



Paxton Public School

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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

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Principal's Report

Staff Development Day Term 3

On the first day back next term (Monday 18th July), school staff will be attending a course to support students. We will be there for the day with teachers from other schools. Please note that the office will be closed on this day.

First day back for students Term 3

Students return to school on Tuesday 19th July.

Spelling Bee competition

Early next term students will be involved in competitions in preparation for the Spelling Bee competition. More information about this activity will be sent home to families early next term.



Public speaking competition



This week we have been having our school public speaking competitions. Well done to everyone who delivered a speech – there were some very interesting topics! Early next term we will announce the successful students who will progress onto the next round at Nulkaba Public School next term.

PSSA Small Schools Soccer



Congratulations to our soccer team who played their first round against Peats Ridge PS. We had players from Year 3 through to Year 6 and Mr Mark Wilson was very proud of the sportsmanship and determination showed by all students. Our kids always give 100% effort and it showed on the soccer field last week. Mark is organising the next round game which will be held early next term. Thanks to the parents who helped with transport down to Mangrove Mountain. We appreciate your support!

Toilet Refurbishment

Our toilet refurbishment has finished and we are now enjoying our new facilities. The students have commented on the new tiles, doors and paint. Thanks to the team from P&M Ferry Builders who did the work. While the many workers were in our school, we got lots of positive comments on the behaviour of students and the great programs they saw our kids engaging in. While we know our kids are terrific, it is always nice to hear positive comments from the wider community.

Semester 2 reports and Parent Teacher Meetings

While reading the semester 2 reports for our students over the weekend, it was very pleasing to see how much effort our students put into their daily school activities. It was also great to see the academic achievements that are reflected in the reports. Our students are generally achieving at their year level or above and this is a result of high student and teacher effort and the educational programs and support the school has put in place. The teachers work hard to provide differentiated activities to suit the students in their class, and this is certainly reflected in classrooms everyday. Well done to students and teachers for your hard work this semester. You have all achieved great results!

History excursion to Hyde Parks Barracks Museum

I'm very excited to announce that our school was successful in applying for a special overnight excursion to the Hyde Parks Barracks Museum for a Convict sleepover. This wonderful experience has been offered to our students in Year 4, 5 & 6 and involves a sleep over in traditional convict style – hammocks and all! This excursion is totally **FREE** (thanks to the State Government) and compliments the unit of work on Early Australian History that we have been learning about in class. It is also a great opportunity for our students to get used to being on camp before they head off for the small schools camps in Term 3 for Year 3 & 4 and Term 4 for our Year 5 & 6 students. We will also need 2 parents to assist with the excursion. Please be aware that the venue is non-smoking and you will not be allowed to leave the buildings during the sleepover. Also, as students and adults will be sleeping in hammocks in the same area (see the image below) our parent helpers will need to have an approved **Working with Children** check completed and copies forwarded to the venue. A note will go out this week as we are booked in for August 3rd and 4th (Week 3, Term 3).



End of term thanks

This term has been very busy with lots of activities and I would like to thank our students, parents, teachers and community for their contributions to our school. Have a nice break and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie Principal*

Assembly Awards

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



Tyler Stanford Kindergarten – Kind and considerate classmate

Noah Grunsell Year 1 – Working independently to complete set task

Liam Dawes Year 3 – Joining in during activities

Makayla Ball Year 2 – Fitting in well in 2/3/4 and trying her best

Caelli-Rose Jordan Year 6 – Great leadership in cooking program

Hayley Ball Year 4 – Great work in writing

Canteen Helpers – Paxton Star Award

Noah Grunsell – Paxton Spirit 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 Leanne in the office.



Upcoming Dates

Thur 30/6	Pirate Day
	Koori Cook Off Kurri Kurri
Fri 1/7	Last Day of Term
Mon 18/7	Staff Development Day – School will be closed
Tues 19/7	Students Return
Wed 20/7	Drumbeat Performance
	Netball Competition
Thur 21/7	Drumbeat Performance



-No Voting at Paxton Public School-

A reminder that Paxton PS will not be open for voting this Saturday July 2nd.

It has been suggested that in an effort to reduce the amount of staff required on election day, several polling places in our ward have been closed depending on the area and people it services.

Millfield, Ellalong and Bellbird Schools will be open. It's unfortunate that Paxton Public School is one of the schools culled and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but it's beyond our control.

