

Paxton Public School

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“Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect”

Term 1 - Week 4 Thursday, 10 March 2016

Principal's Report

Parent information meetings

4/5/6 – Monday 22nd Feb and Tuesday 23rd Feb at 3pm in the 4/5/6 classroom.

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



Small Schools Swimming Carnival



On Tuesday our school joined with other small schools in the Cessnock area for a small schools swimming carnival. The students had a great time participating in novelty and competition races and represented our school to a high standard. Lots of students came away with ribbons for achieving places in races. Well done to the students who participated in the junior and small school relays. Times and places will be considered for the zone carnival in the coming weeks and we will notify parents if students have been successful at progressing onto the next round.

Cessnock Council Parking Information

To avoid a dangerous environment around our schools, Council Rangers have five simple steps to help keep kids safe at school:

- *Teach your kids how to be safe around traffic.
- *Observe all parking signs as they are designed to keep everyone safe.
- *Familiarise yourself with traffic conditions around your school.
- *Take extra care while in school zones, even when no kids are around.
- *Choose safety over convenience, even if it means parking further away.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavy fines and loss of demerit points. Council's Compliance and Enforcement Policy is clear in that we have zero tolerance when it comes to offences within school zones.



Home Reading Program

This week, teachers are starting to hand out home readers for students to take home. Students are encouraged to read their book and then return it to school to swap over for another book. Students will receive a white merit award for every 10 nights of home reading.



Students in Years 3 – 6 have been spoken to about participating in Star Struck 2016 this week. Star Struck is a performance held every year for students in public schools across the Hunter area. Expressions of interest went home with students earlier this week and are asked to be returned to Mrs Teri Clark by next Monday (22nd Feb). There is a commitment from students and families for the event but it is certainly worth it. Students will enjoy being part of a large performance group, meeting new friends and having this experience. If you would like further information please contact the school.

Hunter Basketball Trials

Zone trials for basketball are being held for primary school students on 4th March at Nulkaba Public School. This will be a quick trial to select students to go onto the Hunter Trials the following week. The trials will run from 9:15am – 10:15am on the basketball court at Nulkaba Public School. If your child is interested in trying out you will need to make private transport arrangements to and from Nulkaba. Students should bring with them water, a ball (is possible) and wear appropriate shoes for basketball activities. Please notify our school office so we can send your child's details through to Nulkaba PS.



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

Don't forget that Year 6 students have been 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 is also occurring every morning and afternoon. The cost to purchase a second hand book is any coin donation or get a plastic bag full of books for \$2. Please help us in supporting our Yr 6 students.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphy
Principal*

Upcoming dates for February/March

Fri 19 th Feb	Cricket Coaching
Mon 22 nd Feb	4/5/6 Parent information chat 3pm
Tues 23 rd Feb	4/5/6 Parent information chat 3pm
Fri 26 th Feb	Cricket Coaching
Fri 26 th Feb	Assembly 2.30pm
Thurs 24 th Mar	Easter Hat Parade



-P&C General Meetings for 2016-

Our first general meeting was held yesterday afternoon and it was great to see some new parents keen to join in.

We discussed specific events for Term 1 including Easter and some ideas for later in the year including Mothers' Day and Year 6 mini fairs.

The meetings are currently held on Wednesday afternoon from 2pm. If you would enjoy to attend meetings but this time is not convenient, please complete the attached 'Expression of Interest' note and return it to the office.

We look forward to working together to make 2016 our best year yet!

Easter Raffle-

The P&C are seeking donations to be included in this year's Easter raffle which will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade on March 24th

All donations will be gratefully appreciated and may be left at the school office.

There will be three prizes to be won and tickets will be sent home soon.

Thank you!

-Easter Hat Parade Thursday March 24th-

Easter is nearly here which means we'll be celebrating in style with lunch prior to the Easter Hat Parade.

Lunch order notes will be sent home soon

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~

-P&C Meeting Expression of Interest-

I am interested in attending P&C meetings but the time isn't convenient.

A more suitable time would be:

Name _____

Time/Day _____

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

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



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FREE KIDS DENTAL*

Important update on the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule



Dear Principal,

Important news for your school community.
Make sure they're aware that they may be eligible to receive a \$1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.

Many families in 2014 and 2015 were surprised to discover their children were eligible for the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

If their child was eligible in 2014 and received services it may be worthwhile checking eligibility for 2016 as they may now be able to access a further \$1000 to be used over another 2 consecutive calendar years.

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule provides eligible children with \$1000 dental benefits over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure seals, fillings, root canals and extractions.

It is important for families to check their eligibility with Medicare to see if they are eligible in 2016. If families first utilised the benefit in 2015, they may also have additional funds available to be used in 2016 for their child.


To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

It is vital that children establish good dental health habits whilst they are young. We encourage you to share information about this government scheme with your school so that families are able to take advantage of the reset \$1000 free dental benefit*.

We've included some basic information on the scheme overleaf and on our website which you can share in your school's newsletter, website or social media channels.

We look forward to helping the children of your school smile for life!

Yours Sincerely,



Kristen Parish - Centre Manager | Pacific Smiles Dental, Rutherford

*When services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.

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