



# Paxton Public School

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***"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"***

Term 1 - Week 6 Monday, 14 March 2016



## *Principal's Report*

### Parent Meetings for students in Years K-2

Next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, parents of our K-2 students are invited into school to discuss their child's progress so far this term. During the meetings, our Instruction Leader (Cindy Sadler) and classroom teachers (Corrin Shoesmith and Teri Clark) will discuss BestStart results (for new kindergarten students) and other results for Years 1 & 2. Students were given notes to book a time earlier this week. Please see Corrin, Teri or Leanne (office) to receive another note or for more information.



### Clean Up Australia Day

Tomorrow 4<sup>th</sup> March, students are asked to bring in gloves and a plastic bag to help clean up around our school as part of Clean Up Australia Day. The students will be collecting rubbish from inside our school and along the fence line out the front.



### Strive For Autism Inc - Support group



At the end of last year we were given an opportunity to apply for a grant to support our students in the classroom and playground through the organisation **Strive for Autism**. A big thanks to Strive for providing this grant that will allow us to purchase a variety of items to support our students.

Strive is an organisation that supports and informs parents and families who are new to the world of Autism. They also provide ongoing support to parents and families by sharing suggestions and ideas. They have a support group that has a meeting this term on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and next term on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. It is held at the Koenara building (Cessnock Primary School) from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. For more information contact Strive at [info@strivefoundation.org.au](mailto:info@strivefoundation.org.au) or visit their website at [www.striveforaustralia.org.au](http://www.striveforaustralia.org.au)



### Star Struck

Well done to Mrs Clark and her group of Star Struckers who sent in an audition tape for this year's performances. We hope to hear back soon and will keep you posted on any news we hear.

### Student Achievement

Well done to Chaise Grunsell who participated in a karate competition over the weekend. She achieved first place in Kata and Kumite.



### Home Reading Program



Just a reminder that teachers handed out home readers for students to take home last week.

Students are encouraged to read their book and then return it to school to swap over for another book as soon as they finish reading it. Students will receive a white merit award for every 10 nights of home reading.

### School Garden

Last week with the help of Kim and Geoff we have started to create a school garden. Students in 4/5/6 will start the program off and will use the ingredients in the garden to make a variety of delicious food. We intend on inviting parents/carers and community groups to our school later in the year once we have mastered some cooking skills. We would love some garden helpers, so if you are interested please watch this space.



### League Tag Day

Expression of interest notes went home this week for the League Tag Day that is to be held next Tuesday at Carmichael Park.



We are hoping to send two mixed teams (Year 3 & 4) and (Year 5 & 6) to the event to represent our school. A teacher will accompany the students and parents are asked to assist with transport if they can.

### Cessnock Zone PSSA Rugby League Trails

The trials for the Cessnock Zone PSSA Rugby League team will take place at Mt View Park ("The Basin") at 10am on Friday, March 11th. Trials will be conducted by teachers along with development staff from the NRL. After the trials, a team will be selected to represent that Cessnock Zone at the Hunter PSSA Trials at Lakeside Sporting Reserve, Raymond Terrace on Friday, March 18th.



We ask that students that are nominated for the trials meet the following criteria:

1. Triallist must be in Year 5 or 6.
2. Triallists must be registered rugby league players, and should be playing Division 1 in their age groups, or have previous representative experience.
3. Triallists must be available to trial on the morning of Friday March 11 at The Basin, and to represent the zone on March 18th at Raymond Terrace, and must be able to make their own way to and from these venues.
4. For safety reasons, triallists must bring their own boots and protective equipment to the trials.

Please contact the school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, March if your child is interested in participating in the trial.

### Cessnock Show Colouring Competition



Well done to Hamish Membrey (Yr 2) and Amy-Sky Cruickshank (Yr 5) for winning second place each in the recent competition run by the show.

They each won family passes to the show for their efforts.

