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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

Term 3 – Week 2 Wednesday, 27 July 2016

Principal's Report

Term 3

We've started the term with lots of exciting activities already! Here's some information on what we've already done and what's coming up soon.

Public speaking competition



Congratulations to our public speaking finalists who are off to the next round at Nulkaba Public School. They finalists are:

ES1 - Tyler A (Skylanders)

S1 - Noah (Pandas) & Makayla (My Pet Dog)

S2 - Isabella (Pets) & Chaise (Family)

S3 - Liam (Harry Potter) and Charly (Soccer)

Well done to our finalists!

Year 6 fundraising dinner and disco

A high well done and thanks to our Year 6 students (Jamie, Caelli and Bailey) and Miss Lampe for the delicious dinner and fun disco last Thursday. The students and Miss Lampe spent the day preparing and cooking the food and then served it up. They then ran the disco and shop and it was by all account a huge success. Thanks to our families for supporting our fundraising activities. We will have another disco early next term.



PSSA Small Schools Soccer



Our school played in the third round of the PSSA Small Schools Soccer competition against Somersby PS today. Somersby were a stronger team on the day and we wish them well as they progress into the next round. Once again our students gave 110% until the final whistle and should be very proud of their efforts. Thanks to the three students from Cessnock High School who were our referee and linesman – much appreciated. Thanks to the parents who helped with transport - we appreciate your support!

Semester 2 reports and Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will be held Monday of Week 4 as well as before and after school. If you are unable to attend during these times please make other arrangements with your child's teacher.

NAIDOC Day

This Friday 9-11am we will celebrate NAIDOC Day. We invite family and friends to join us.

School uniform

Students and families are reminded that students are expected to wear school uniform every day unless otherwise stated. A school uniform identifies us as belonging to a special group and is a part of our school culture. We do have some second hand and brand new uniforms available to families. Please see Leeanne in the office for assistance.

Tree maintenance

Over the holidays we had some maintenance and removal work done to some of our trees. We do have two more trees in the school that require work and I have discussed these with the P&C at last week's meeting. If you would like to know more about these trees please see me or talk to one of our P&C representatives.

History excursion to Hyde Parks Barracks Museum

Students in Year 4, 5 & 6 have been given the opportunity to attend a convict sleepover at Hyde Park Barracks next week. Notes went home earlier this week with information on what to bring and the itinerary.

Stage 2 Camp

Notes went home last term week for the Stage 2 small schools camp to Morisset. Mrs Teri Clark and Ms Linda Porter will be accompanying the students on the camp. Please continue to make payments as the camp is just over 3 weeks away.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Notes went home at the end of last term about the Stage 3 small schools excursion to Canberra. A deposit of \$50 is due to secure your child's spot and is needed so we can finalise costs.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie
Principal*

Book Club

Scholastic book club orders are due back on Friday 5th August.



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

Fri 29/7	Naidoc Celebrations
Wed 3/8-Thur 4/8	Convict Sleepover
Thur 4/8	Indigenous Dance Performance 2pm
Fri 5/8	Jeans 4 Genes Day
	Open Classrooms 2pm
	Assembly 2.30pm



-Fathers' Day Celebrations-

The P&C will be hosting a 'Thank You' lunch and a Fathers' Day stall as part of our annual Fathers' Day celebrations on Friday September 2nd.

More details on a menu will follow as will details on a price range of gifts on the stall.

Donations of items for the stall may be left at the school office.

The P&C will not be holding a Fathers' Day raffle due to the minimal response and ticket sales in the Mothers' Day raffle. Sourcing donations for raffles is an arduous task and the support for recent raffles indicates that interest is low.

It was discussed at our last meeting that we hold a Christmas Raffle and that further consideration will be given to what happens next year.

-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.

-Canteen-

Natalie Oxenbridge has stepped down from her role as Co Canteen Supervisor and we thank Natalie for her contribution and assistance.

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 to be a canteen helper, please notify the school or add your name to the roster in the school office. Thank you!

