with school leader badges at our end of year presentation night.



Transition to Mount View HS

During this term our Year 6 students will be given more opportunities to visit Mount View HS ready to start Year 7 next year. Parents should have received letters in the mail about these dates. If parents are unable to transport their child, please contact the school office and we may be able to assist with transportation. Parents may also receive information about classes for next year in the coming weeks. If you require any information about your child transitioning to high school please contact Mount View HS or our school office.



Fence upgrade on Anderson Ave

A few days ago our fence line on Anderson Ave was upgraded. This is part of our plan to ensure the safety of our students and also to improve security.

Kind regards, Michelle Murphie - Principal

Student Banking

Student banking day is every Friday. If you would like information on joining your child up with a youthsaver account please see Leeanne in the office.



All book club Issue 7 orders are due back on Wednesday 2nd November.

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
3	Mon 24/10	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Kinder Orientation 9am-11am
	Tues 25/10	School Swimming Yrs 1-6
	Wed 26/10	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Aboriginal Camp
	Thur 27/10	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Aboriginal Camp Assembly 2.30pm in 4/5/6 room
	Fri 28/10	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Aboriginal Camp
4	Mon 31/10	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Kinder Orientation 9am-12pm
	Tues 1/11	School Swimming Yrs 1-6
	Wed 2/11	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Halloween Disco 5.30pm-7pm
	Thur 3/11	School Swimming Yrs 1-6 Scripture
	Fri 4/11	School Swimming Yrs 1-6

Libray Author Visit Yrs K – 4

Our Congewai friends joined us this morning for an author visit from Jess Black! How exciting! Jess is a famous author who lives close by, in Newcastle and is famous for series, such as; Bindi, RSPCA Animal Tales, The Kaboom Kid and Keeper of the Crystals. Thank you Cessnock City Library !!

Regards, Mrs Clark



Bandana Day

Next Friday 28th October we are holding Bandana Day to help support young people with Cancer. The organisation CanTeen helps young people cope with cancer in their family. Through CanTeen, they learn to explore and deal with their feelings about cancer, connect with other young people in the same boat and – if they've been diagnosed themselves, we provide specialist youth-specific treatment teams. We are selling bandanas in the office for \$4 to wear on Friday and to help support this organisation.



-General P&C Meeting-

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 2nd from 5.45 to coincide with the Halloween Disco.

We hope you can make it?

-Canteen-

The canteen operates each Friday offering the students the option to order their recess and lunch. Volunteers are always welcome and often needed to assist from 9am to 2.30pm in preparing and filling lunch orders.

If you would enjoy to be a canteen helper, please notify the school or add your name to the roster in the school office.

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~

Literacy

As expected in late Early Stage 1 and Stage 1, the children can recognise many sounds in reading, however they do always use them when writing the same word. That is why writing stories is so important for K/1. This term the children will be encouraged to self-edit their writing. Self-editing involves checking spelling (using resources and word lists if they can), making sure there are full stops and that these are followed by capital letters and rereading to see if the sequence and meaning of the writing are clear. Practising these strategies is wonderful preparation for future success in writing.

Maths

In maths the children have been learning about money. Most of the children can recognise the coins and notes – mostly by the pictures (for coins) and colours (for notes). Reinforcing this when the children are out shopping with you is great follow up.

We also worked to total collections of coins and create a collection of coins to pay the exact price for an item. We explored how there are several different ways to make the same amount eg \$10 can be 10x\$1 or 5x\$2 or \$5 + 2x\$2+\$1. The children were very excited to use money to talk about the things they can buy and we created a pretend shop for the children to spend their money ☺. Year 1 were able to explore the change to be given when they paid for a particular item. There is a website called Smash Maths that has some great games the children can play to further consolidate their learning about Australian notes and coins.

The New Classroom

It has been an extra busy couple of weeks for K/1 as we have been moving into our new classroom. We would like to give a huge thank you to Catherine Dixon for all of her help with putting together our new furniture! On Tuesday we spent our first day in the new space and the children were very excited to use all of the great new furniture for the first time.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Learning with Miss W

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We have had a busy start to the term with lots of new exciting learning happening.

Maths in K/1

We have had a busy week of learning in K/1, with our focus this week being Money in Maths. Miss W opened up her fruit and vegetable shop in class; we were given play money and went shopping. K/1 had to use their skills and knowledge of counting in order to help them count and use the correct money. They are excellent in counting cents and are working on using notes. We had lots of fun!!



Power Writing in 2/3/4

We are continuing Power Writing this term in 2/3/4 on Fridays. We love Power Writing!! Each week our power sentences are improving and becoming more interesting. This week we wrote our Power Sentences on Cyclones as we have been looking at Natural Disasters with Mrs Clark in Geography. We are working on editing and publishing our Power Writing sentences into a class book.