### Canteen Volunteers

A huge thanks to our canteen volunteers who come in on Fridays to help out in the canteen. Without these volunteers we wouldn't be able to offer this service to our students. There is a canteen roster in the front office window and if you are able to help out (even just once a term) we would greatly appreciate it.



### Assembly Awards

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

*Riley Young* – Kindergarten

Working well in reading groups.

*Evan Nugent* – Kindergarten

Paxton Spirit Award

*Noah Grunsell* – Year 1

Taking pride in her work.

*Samantha Oxenbridge* – Year 3

Writing wonderful persuasive texts.

*Aidan Dawes* – Year 3

Always showing respect in class.

*Amy-Sky Cruickshank* – Year 5

A great homework activity.

*Bailey Harris* – Year 6

A great homework activity



### Football (Soccer) Cessnock Zone Trails

Cessnock Zone PSSA Football (Soccer) Trails for both girls and boys will be conducted on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Abermain Soccer Fields, Frame Drive, Abermain commencing at 9.30am-12.30pm.



Students are requested to arrive at the ground 30 minutes before starting time.

You will need to take along your usual playing equipment on the day. Soccer boots, mouthguard, shin pads, long socks, suitable shorts, water and a hat.

All players will be supplied with a playing shirt for the trials.

Students selected will participate at the Regional Trails on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Stephenson Oval, Mayfield (last Friday of the term – week 11, term 1).

Please contact the school by Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> March if your child is interested in participating in the trial. We will also need to know your child's playing position.

### School Photos

School Photos are being held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March and order forms are being sent home today. If you require a sibling photo package order form please see Leeanne in the office.

*Kind regards,  
Michelle Murphie  
Principal*

### *Upcoming dates for March*

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Coaching Clinic
	Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Interviews
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cessnock League Tag Day
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2.30pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Enviromatters K-6
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bully No Way Day
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Photos
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Hat Parade



#### **-Canteen Volunteers Needed-**

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 being a canteen helper this Friday or any other, please notify the school or add your name to the roster in the school office. Thank you!

#### **-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 24<sup>th</sup>. Sincere thanks to those families who have already brought in some goodies, all donations are gratefully appreciated.

Raffle tickets have been sent home today and must be returned by 2pm on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 to be included in the draw.

There will be three prizes to be won and you've got to be in it, to win it!

#### **-Easter Hat Parade Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

It will be a great day full of fun and fantastic performances. We hope you can join us?

Lunch order notes will be sent home soon.

### **K/1/2 News**

#### **Writing**

K/1/2 have been writing about their pets and other wild animals that live in their backyards. K/1/2 have been working together to compose a piece of "shared" writing around a shared experience demonstrating that "what we say we can write". This week the topic was "pets and other wild animals that live in our backyards". Students discussed their pets and the wild animals that live in their backyards, they created an artwork with paint and oil pastels and wrote a sentence about their pet. This activity implements word work and promotes use of "walls that teach" for writing and spelling. Take a look at K/1/2's wonderful work!



#### **L3 Reading Groups**

L3 reading groups are underway in K/1/2. Students practise reading skills and learn reading strategies to apply in independent reading. Reading at home each night will help to consolidate what is being taught at school and I'm sure the children will love having you listen to them read!



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

*Regards, Corrin Shoesmith*

**Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C**

**~ Together we can make a difference ~**

## **“What’s been happening in 2/3/4 you ask?”**

### **CAPA Groups**

2/3/4 were the first full class to participate in Paxton News this year and we created a wonderful edition for the school assembly. There were lots of giggles and all students had a special role. Everyone can agree that our directors, Aidan and Liam stole the show and that our news readers; Isabella, Samantha and Nicole were very sweet! Well done to Hamish, our designer, Caleb, Kurtis and Jacob for your excellent photographs, Izzy for presenting the weather with a witty twist and to Jensen and Ben for making props and videoing!

