



Paxton Public School

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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

Term 2 – Week 2 Thursday, 5 May 2016

Principal's Report

ANZAC Day

Our school once again held an ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Monday 25th April and participated in the Cessnock March. Our school leaders, Jamie and Caelli, did a wonderful job of representing our school by laying wreaths and telling us what ANZAC Day means to them. Thank you to the students, families and community members who joined us for these commemorative activities. Thank you also to the Paxton Bowling Club for providing the hearty breakfast after the Dawn Service.



School Uniform

Just a reminder as we head into the cooler months of the year, that students are encouraged to wear blue school jumpers and tracksuit pants as part of their uniform. The office has school jackets for sale and we are also trying to create a stock of pre-loved uniforms. If you have any at home that you would like to donate to the school please drop them off at the office.

NAPLAN

A reminder that students in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN testing.



Upgrade to Anderson Ave

After returning from holidays I saw that Cessnock City Council have upgraded Anderson Avenue outside our school. This upgrade of the road will make a huge difference when the rainy weather is upon us and will also make parking easier. Thanks to the council for completing this work.

Parking on Anderson Ave

Just a reminder that the No Parking signs outside the school gates are there to assist our students entering and leaving the school safely. Last term a ranger was seen monitoring the area and is in a position to hand out fines for not adhering to the signs.



Sport for Term 2

Last week we started our *Dance 2B fit and* athletics program with Cessnock PCYC. The students had a great time in both sessions and are eagerly looking forward to future sessions.

Don't forget to put Friday 13th in your calendar as our school's Athletics carnival and also Friday 27th May as the Small Schools carnival in at Turner Park, Cessnock.

Staff Professional Development

This term our staff will be attending professional development courses to build upon their knowledge of teaching strategies to help our students achieve high outcomes. These include:

- L3 – Kindergarten literacy initiative
- TEN- Targeted Early Numeracy
- Quality Teaching Rounds – observations by other teachers on the effectiveness of lessons
- School leadership
- PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning



On days when staff are out of the school for these sessions, teachers leave regular work for the replacement teacher. While we do try to have regular casual teachers (Mark, Kierrin and Judy) in our school, sometimes this is not possible.

Creative Groups – Monday and Tuesday

We are very excited to have started our new creative groups this Monday and Tuesday. Students will have an opportunity to participate in the activities over the term and they will demonstrate their skills in assemblies.

Corrin – drumming using Djembe Drums

Teri – creation of Paxton News for assemblies

Michelle – robotics using Lego EV3 and Beebots

Thanks to Helpful Parents

A big thankyou to Allan Harris for volunteering to fix our leaking bubblers. Allan kindly grabbed some new washers and with the help of his sons, fixed the bubblers. We really appreciate this contribution to our school.

A big thankyou to Nathalie Oxenbridge for assisting with transport to Starstruck rehearsals this week.



*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie Principal*

Assembly Awards

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

Cameron Oxenbridge Kindergarten – Improvement in writing

Tyler Armstrong Kindergarten – Effort in maths

Hamish Membrey Year 2 – Striving for excellence in writing

Benjamin Ling Year 4 – Being a helpful and organised class member

Chaise Grunsell Year 4 – Great answers in BTN

Hayley Ball Year 4 – Demonstrating an understanding of coordinates in maths

Jordan Macey Year 4 – 10 nights of home reading

Jordan Macey Year 4 – Paxton Spirit Award

Amy-Sky Cruickshank Year 5 – Paxton Star Award



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.



Upcoming Dates

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| Fri 6/4 | Mothers Day Stall Mothers Day Lunch 1.15pm Fun Activities & Raffle 2.00pm |
| Mon 9/5 | Deadly Cooking at Millfield P/S 1.00pm |
| Tues 10/5 | Naplan |
| Wed 11/5 | Naplan Cross Country |
| Thurs 12/5 | Naplan |
| Fri 13/5 | Paxton Olympics Assembly 2.30pm |



-Annual General Meeting-

The P&C AGM was held on last Wednesday April 27th. Sincere thanks to our exiting Executive Members Neale Beresford and Tracey Harrington.

