

Paxton Public School

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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Paxton Public School in 2016

On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome back our families as well as our new kindergarten families for what is set to be an exciting and engaging school year. I've heard lots of interesting stories about how our students and their families enjoyed the recent holidays.

Staffing 2016



Mrs Corrin Shoesmith joins us this year as the K/1/2 teacher as Mrs Vanessa Armstrong was

unable to return to us due to family work commitments. It was a sad loss but Corrin has had a great start to the year and I encourage our families to welcome her to our lovely school.

Mrs Teri Clark and Miss Kierrin Elsley have returned to us this year as the 2/3/4 teachers. Teri is on the class Monday to Wednesday and Kierrin has the class on Thursday and Friday. Teri and Kierrin will communicate with each other regularly about the class so please talk to them if you have any questions or concerns.

I am the 4/5/6 teacher this year and we have started the year well. The year will fly by as the students engage in camp activities, sporting programs and Yr 6 transition to high school.

Mrs Leeanne Ledbrook is back with us again this term but this time in the school office, as Ms Leah Williams took up a wonderful opportunity to work at another school. Please pop into the office and say hello to Leeanne.

Communication with parents

This term I am on morning duty (8:30am to 9:00am) and if any parents or carers have any questions or concerns you are welcome to approach me. If a more suitable time is required please either arrange it with me or contact the school office. I am also available during recess and lunch times as well as after school. Phone conversations are also suitable but please be aware that I place a large importance on my teaching time with students and will return your call



as soon as possible. If the matter is urgent please notify the office staff and they will assist you.

Over the holidays our communication server was affected by the power blackouts and we have to replace it. As we normally send messages to parents via text messages about upcoming events, these will not occur in the next week or so while we wait for a replacement. We will still communicate important events through notes home with students and by our noticeboard at the front of the school. If you are unsure of details for an event please contact the school office or your child's teacher to find out more information.

Parent information meetings

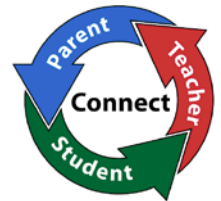
Parent information meetings will be held for each class over the coming Mondays. During these meetings, teachers will explain what will occur in your child's classroom over the year and answer any questions you might have. Ms Cindy Sadler, who is our Instructional Leader for Literacy and Numeracy K-2 will also attend the meetings for the K/1/2 and 2/3/4 class to explain about the intervention programs we run to support our students.

K/1/2 - Monday 8th February at 8:30am in the classroom.

2/3/4 - Monday 15th February at 3pm in the classroom.

4/5/6 - Monday 22nd February at 3pm in the classroom.

If you are unable to attend these meetings please speak with your child's classroom teacher to get the information.



Assemblies and Newsletters

Newsletters will be handed out every fortnight (even school weeks this term) starting today and contain lots of information about school activities, upcoming events, P&C information and community activities. Our K-6 school assemblies will occur every other fortnight on a Friday (starting next Friday 12th February) at 2:30pm in our school library. Paxton News (under the guidance of Mrs Teri Clark) will continue to be shown at our assemblies as well as the

presentation of merit awards and student work/performance. We would love to see as many parents, families and community members at our assemblies to share in the achievements of our students and staff.



Sporting Schools Grant

We have been successful once again in getting sporting grants that enable us to give our students high quality sporting programs at little or no cost to families. This term we have organised for a cricket coaching clinic to run 4 sessions from qualified staff. Students will be involved in learning lots of skills and techniques for playing the game. The sessions start next Friday. Students will receive a bag of goodies to bring home. There is no cost to parents for this program.

Classroom supplies

Students in 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 are encouraged to bring their own pencil cases with pencils, scissors, glue and a ruler to use in their lessons. There is spare equipment for students to use if they have forgotten their personal equipment. All students are also asked to bring in a box of tissues and a roll of paper towel to be used in class during the year. We would also appreciate any plastic margarine, yoghurt or ice-cream containers (with lids or without). We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yr 6 fundraising

Starting from next week our Year 6 students will be selling frozen ice-blocks (zooper doopers) and frozen pineapple rings during lunchtime. The money raised will go towards end of year celebrations and the purchasing of a gift to the school from the students. The cost will be 25c per item and we greatly appreciate your support.



A book sale will also run from next week in the mornings from 8:30am. The cost to purchase a second hand book is any coin donation or get a plastic bag full of books for \$2.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie
Principal*

Upcoming dates for February

Mon 8 th	K/1/2 Parent information chat 8:30am
Fri 12 th	First Assembly for the year 2.30pm
Mon 15 th	2/3/4 Parent information chat 3.00pm
Tues 16 th	Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Wed 17 th	Book Club Orders due
	P & C AGM at 2.00pm
Mon 22 nd	4/5/6 Parent information chat 3.00pm

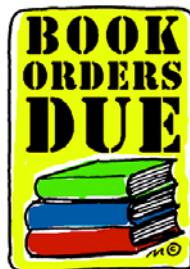
P&C NEWS

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th of February in the School library at 2.00pm where all positions will become available. All parents are more than welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~

Don't Forget



Wednesday 17th February

Community News

Paxton Bowling CLUB
24 Clift St Paxton
Phone 49981277
FREE
Kids Disco
SAT 13th Feb
6pm > 9pm
ALL WELCOME
COME JOIN IN SOME FUN
BISTRO OPEN 6pm > 8pm

