

Paxton Public School

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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

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Principal's Report

2016 School program evaluations



As this school year comes to a close, we have started organising programs for students and staff for 2017. To effectively plan our resources for the new year, we would like to evaluate the programs that we have implemented this year. Students, staff and parents/carers will be asked to complete surveys to help us plan for the upcoming year. Staff and students will complete an online survey this week, with the older students helping the younger ones. More information in regards to the parents survey will be in the next newsletter where you will be given the choice of either a paper survey or an online one like the student survey. All surveys remain confidential and are helpful in a lot of ways.

4/5/6 Mini-fair

In a few weeks on Week 9, Friday 9th December students in the 4/5/6 class will be running a mini-fair similar to last year's. The students have chosen stalls and parents/carers should have received their child's expression of interest note for the stall. This has the type of stall your child would like to run and the equipment they will need to provide on the day. All money raised on the day will contribute to the Yr 6 fun day and all students from the 4/5/6 class will attend. Parents/carers are asked to discuss the note with their child and either agree with their choice or choose another stall. We appreciate the support from families with this activity.

Remembrance Day

Last Friday we held a special service under the flagpoles to commemorate Remembrance Day. Our Year 6 students ran the service and all classes contributed by sharing pieces of artwork and stories/poems they had written in class. Thanks to the students of 2/3/4 who made poppies for us to plant in the garden and to Trish who supplied a wreath on behalf of the New South Wales Fire and Rescue.



Books in Homes

At the assembly in week 7, Thursday 24th November a special guest from Books in Homes will attend our school assembly to hand out this term's book packs. This is our last pack of books to go home for the year.



Year 6 shirts for 2017

Our P&C are busy organising the Year 6 shirts that our students will wear in 2017. The P&C are kindly donating one (1) shirt to every student and this will be presented to the students at our end of year presentation night. If you would like to order more shirts for your child, please see Catherine Dixon for more details. Our Year 6 students really like wearing the shirts as part of their uniform and a big thanks to our P&C for this donation.

School hats and new caps

At the recent P&C meeting I discussed the idea of introducing a school cap as part of the uniform. One of our parents is currently looking into the design and cost of the new caps. We will keep parents/carers updated with the information when it comes in.

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools

Last Friday I attended a principal's meeting with other principals from Cessnock primary and high schools. We meet once a term to discuss key areas for students and staff in Aboriginal Education, Wellbeing, Curriculum and Community Engagement. During the meeting we discussed programs to run among our schools to support students and staff in the coming year.

Busy times ahead

We're about to enter the busy time of the year where reports are getting written, our Year 6 students are finalising their plans for high school and we transition new students into our classes ready for next year. There are a few things coming up for students, especially in the 4/5/6 class so please check your child's bag regularly for notes or pop your head into the classroom and look at the note board to make sure you have all of them.



Kind regards, Michelle Murphie - Principal

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements at last week's assembly.



K/1/2	
Emily Burgess	Creativity & effort in Visual Arts
Tyler Armstrong	Working well in maths groups
2/3/4	
Hamish Membrey	Ten class awards. Well done!
Isabella Ling	Trying hard with homework
Makayla Ball	50 nights home-reading
Samantha Oxenbridge	Working hard in spelling
4/5/6	
Charly Siggins	Great work in maths
Dylan Armstrong	Great work with solar cars
Paxton Star Award	
House & Vice Captains (Paige, Lilly, Bailey & Charly)	

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.



Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
6	Fri 18/11	Yrs 3-6 Agriculture Mini Lessons at Mount View High School
7	Mon 21/11	Kinder Orientation 9am-3pm
	Tue 22/11	Yrs 3 & 4 Milo Cricket Gala Day
	Wed 23/11	Around The World Day
	Thu 24/11	Assembly 2.30pm-Books in Homes go out
8	Mon 28/11 Fri 2/12	Kinder Orientation 9am-3pm Bike Day



-Year 6 2017 Senior Shirts-

As stated in the last newsletter, the P&C purchase one shirt per Year 6 student as a congratulatory gesture, embroidered with the students' senior year and name.

An order form, including prices, was sent home with the last newsletter for those parents wishing to order extra shirts. The shirts have been ordered along with staff shirts and those for volunteers who ordered. Thank you to those who returned the order form, your efforts are appreciated.

Extra shirts can still be ordered, but we cannot guarantee that they will be available for collection before school resumes in 2017.

For those who have not finalised payment for extra shirts, please do so by Dec 9th. Thank you!