The 2016/17 Executive committee members are:

President – Kate Walker

Vice President – Sian Membrey

Treasurer – Donna Bridge

Secretary – Catherine Dixon

Canteen Supervisors–Trudi Gore & Nat Oxenbridge

-Mothers' Day-

Mothers' Day celebrations will be held tomorrow, Friday May 6th. The P&C will host a Mothers' Day stall in the morning, to allow the students to purchase gifts from \$1 to \$5 each.

Lunch order notes were to be returned this morning but a small amount of extras will be catered for. Recess will be available to order as normal and order forms are being sent home today.

We wish all our Mums a truly

*Happy
Mother's Day*

-Small Schools Sports Carnival-

We recently learned that we've been successful in securing the canteen duties at the Small Schools Sports Carnival.

The Carnival will be held on Friday May 27th at Turner Park and involves lots of local small schools.

Running the canteen is a great fundraising opportunity and heaps of fun. Working in shifts will ensure we get plenty of time to watch our precious kiddies perform at their very best.

A special meeting will be held soon to discuss a menu for the day so if this is something that interests you, please come along. Date to be advised.

-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 ~

K/1/2 News

K/1/2 has hit the ground running with a busy start to term 2. L3 literacy groups have started along with the implementation of TEN. TEN stands for Targeted Early Numeracy intervention program and complements our regular numeracy program. The TEN program includes;

- Short, focussed, frequent numeracy sessions.
- Strategically targeted activities focussing on addition and subtraction.
- Close monitoring of student progress.

K/1/2 Excursion

On Thursday the 9th of June, K/1/2 will be going on an excursion to Newcastle foreshore. We will be having a picnic lunch, catching a ferry to Stockton and then visiting Fighterworld. The cost of the excursion will be approximately \$30. A note will go home to K/1/2 students soon with more details about the day.

DRUMBEAT

This term DRUMBEAT will be implemented at the school. K/1/2 will be the first class to experience the DRUMBEAT program and we look forward to showing you some things the children have learnt, at next weeks' assembly.

DRUMBEAT stands for Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes, and Thoughts.

For centuries, ancient cultures have used hand drumming to bring people together. Drawing on this wisdom and in collaboration with Aboriginal people and the community, the team at Holyoake developed the DRUMBEAT program in 2003.

Holyoake's DRUMBEAT is the world's first structured learning program using music, psychology and neurobiology to reconnect with ourselves and others. Holyoake's DRUMBEAT program is facilitated around the world including Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Canada and Europe. It is an evidence-based program with proven social outcomes. The program continues to evolve in line with the latest research, and in response to the work of a vast network of accredited DRUMBEAT Facilitators.

Each DRUMBEAT session focuses on different relationship themes such as identity and social responsibility, values, dealing with emotions, peer pressure, harmony, communication and teamwork. If desired, the program may conclude with a performance which gives participants an opportunity to share their progress with family, friends and other respected people in their lives.



Learning Environment

You may have noticed the K/1/2 classroom looking a bit different this term. Last week we received our beautiful new furniture. The classroom is looking fabulous as we work towards creating an innovative work space for the children to learn. Please feel free to pop in for a look.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Teaching and Learning in 2/3/4

2/3/4 have had a very enthusiastic start towards term 2. We are excited about all of the wonderful things that are happening this term.

Mathematics

During Mathematics students will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes as well as position and time. This week students have been enjoying playing 3D shape bingo and 3D shape Guess Who.



Science

This term during science 2/3/4 will be learning about all living and non-living things. Students will have the opportunity to look, explore and classify living and nonliving things. On Thursday students got the chance to observe a Venus Fly Trap.