-General P&C Meeting-

The date of our next General Meeting is yet to be set but will be advised as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~



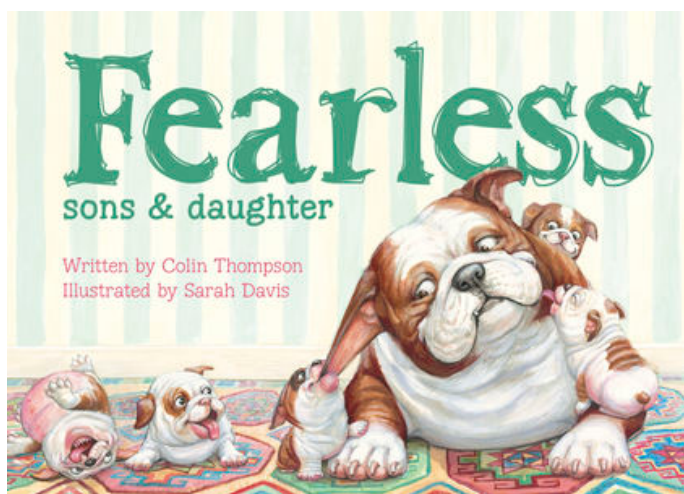
Year 6 fundraising Disco

Sun shower fun



K/1/2 News

K/1/2 has hit the ground running with a very busy start to term 3. All students who attended the Year 6 fundraising dinner and disco had a wonderful time and we had some very tired little bodies at school on Friday! So far this term we have been busy creating new learning walls for our classroom. All of our work from semester one has been taken down from the walls and we are very excited to share our new learning walls with you as soon as they are finished. Our first new learning wall will be based around the adorable quality text called 'Fearless, sons and daughter'.



In maths we have been focusing on addition and subtraction of numbers 1 to 20 for Kindergarten and Year 1 has been learning about subtraction using numbers in the 1 to 50 range. We have also refreshed our knowledge of 'Friends of Ten'.

Drumbeat

Last week our Aboriginal students in Year 4, 5 & 6 were given the opportunity to perform at a number of schools as part of drum performance group. The students have another performance this Thursday at Pelaw Main PS. Thanks to Miss Lampe for helping with the transport.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Learning with Miss W

It has been a busy start to Term 3 with lots of learning taking place in all classes.

Writing in K/1

K/1 have started the term off with producing some fabulous writing every Wednesday. We are working on improving our writing and we are focusing on writing our own stories based on picture books we read.

Science in 2/3/4

This term during Science 2/3/4 will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be focusing on changes that occur in the sky, the landscape and the Earth's rotations. To start our unit we are in the process of making globes. We had lots of fun using paper mache to make Earth. We can't wait to paint them in our next Science lesson.



Health in 4/5/6

In PDH this term 4/5/6 are looking at nutrition, and how eating healthy improves our bodies and our lifestyle. We wrote food diaries last week and compared it with the food pyramid. We learnt that the Healthy Eating Pyramid is a visual guide to the types and proportions of foods that we should eat every day.



Thank you, Miss W

Happy and Healthy Learners in 2/3/4!

Numeracy

We have jumped straight back into learning this term in 2/3/4! In Mathematics, we have been learning about data, chance and probability. The key words we have been using in our Number Journals to demonstrate our understanding of the topic are; outcomes, estimate, count, data and pictograms. Try and test their knowledge at home ☺! Below is an example of data collection for estimating how many dominoes were in a container (Izzy was the first one to realise the number was on the label on the jar). We will be analysing, manipulating and presenting this data through pictograms during maths next week.



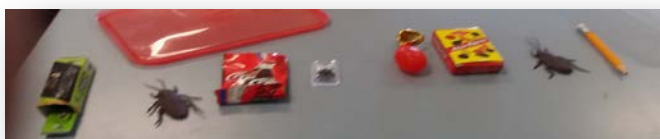
Geography

In Geography, Stage 1 are learning about People and Places and Stage 2, The Earth's Environment. We have been learning lots of key words and will learn how these fit into the context of our own world. This week, we enjoyed some field work around the school, where we identified natural and man made environments. Jacob took some beautiful photos!



Literacy

This term, we are focusing on texts that serve to inform and persuade us. Our texts are surrounded by the theme 'Unlikely Friendships'. During Week 2, we enjoyed writing excuses for 'Horrid Henry' to get out of the Sport's Carnival. There were some great ideas - Kurtis suggested that Henry could drop eggs on the running track and wait for them to boil in the sun! Samantha has been visiting 4/5/6 for extension in writing and is enjoying using clay animation to portray classic fairy tales. Mason has been working very hard on his reading and writing and is becoming more confident in talking and listening tasks. Ben brought in some cool magic tricks for news and even impersonated a magician!