-Preloved Uniform Pool-

Do you have Paxton Public School uniform items you no longer need? Why not pass them on?

If you have clean items in good preloved condition and would like to donate them to the Uniform Pool, please leave them at the school office. All items will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~

21/2 News

Literacy

This week we have been revising 'bossy e' sound, such as like and time. We looked at the way that, at words with a long 'i' the end of words, 'y' can also make a long 'i' sound, such as in my and cry.

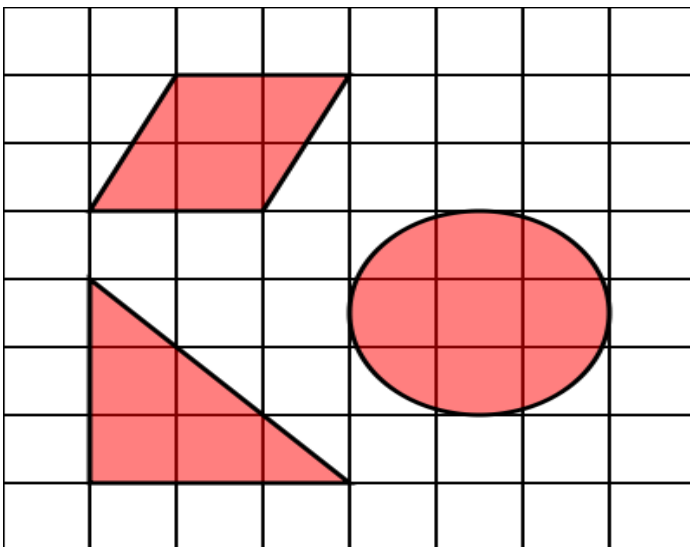
We also looked at exceptions to this rule and we discussed words like rye, bye and Thai.

In Year 1 we are focusing on irregular plurals in groups and discussion. We looked at words that are even more complex than just adding 's' or even than 'change the y into i and add es'. Some examples are leaf-leaves, man-men, elf-elves. Or words in which the plural and singular form are the same, like sheep and deer.



Maths

In Mathematics, we are revisiting finding area using informal units. For example, we measured the area of our desk using paper squares. You could practice these skills using units eg blocks, pieces of paper or shoes to measure areas at home. We have also continued to practice basic addition and subtraction facts eg Friends of 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50. Each day during maths we play a different Ten activity that helps to consolidate the children's learning of these concepts.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Learning with Miss W

K/1 Writing

Each week in writing we have been focusing on planning our writing using pictures and words to help us remember what our story is going to be about. Each week our stories are improving and we are now writing longer texts. This term we have focused on the picture books, *The Rainbow Fish*, *Alexander's Outing* and the short film *Piper*.



2/3/4 Punctuation

The last few weeks in literacy rotations we have been focusing on learning the correct use of punctuation to help improve our writing. We have been focusing on the use of commas, which we have now been using correctly in our writing.

CAPA Dance

In CAPA groups, everyone is enjoying dance. We are learning lots of locomotor and non locomotor dance moves. Each dance session we started off getting pumped up with a Zumba routine to get our bodies warmed up. One of our favourite songs to dance to is "Can't Stop this Feeling" from the new movie *Trolls*. We are looking forward to showing you the dance we have been practising for Presentation Night.



Thank you, Miss W

2/3/4 News

Learning: Post-Swimming in 2/3/4

Well done to all of our class, for diving right back into our normal timetable, after a busy two weeks of Intensive Swimming! Our literacy focus for this fortnight, has been editing. We have been lucky to have Miss W in the room to help us with punctuation drills during our Literacy Groups. A special mention goes to some of our best editors; Caleb, Hamish and Makayla (Year 2) who have been showing off their skills. Well done! We have also been practising reading our writing out loud, when editing, which helps us 'listen' for mistakes too. Nicole has been doing a great job at this.