English

During class students have been learning about onomatopoeia. The students looked at excerpts from old batman clips and looked for all the onomatopoeias. Students then created artwork using their favourite onomatopoeias. Come visit 2/3/4 and check them out.



Thank you, Mrs Clark and Miss Elsley

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Writing

This term we are learning how to write fantastic narratives. As part of this unit, students will be creating their own picture books, claymations, plays and an array of amazing stories. We can't wait to share them with you!

Robotics

Last week we built our robots and started to program them to do a variety of different tasks. We also had an opportunity to program the Beebots (Ages 3+) to understand some basic programming.



This was a lot of fun and the kids were then very excited about programming the Ev3 robots. If you are interested in seeing what we do with the robots please pop into the classroom next Monday or Tuesday from 2pm – 3pm. If this time doesn't suit have a chat to me and we can make another time.



Deadly Cooking

This week our Aboriginal students travelled to Millfield PS to begin their Deadly Cooking lessons. They had a great time and we look forward to them sharing their cooking skills with us as the term progresses.

*Regards,
Michelle Murphie*

2016 Paxton Olympics



Paxton Public School will be holding the 2016 Paxton Olympics on Friday 13th May. Families and the community are invited to attend from 9.00 am. It will be held within the school grounds on both the front and back fields. Students are asked to wear the colours of their house and sensible running shoes. Kookaburras should wear blue clothes and Magpies should wear red clothes. Students need to bring a water bottle and a hat. Canteen will be open for recess and lunch and an order form will be sent home next week for students and families to order from. There will be open classrooms from 2.00pm - 2.30pm onwards in which parents and community members can visit classrooms.

If there are any parents that would be available to assist in the running races it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Leeanne Ledbrook know in the office.

Program of Events

9.00am Running Races

10.00am Field Activities

11.00am Recess

11.30am Novelty Events

12.00pm

- Class K/1/2 and Class 2/3/4 Dance 2B Fit
- Class 4/5/6 Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball, Over Under Ball and Tug A War

12.40pm

- Class 4/6/6 Dance 2B Fit
- Class K/1/2 and Class 2/3/4 Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball, Over Under Ball, Tug A War

1.20pm Lunch

2.00pm Open Classrooms

2.30pm Assembly

Thanks, Kierrin Elsley

Premier's Reading Challenge

Paxton Public School will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) this term.



Students are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge aiming to read as many books off the list as possible. During class, students will be reading Premier Reading Challenge books. Students can also read books at home and record the books they have read on their personal reading log. Premier Reading challenge books can be borrowed from the library.

A full list of books can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge site <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

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Softball Zone Trails

Abermain Public School are running a zone trial for softball at the school from 2.30 – 3.30pm on Wednesday 18th May. This trial is open to any girl or boy in Year 5 and 6.

If you would like to try out please let the office know by Thursday 12th May so we can forward your name to Abermain Public School.



Hunter Boys/Girls Touch Trials

Abermain Public school are taking names for the Hunter boy and girls touch trials. Trials will be held in Wallsend on Friday 20th May.

If you would like to try out please let the office know by Monday 9th May so we can forward your name to Abermain Public School.



Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 students will be selling frozen chocolate and strawberry milk cups 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 40c per frozen milk and we greatly appreciate your support.



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PLAYWORKS - Mondays
Koe-Nara, 10 am to 12



LET'S PLAY - Tuesdays
Koe-Nara, 10 am to 12

STORIES - Wednesdays
Bunnings: April 27, May 25 & June 29
10.30am with Family Insight
Morning tea provided



PLAYWORKS - Thursdays
Cessnock East Public School, from
9am to 11am

BABIES - Thursdays
Koe-Nara, 12.30pm to 2pm

STORIES - Fridays
Abermain Public School 2.30pm to
3.10pm

Playgroup operates in school term only—returning April 28 2016
All groups are free
Morning tea for the children is provided at our supported playgroups

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