### **Numeracy**

In Numeracy with Miss Elsley, the students have been learning about measurement in day-to-day life. It’s amazing what can be done with Fantale wrappers! ☺

In Number with Mrs Clark, students enjoyed exploring the classroom for ‘arrays’ and developed their understanding through making models with Mentos! We promise we don’t have shares in Allens!! Students were able to write extended responses in their number journals that showed a deep understanding of multiplication and division. Have a look at Liam’s array! ☺



### **Dojo Points**

2/3/4 have earned enough ‘Dojo’ points to receive a class prize this week. Students are able to earn points during class for following our PBL Stars – Safety, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect. Well done 2/3/4 on 240 + points!

### **Homework Stars**

Well done to the following students who have made an extra special effort with their homework and home readers in the last few weeks – Samantha Oxenbridge, Izzy Wilson, Caleb Martin, Hamish Membrey and Kurtis Orr. Congratulations on being responsible learners!!

*Regards, Teri Clark and Kierrin Elsley*

## **What’s the Scoop from 4/5/6**

We’ve started off the year with some great demonstrations of quality work in the 4/5/6 classroom.

### **Maths**

So far in Maths we’ve refreshed our knowledge on addition, subtraction, angles and are now onto multiplication. We’re learning two different ways for multiplying numbers.

*Just a reminder that Maths homework is based on the previous topic that we have been learning about in class.*

### **Homework**

Spelling words, maths worksheets and a term grid of activities are all part of homework activities for this term. Students are also encouraged to read for 20 minutes a night and record this in their *Home Reading Log*. Every 10 nights equals a merit award so please encourage your child to read.



**Well done to Amy-Sky and Bailey for completing activities from the Term 1 grid.**

### **Reading groups**

Please note that we have changed our time for Reading Groups. It is now 9:15am – 10:20am Monday – Thursday. If you have some time free we’d love to see you in our classroom.

### **Stage 3 camp – Canberra**

The Stage 3 (Yr 5 & 6) camp to Canberra will occur early in Term 4 and has an approximate cost of \$300 (to be confirmed). Early next term the office will send out more information and booking slips for you to start paying off camp. The camp will be for 2 nights and 3 days and there are lots of exciting activities planned.

*Regards, Michelle Murphie*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MINDARIBBA PAEDIATRIC CLINIC

### OPENING

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**  
**9:30am – 1:30pm**

### WHERE

**Mindaribba LALC**  
**1a Chelmsford Drive Metford 2323**

**All consultations Bulk Billed • Opened**  
**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday • Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm**  
**• Paediatrician • Child & Family Nurse •**  
**Pathology •**



### CONTACT FOR APPOINTMENT

**02 4015 7000**

**FAX REFERRAL**  
**4934 8544**

**Dr Rebecca Healey**

**MINDARIBBA**

LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL



CMRL REGO 2016

Its time to **REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

Go to the CMRL webpage (CMRL.net.au) and click on the "register now" button or follow us on Facebook and click on the link provided

\* All players from 6 to 16 \$105

\* All under 17's \$135

Our registration fees for the 2016 season include all club fees, so **NO CLUB FEES** are required to be paid throughout the season.

This registration payment also includes the additional \$5 participation fee imposed by Newcastle Rugby League.

Every player will receive a club polo, shorts and a pair of socks to kick off their season

For registration problems call

**TAMMY AVERY** on **0402 697 417**

for general enquiries call

**Spot Mitchell** (secretary) on **0411 024 296**

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Meeting

Last Thursday I met with a number of parents and brainstormed ways that we could increase our involvement in community programs both in our school and in the community. Some of these suggestions included: term breakfasts, increased participation in events with other schools and more community events at school. If you have any suggestions please fill in the form attached to this newsletter and hand it into the office.

### Community Engagement Ideas

Please list any ideas you may have on how we can increase our involvement in community activities both at school and outside in the community. We appreciate your responses.

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Thanks – if you'd like to leave your details so the school can contact you please fill in the section below.

Name: .....

Contact details: .....