-General P&C Meeting-

Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday July 21st from 6pm. It will be run in conjunction with a Year 6 fundraising Dinner and Disco starting from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

During the year, we've attempted to accommodate everyone by altering the day and time of the meeting. Everyone is welcome, see you there?

-Canteen-

The canteen operates each Friday offering the students the option to order their recess and lunch. The canteen supervisors have begun a trial of operating an extra day as well.

Volunteers are always welcome and often needed to assist from 9am to 2.30pm in preparing and filling lunch orders.

If you would enjoy to be a canteen helper, please notify the school or add your name to the roster in the school office. 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.

It's been a busy term and we're all looking forward to the holidays. We've hosted several fundraising events which have been greatly supported by our wonderful families and we would like to say...



Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~

K/1/2 News

Living Safely with dogs

Last week K/1/2 had a visit from Nikki and her dog Thunder from 'Living Safely With Dogs'. The children were taught how to safely meet and greet a real dog. Each child was then given the opportunity to participate in the meet and greet with the Pet Educators dog. The program focused on teaching students:

- when dogs should be left alone
- things we should not do to dogs
- how can you tell if a dog is happy, scared or angry
- a safe way to approach and greet a dog
- what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.



Public Speaking

This week all students in K/1/2 presented a speech to the class. All students did a fantastic job! Unfortunately I could only pick three students to go on to the finals. A big congratulations to Evan Nugent, Tyler Armstrong and Noah Grunswell who will present their speech in front of the whole school in the public speaking finals. We wish you the best of luck!

Lost Property

There are a number of unlabelled items in K/1/2 waiting to be claimed. If your child is missing a jumper, hat, drink bottle or lunch container please come and have a look in the K/1/2 classroom.

Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

2/3/4 NEWS

Public Speaking Finalists

Firstly, congratulations to every member of 2/3/4 for completing their speaking task. This is a wonderful achievement that takes bravery and confidence. We all know how hard it can be to stand up in front of your peers and speak in a formal way! Miss Elsley, Mrs Clark and Ms Porter are very proud of you all.

Special congratulations to Makayla Ball and Hamish Membrey, who were our Year 2 finalists and Samantha Oxenbridge and Isabella Ling, our Year 3 finalists. Nicole Siggins and Benjamin Ling were tied and missed out by one point on becoming Year 4 finalists. They certainly made us proud!

New Friends

We would like to welcome Mason Harris to 2/3/4. Mason has been trying hard and making friends. Makayla Ball has also settled in seamlessly in our class and is a wonderful friend and helper to all.



Snugglepote and Cuddlepie

2/3/4 entered a competition from the Cessnock City Library, to win tickets to the upcoming live show at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, or a complete set of Cuddlepot and Snugglepote books. Students had to convince the library why they should win and what they would do with the prize! It was pleasing to read some of the responses which included donating the books to charity. Good luck 2/3/4!

Happy Holidays!

Wishing all of 2/3/4 a wonderful holiday and to Miss Elsley who will be travelling around the USA!! Safe and happy travels!

Thank you, Mrs Clark and Miss Elsley

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

This term we have been really busy with so many things going on. Here are some comments from the students as to what they have been doing.

Hayley – Starstuck was amazing!

Noah – playing and helping my friends is awesome!

Dylan – cooking was cool - I loved it!

Jordan – soccer was the best !!!!!

Chaise – Starstuck was the coolest week ever!

Caelli – I like making cupcakes.

Grace – history is the best

Jamie – I score the soccer game a 4 out of 5

Jemma – My favourite thing is the play equipment

Charly – soccer was the best thing this year!!!!

Bailey – I liked helping in cooking

Lilly – I loved claymation and art

Amy-Sky – I loved art, claymation and soccer!

Paige – art is the best so is Claymation!

Nathan – cooking has been delicious except for today

Liam – I loved playing soccer for the school

Mrs Murphie – I've really enjoyed the robotics and tasting the cooking. Yum!

Stage 2 Excursion

Notes went home last week for the Stage 2 small schools camp to Morisset. A \$50 deposit is due by the end of term. This is a great opportunity for our Year 3 & 4 students.

Stage 3 Excursion

Notes went home this week about the Stage 3 small schools excursion to Canberra. We are still waiting to finalise the cost but we do have an approximate amount of \$300.00. A deposit of \$50 is due by the first Friday back next term.