As always we like to share! ☺

Mathematics

This week we have been identifying parallel and perpendicular lines in a real world context. When you think about it, there are lines almost everywhere you look! As Liam Dawes quoted, "Parallel lines **MUST** never touch!". Make sure you allow more than one math's rotation to discuss this with 2/3/4! Especially when you have google and a smartboard! LOL

Have a look at some of the creative drawings! ☺

Spelling Homework

Students have been taking home their differentiated spelling lists each week (and lots have been coming back)! Well done 2/3/4, the improvements in your writing speak for themselves. Credit goes to Samantha, Benjamin, Isabella, Jacob, Makayla, Hamish and Nicole, who are regularly returning their homework. Remember, the most valuable piece of homework you can do is read! ☺



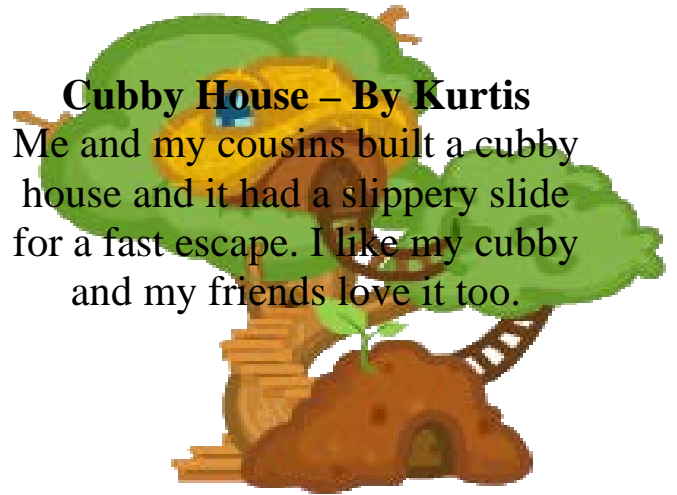
The Ozone Treehouse – By Izzy

"Argghhh, arghhh", screamed the chainsaw.

"Nooooooo", cried Treezey.

"I want a treehouse ocean monument!
It has to be fully compatible with a PS4
that has Little Big Planet 3 and Wi-Fi".

Cubby House – By Kurtis
Me and my cousins built a cubby house and it had a slippery slide for a fast escape. I like my cubby and my friends love it too.



Well done to all of 2/3/4 – Teri Clark ☺

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Reach Workshops at Cessnock Public School

Earlier this term, Mr Mark Wilson and I took students in Year 5 & 6 to workshops run by REACH at Cessnock Public School. Our next and last visit will be next Monday (21/11).

Mr Wilson and I will once again drive students over in our cars. Our last visit was fun and we joined in with students from Kitchener and Cessnock Public School.

ABOUT REACH

Reach supports young people to get the most out of life. We aim to improve the wellbeing of young people so they can be healthy and resilient to meet life's challenges, and fulfil their potential.

Each year, 40,000 young people aged 10-18 experience Reach through our youth-led preventative workshops – designed and delivered by our young crew.

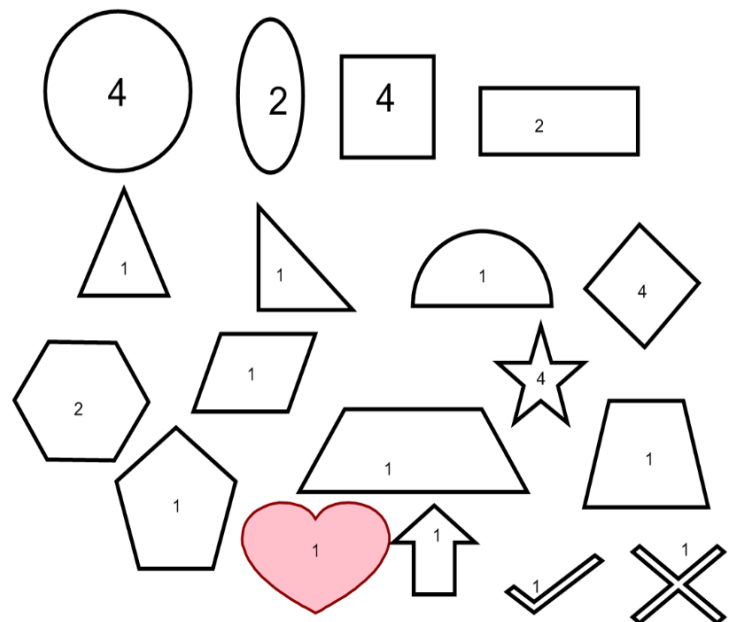
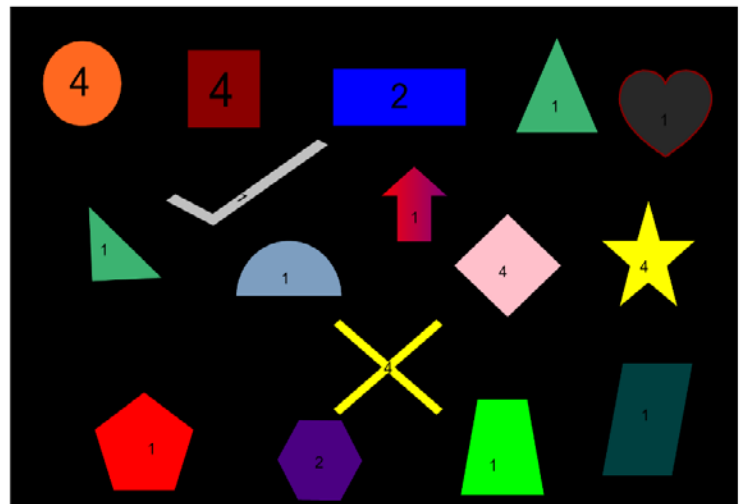
Young people say Reach improves their self-awareness and helps them build more meaningful connections.