Safe Living in 4/5/6

We have recently finished our Nutrition unit and are now starting our new Health unit on Safe Living. Over the course of the term we will be looking at house, water, road and beach safety.

Thank you, Miss W

Terrifying Twisters and Tsunamis in 2/3/4

We have really been enjoying our Geography/Literacy unit focusing on Natural Disasters. (Me too – I’m a disaster movie fan from long ago)! We have been exploring worldwide disasters, such as tsunamis in Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Malaysia, Twisters in USA and more recently, Hurricane Mathew, which caused a path of destruction along the east coast of America. In Literacy, we have been viewing Jackie French’s series of books, ‘Flood’, ‘Cyclone’ and ‘Fire’, which are based on Australian natural disasters. Students have been writing imaginatively and creatively throughout this topic and have demonstrated a high level of respect and empathy for the victims of the devastating events. Next week, we will be looking at the tragic floods in Maitland/Newcastle over the last century (close to 2100 fatalities to date)! We will research about the Pasha Bulker, the Newcastle earthquake and the Victorian bushfires. If you have old clippings, photos or stories, dig them out and share them with your children and send them in! ☺

Lisa Losing Hope

Little Lisa.

Devastated, sad.

Fire is mean, fire is bad.

Little Lisa crying, no joy, only running.

Running from the fire,

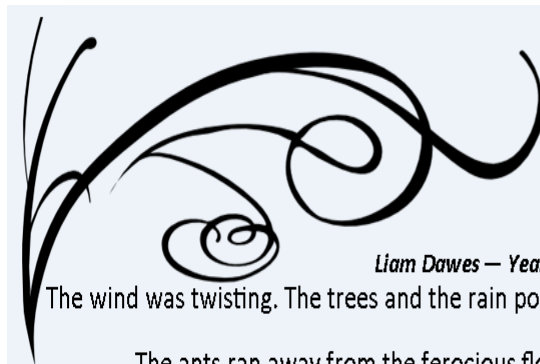
That is monster.

Samantha Oxenbridge Year 3

Numbers. Numbers and more Numbers!

Mrs Hickey (Our Instructional Leader), has been visiting 2/3/4 for Maths on Mondays. Students have really enjoyed the Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) games that she has brought along to share and are developing quicker strategies to use for counting on and back and place value. You can never have too many tricks when working with number - just ask Ben, Bella and Aidan!

Regards, Mrs Clark – 2/3/4



Liam Dawes — Year 3

The wind was twisting. The trees and the rain poured down on the roof.

The ants ran away from the ferocious flood in a hurry!

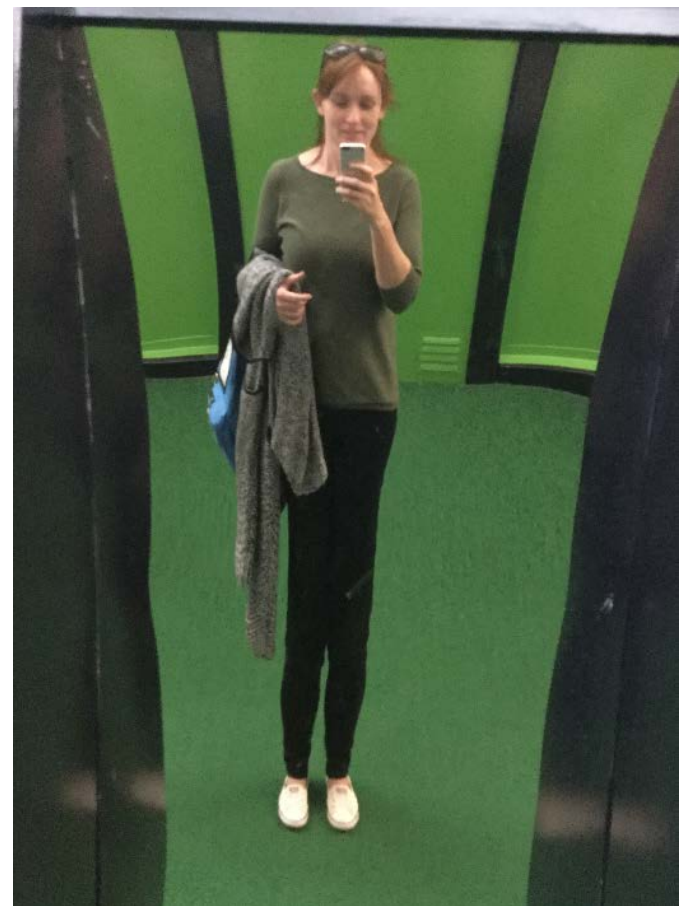
The flood washed away the ants and all the stuff, like a washing machine!