Regards, Michelle Murphie

COMMUNITY NEWS



Summer Competition 2016

Junior 6-7A-side: Registration
 Wednesday 20/7 and 27/7
 4.30pm-6pm
 Baddeley Park Hockey Field
 Evans Street, South Cessnock
 Competition starts:
 Tuesday 2nd August 4.30pm
 Under 9: \$60
 Includes Shin Pads + Mouth Guard
 Under 18: Primary \$60
 Junior 11 A-side players pay \$90
 All Include Ground Fees

Open 11 A-side: Registration
 (Juniors can play in the 11 A-side also)
 Wednesday 20/7 and 27/7
 4.30pm-6pm
 Baddeley Park Hockey Field
 Evans Street, South Cessnock
 Competition starts
 Wednesday 24th August
 Over 18: \$140
 Includes Ground Fees.
 Competition will run to March 2017 (break for Xmas School Holidays)

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Football Term Program

DAY	VENUE	AGE	TIME
MONDAY	MAITLAND	1)5-9YR 2)10-13YR	1)4.15PM-4.45PM 2)4.45PM-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY	HOWZAT	1)7-11YR 2)12-14YR	1)5PM-6PM 2)5PM-6PM
FRIDAY	HOWZAT	1)5-8YR 2)9-14YR	2)4PM-5PM 2)5PM-6PM

School Holiday Clinics

MONTH	VENUE	TIME	COST	AGE
JANUARY	HOWZAT & MAITLAND	9AM-3PM	\$50 PER DAY OR \$225 PER WEEK	5-14 YEARS
APRIL				
JULY				
SEPT/OCT				

Football Development Programs for Boys & Girls

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Tuesday 12TH July
Wednesday 13th July

9AM – 3PM

(Ages 5 – 16yrs all levels)

All are welcome to come along and join us for some fun packed days of tennis coaching & lots of games !!

Cost Per Child - \$45 per day - can come either 1 or 2 days
 \$25 half day (young juniors, 9am – 12pm)

Children are to bring along: racquet (can be provided if needed) hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes & joggers and morning / afternoon tea & water bottle.

Fruit will be provided throughout the day
 Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided on both days.

CESSNOCK TENNIS COURTS
 Aberdare Rd, Cessnock
Bookings are essential

PH. will - 0425 302470 sonya - 0433 782284

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COME OUT AND PLAY!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORT CAMPS at

Cessnock Toyota Stadium



When: 9am-3pm Tuesday, July 5 & Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Where: Cessnock Toyota Stadium, 101 Mount View Rd, Cessnock.

Cost: \$35 for one day or \$60 for both days (extra siblings \$30 for one day or \$50 for both days).

Includes: Lunch and morning tea.

Play: Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball and other fun games with Rusty Hinder and Razz Muir.

* Cessnock Toyota Stadium offers one of the most affordable school holiday programs in Cessnock.

* Come and play different sports and games in a safe, secure environment. All coaches have WWCC certification and our program is designed to help children stay active during the school holidays.

* To register and pay, call 4991 1656 or see Brett at the stadium office.



HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

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**School
Holiday
Adventures**

JULY 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Level 1

For 7 to 10 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 5th & Thursday 14 July Cost: \$20 per child

Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter. Enjoy a bush walk and learn basic survival skills. Meet our resident reptiles.



Bush Skills Level 2

For 10 to 13 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 5th & Thursday 14 July Cost: \$20 per child

Make (and eat) a jam twisty. Learn to throw a rescue rope and tie knots to build bush furniture and a ballista. Enjoy a reptile encounter.

Turtle Time

For 4 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 6th & 13th July Cost: \$20 per child

Meet the wetlands resident turtles. Enjoy turtle craft and snack and go turtle spotting around the wetlands. Includes a reptile encounter.



For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Sand Art Fun

Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Monday 4th & Tuesday 12 July Cost: \$5 per child

Use coloured sand to make an animal picture.

Wetlands Explorer

For 4 to 12 years

Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free

Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Open 9am to 4pm

Entry

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Wetlands Explorer (for 4 to 12 years) available any time during school holidays.
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.



Cessnock Toyota Stadium School Holiday Program July 2016



Year 6 Disco

Date: Thursday 21st July

Time: 5:30pm dinner

6-7:30pm disco

Cost: \$5 includes dinner cooked by our Yr6 students, drink and entry to the disco

Other food for sale during disco