For two decades, Reach has improved the wellbeing of tens of thousands of young people.

Maths

Last week we developed our knowledge of *Chance* and the likelihood of events, expressing these in words, fractions and decimals. This week we have been refreshing our knowledge of 2D shapes. In particular we learnt about polygons, rotational symmetry and what objects look like when their orientation has been changed using reflect, rotate and translate.

Great work from Amy-Sky, Liam and Lilly on rotational symmetry.



We move onto 3D shapes later this week and next week, before looking at measurement.

Regards, Michelle Murphie

Cooking & Gardening Program with Miss Lampe

Cooking

Back by extremely high demand, this week Paxton made Rocky Road in their cooking sessions. This particular recipe is certainly a favourite here at Paxton and the children have been asking (begging) me to let them make it again. It was obvious that our Rocky Road making skills had certainly been mastered this time around as we did not burn any of our chocolate in the microwave... Well maybe not all of us.



Gardening

Each week I get more and more excited when I see how well our gardens are growing!

So far we have already been able to see our lettuce, sweet corn stalks, tomato plants, carrots, celery and strawberries thriving. It has been great to see some of the children as excited as I am each time they give me an excited run down on the new things they have seen our vegetables sprouting.

Unfortunately, it seems the snails and other insects have been enjoying our gardens as much as we do.

Any suggestions in keeping them away would be extremely helpful and appreciated!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Good for Kids good for life

ICE ICE BABY - FOOD SAFETY

As the summer days get warmer so does the temperature inside your child's lunchbox. Warm lunchboxes increases the risk of food borne illnesses.

The food packed for child's lunch can be stored within the lunchbox for several hours prior to being eaten. A study by NSW Food Authority has shown that on a 25°C day temperatures for lunch packed without an ice brick can rise up to 12°C higher and produce 14 times as much bacteria as those packed with an ice brick or frozen drink.

Over summer make sure you pack an ice brick or a frozen drink with your child's lunch, and if possible use an insulated lunchbox as well!



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After a sell out Australian tour, Steve Backshall returns with his hit show **Deadly 60 Pole to Pole Live!**

Join Steve on his journey of wild discovery and dangerous entertainment, live on stage around Australia this January

Following his sold out 2016 Australian tour, Steve Backshall the star of one of the most popular children's shows on the planet, is returning to Australia with a new show based on the hit BBC series, "Deadly 60 Pole to Pole".

Come on a theatrical journey with Steve as he shares his experiences travelling from the South Pole to the North Pole, and his gripping encounters with deadly creatures from all corners of the globe.

www.deadly60liveonstage.com

2017 TOUR DETAILS

NEWCASTLE CIVIC THEATRE

Friday 6th January – 2.00pm

Bookings: www.ticketek.com.au

or 02 49291977

-Ends-

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Want to win prizes just by reading books? Join this year's Summer Reading Club at Cessnock City Library, kicking off on Thursday 1st December.

All you need to do is come into Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library anytime on or after Tuesday 1st December, register at the front counter, pick up your Summer Reading Kit and you're on your way! As you read each book, fill in your Reading Log – for every two hours that you read, you can collect a ticket to put into the Summer Reading Box – the more tickets in the box, the better your chance to win a prize at the Great Summer Reading Prize Draw in February of next year!

For more information, please contact Sandy at Cessnock Library on [49934384](tel:49934384).
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Cessnock Toyota
Stadium



CHRISTMAS DISCO

Friday: 9th December 2016 - 6pm - 8.30pm

Look out for Santa – he may drop by!!

Xmas Fancy Dress

\$5 per person

\$15 per family

Cobra's Café will be open selling hot food and drinks