*Tsunami, Swallower. Underneath,
Attacking Mountains and Islands – Hamish Year 2.*

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

We had a fantastic 3 days exploring our nation's capital Canberra with friends from Millfield and Mulbring PS. Please join us at the next assembly to see our Paxton News clip of the trip.

Regards, Michelle Murphie



Cooking & Gardening Program with Miss Lampe

Over the last few weeks, Paxton students have been working very hard in our gardens. At the end of Term 3 we got to work sowing our seeds ready to watch them grow for the remainder of the year. At the moment we have watermelon, carrots, cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, celery, basil, rosemary, sweet corn and spinach growing in our beds. If you look now you can already see them beginning to sprout!

We hope to be able to use some of our fresh vegetables in our weekly cooking program towards the end of Term 4.

While some of our 4/5/6 kids were away in Canberra without us, we took the opportunity to surprise them by making our very own Paxton scarecrow family this week.

Miss Lampe and K-6 would like to introduce our new scarecrows: Jeff, Beth and Baby Paxton.

A special thank you to Trish Dawes, the Ling family and Geoff Strevens for donating our seeds and seedlings for our gardens, Paxton definitely appreciates you!

Regards, Miss Lampe



COMMUNITY NEWS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
After School
4 pm-5:30 pm



cessnock
regional
artgallery



Bookings essential

Children's Art Classes

\$8 class
Includes Materials
&
Afternoon Tea
CHILDREN AGES 7-12 WELCOME

Contact Us to Reserve
Spaces are Limited
info@crag.net.au
(02) 4991 6619

Good for Kids good for life

LONGER DAYS = MORE OUTDOOR PLAY!

Outdoor play gives children the opportunity to experience the natural environment and have adventures! Now that daylight savings has started children have even more opportunity to get outside before school, after school and on the weekends.

Make the most of the sunlight by having some outdoor activities planned in advance. Consider installing a basketball hoop for summer evenings or planning to build a cubby house on the weekends. Playing outdoors with neighbourhood play mates is a great after school activity. Family activities could include a bushwalk or beach cricket day.



NSW Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

Cessnock, Schools as Community Centre TERM 4, 2016



PLAYWORKS - Mondays

Koe-Nara, 10 am to 12

LET'S PLAY - Tuesdays

Koe-Nara, 10 am to 12



Stories at Bunnings

with Family Insight & Koe-nara

Wednesday 26th October

Wednesday 23rd November

10.30 am Morning Tea snack for

children provided



PLAYWORKS - Thursdays

Cessnock East Public School,

9am to 11am

BABIES - Thursdays

Koe-Nara, 12.30pm to 2pm

For more information:

☎ 4990 9354 or
0428 263 854

👍 Koe-Nara, Cessnock
Schools as Community
Centre

Playgroup operates in school term only

All groups are free

Morning tea for the children is provided,
as well as tea & coffee for grown ups



CESSNOCK, GREENHILLS & DUNGOG DENTAL
4990 1279 • 4934 7877 • 4992 3366

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

YES WE BULK BILL!!

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive \$1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!



Halloween Eve Storytime @ Cessnock City Library

Families and children of all ages are welcome to join us at the libraries for this special event. We will have (not too) scary stories, craft and a snack. Come dressed in Halloween costume if you like! This event is free of charge, but bookings are essential.



Kurri Kurri Public Library
251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327
Ph 4937 1636
Karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



Cessnock City Library
66-67 Vincent Street
Ph 4993 4399
library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

**Cessnock Ex Services Club
Halloween Disco**

**Monday 31st
October 2016**

6pm til late

Prizes for
best costume.....
Candy, Games
& More

Free Entry



Cessnock Family Support Service present this **free 4 week** program for
parents at Weston Public School

Bringing Up Great Kids

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program
to support parents to review and enhance patterns of
communication with their children.

Australian Childhood Foundation: www.childhood.org.au



Topics covered include:

- Messages from the Past
- The Message Centre
- Giving and receiving messages
- The Messages of Behaviour
- Messages about me
- Passing on messages



Where: Weston Public School

Sixth Street, Weston

Commencing: Wednesday 26 October, 2016 and each
Wednesday until 16 November, 2016

Time: 9.30am to 12.00noon

Contact: Cessnock Family Support Service

Phone: 4990 4507

Contact Cessnock Family Support service to register for the program
or further information on 4990 4507

Morning tea is provided

No Childcare available

