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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

Term 4 – Week 4 Thursday, 3 November 2016

Principal's Report

School Swimming

The School Swimming program that we started last Monday has been very valuable in giving our students an opportunity to improve their swimming skills in the water. Our kindergarten students came along to 2 of the sessions for a water familiarisation play session with myself and one of our school leaders Caelli. The kindy students had a great time and improved their ability to move in and around the pool and also at retrieving items from the pool floor. Some students even had a go at freestyle after watching the big kids. A big thankyou to the teachers and support staff who have been in the pool with our students. We appreciate all the extra things you do for our school.

Grandparents Day

Last Friday we celebrated Grandparents Day with afternoon tea and games of bingo. It was lovely to see our visitors in the school and hope you enjoyed the bingo afternoon. Bingo was being called out quite often and I really enjoyed the afternoon.



STEM Challenge Day

Some of our Year 4 & 5 students have been given an opportunity to attend a challenge day based around Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths at Cessnock West Public School. This is an opportunity for our students to mix with other students from local schools and to increase their skills in a range of areas. Students who were selected to attend will receive a note this week.

Round the World Day

On November 23rd our school will run *Round the World Day* where students get an opportunity to learn about a few countries in a day and to come dressed in clothes that reflect another country. Students are asked to pay \$2 for a lunch cooked by our Yr 6 students and Miss Tamara Lampe. More information will come out soon from Miss Sharni Wynands.



K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Support Programs

Earlier this week I attended a conference in Sydney to listen to some case studies of how other schools have improved their literacy and numeracy results in K-2 classrooms. We also listened to some information on how the program will be implemented in schools from 2017-2019. Our school has been grouped with 3 other small schools in the Hunter area. Our group of schools will have an Instructional Leader who will work with myself and the teachers to provide professional learning and strategies in literacy and numeracy. Our current Year 2 students will also receive support as part of the new model to ensure their continued success and support in this area.

Halloween disco

Last night our Year 6 students and Miss Lampe held another great disco with the theme of Halloween. There were a lot of great costumes and everyone had fun dancing and playing games. The treats on sale were delicious including the eyeball cupcakes, ghost biscuits and my favourite was the creature punch. I almost drank a fly and a cockroach! Thanks to our families, staff and students who supported this event. Our very friendly ghost (Ella) popped up in a few photos.



*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.



<i>Wk</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
4	Fri 4/11	School Swimming Yrs 1-6
5	Mon 7/11	Kinder Orientation 9am-12pm
	Wed 9/11	STEM at Cessnock West Public School
	Thu 10/11	Assembly 2.30pm
	Fri 11/11	Remembrance Day Service at School
6	Mon 14/11	Kinder Orientation 9am-12pm



P & C News

-Year 6 2017 Senior Shirts-

With only 6 weeks left of term, the time has come to order the Year 6 senior shirts for next year.

The P&C purchase one shirt per student as a congratulatory gesture, embroidered with the students' senior year and name. Extra shirts are also available to purchase.

An order form, including prices, will be sent home to all families as these shirts are also available to volunteer parents and staff to purchase.

Please complete the form and return it to the office, even if you do not wish to purchase extra shirts as we need to know what size to purchase on your child's behalf. Thank you!

-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 ~

2 1/2 News

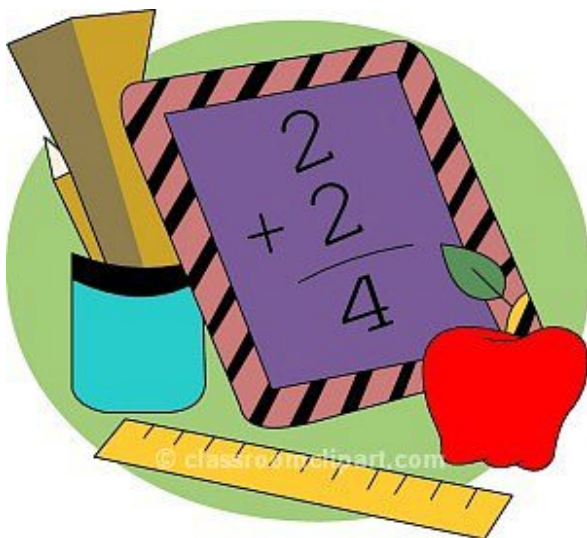
Literacy

In reading at the moment, we are looking at adjectives, and their importance to effective writing. We are learning how to use adjectives to create more complete descriptions of characters for readers. In literacy groups, the children have been drawing pictures of the character in their reader. They then label the picture of their character, using adjectives, the internal and external features of this character. The children could also do this at home using the characters from their home readers.

Please remember to return home readers and encourage your children to swap them for a new one regularly. Thank you for reading with your children at home.

Maths

In Mathematics, we are revising addition and subtraction. These are the main focus of Year 1, and the later stages of Kindergarten, therefore are revisited all the time. This fortnight we looked at how the Friends of Ten links to Facts of 20 and 30, so that if $4+6=10$, then $24+6=30$. Year 1 also looked at how Friends of Ten links to facts of 40 and 50. These Friends of Ten patterns are essential in further progress, because they feed into work with larger numbers eg if $1+9=10$, then $10+90=100$. http://www.mathplayground.com/number_bonds_10.html is a great game because it encourages speed of these facts.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Learning with Miss W

The last two weeks we have been very busy with swimming lessons. Last night we had our Halloween Disco. Everyone had amazing costumes and it was very hard to pick a winner. We saw witches, skeletons, pirates and many scary costumes.

Winners for the best costume were:

K/1: Emily Burgess as a zombie minion

2/3/4: Nicole Siggins as bride

4/5/6: Nathan Oxenbridge as a vampire



Thank you, Miss W

Multitasking in 2/3/4!

Well, as we're coming to the end of our Geography unit on Natural Disasters, I can say I've read lots of variations of 'When the Wicked Wave hit Cessnock Pool!' 2/3/4 have been very flexible with their learning during the last two weeks and have still continued to amaze me, especially with their imaginative and creative writing. Well done! Enjoy Isabella and Aidan's pieces, below.

The Ferocious Bush Fire

The bush fire is starting to spread all over bushes and trees. Somehow the bush fire seems to make it all over the world.

Sadly, all houses are destroyed forever, gone!

by Aidan Dawes Year 3

Tsunami – By Isabella Ling – Year 3

Terrifying Streets Underneath Night

And Morning, Invaded by Tsunami.

One of our side projects in 2/3/4 (yes, we're extremely talented) is creating visually friendly, PBL signs for 2017 to complement our existing signs. These will have a visual literacy focus and help some of our students who prefer to think and create meaning, using pictures. After all, a picture tells 1000 words! Our class members had fun brainstorming some ideas for the designs. Aren't they sweet? ☺

Enjoy the smiles, Mrs Clark – 2/3/4



Safety (online)



Teamwork



Achievement



Respect

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Getting ready for a 5/6 classroom in 2017

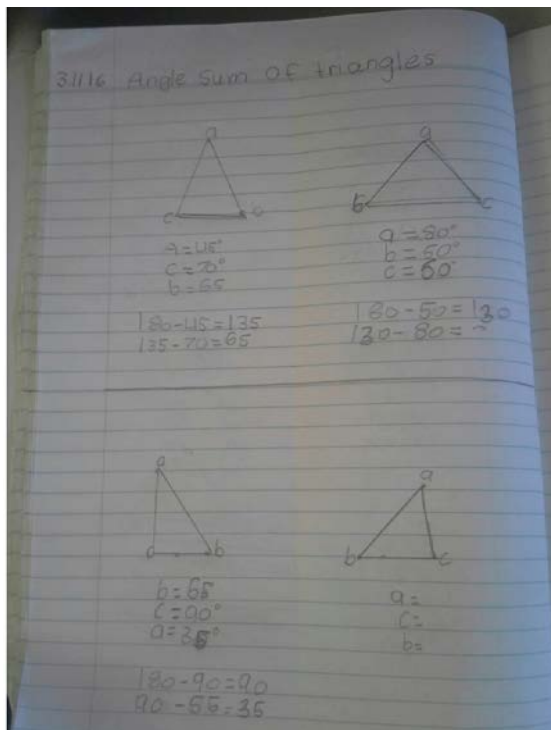
Last week Ben, Nicole and Dominic popped over for a few afternoons to see what we do in the 4/5/6 room, in anticipation for joining our 5/6 class next year. They joined in with our solar car activities and also created a string art. We hope they had a good time and we look forward to them coming over more during the rest of the term.

Solar cars

We've made our solar cars and thanks to Kim we have a three lane race track where we have been testing out different combinations of wheel size and whether battery or solar power makes the care faster. Thanks to Dylan for working out how to set up our tracks each week.

Angles

This week in Maths we've been learning about angles properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. The angle sum of a triangle is 180 degrees and quadrilaterals have an angle sum of 360 degrees. We're using our knowledge of geometry, addition and subtraction to work out the questions. We're also looking at algebraic equations as well – very exciting!



Great work Paige



Regards, Michelle Murphie

COMMUNITY NEWS



Trolls – The Movie

Come along to a family-friendly event to support the amazing work the DANYL Foundation do; amongst other things they are providing 2-week trials of safe and proven technology (CGM) to Type 1 Diabetics.

Where: Metro Cinemas Lake Haven
When: Sunday 4th December 2016
Time: 11am – 3pm
Cost: \$20 per adult, \$15 per child
\$60 family (2a/2C)

To purchase your tickets follow the link:

https://dabt-euzlr-formstack.com/forms/dahii_foundation_family_movie_day_2016

There will be market stalls, face painting, cupcakes, raffles and gift bags!!!

For more information contact Catherine on 0412 239 298
or Debbie on 0417 678 800



It is estimated that "Dead in Bed Syndrome" accounts for between 4.7 and 27.3% of deaths to Type 1 Diabetics

Good for Kids good for life

KEEP CRUNCHING ON THE WEEKENDS

Most NSW primary schools have incorporated Crunch&Sip® as a regular part of their school day.

Crunch&Sip® is a time, each day, when students can "refuel" on vegetables and fruit and "rehydrate" with water. It helps children to increase their intake of vegetables and fruit and is a great opportunity to introduce them to new vegetables and fruits.

The great news is that Crunch&Sip® does not have to be limited to the week days! Try to keep the whole family healthy by integrating this habit into your family routine on weekends and during the school holidays.



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