Fruit break and sport

Now that the sun is shining, we have been trying an outside fruit break during our morning literacy session. All students are participating in this and enjoying a quick joke over a citrus (so to speak)! 2/3/4 are getting so efficient at grabbing the fruit bucket after our reading groups, that we found time to have a quick lap around the oval before writing! Even I managed a lap ☺ (Just)! Hamish has said that it's good to get his jiggles out before writing – one of his favourite tasks!

We have been playing hockey on Thursday afternoons and it definitely gets the heart rate going! We are focusing on teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as using the points and scores, as data for maths. To date, we have only had draws! Our captains Isabella and Jacob will keep you posted on future results!

Fun in the playground

Now that it's a little warmer, we have been having lots of fun in the playground. Tips, hockey and walking in sun showers, (thanks Caelli) have been crowd favourites! Jacob has been running hockey games and students from all classes are learning lots of skills. Aidan, Caleb and Ben have been joining in with Jacob for hockey skills with big smiles. Nicole and Isabella have been training very hard for soccer with Mr Wilson and the 4/5/6 students! Happy and healthy learners all round in 2/3/4! ☺



Until next time – Mrs Clark

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Class evaluations

Last week I asked the students to give feedback on the programs and activities that we have been doing in class this year. It was great to get some feedback (positive and suggestions) and so we've changed a few things that we do in class.

Science

This term we are continuing with our Science unit and are looking at solar energy. We will be making mini solar cars and experimenting with different weights, solar panels and other aspects that can influence how fast or how long our car can travel using solar energy. Towards the end of term we will then move into studying planets in our solar system.



Homework

Students will be given spelling lists and maths activities this term. Students are encouraged to read for at least 20 minutes each night. Students will also be asked to complete a Space project towards the end of term and more information will come out about this later. A big focus for us this term is multiplication and division and how learning our times tables assists us in this area. There are lots of great computer games or apps to help students learn, as well as songs and rhymes. In class, we use www.multiplication.com and this website has a wide range of games that cover all the tables. The old favourite of putting up a poster with times tables on the back of the toilet door is still popular.

The order students should learn the tables are:

1. 2, 5 & 10
2. 11, 3, 4
3. 6, 8, 9 & 12




Year 6 high school activities

This term our Year 6 students start to prepare for high school. This involves meeting the Year Advisor, Principal and other staff who will assist the students in preparing for high school. If you haven't already completed your enrolment forms and returned them to the high school, please do so ASAP. The first visit to Mount View HS will be in Week 5 for mini lessons. More information will go to families when we receive it.



Regards, Michelle Murphie

COMMUNITY NEWS

**CESSNOCK
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2016

CCGPS EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 2016

AT

CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL, MPC

Afternoon tea will be provided at 3:45pm

Presentation of awards to commence at 4pm

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Good for Kids good for life

TV-FREE TUESDAY

You might have heard about 'meat free Monday', how about introducing TV-free Tuesday into your week?

A whole day with no screen time will provide encouragement for your kids to think 'outside the box' for activity ideas!

Some ideas include:

- Backyard play
- Indoor or outdoor treasure hunt
- Science experiments
- Charades
- Writing and practicing a performance to showcase Tuesday evening
- Hula hoop competition
- A family game of Twister



Allow space for your kids to come up with their own ideas. TV-free Tuesday can quickly turn into a favourite family tradition!



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EVERYONE WELCOME CLANS ON THE COAST CELTIC FESTIVAL - NELSON BAY

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2016

Tomaree Sports Complex – No. 1 Oval
Nelson Bay, NSW

Gates open: 8.30am - 4.30pm

9.30am Start: for

Marching Parade of **PIPE BANDS, CLANS**

**Adults \$15, Pensioner \$10,
Under 18 \$2**

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Australian Medieval Fight Group -
East Coast Strongman Championships

Pipe Bands, Mini Jeeps,

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Celtic Music, Gifts, Scottish Attire & more
Amateur: Tug o' war, Caber Toss

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Do you like to dance the Pride of Erin,
St Bernard's Waltz, Strip the Willow &
more easy dances? or just have fun time
laughing and learning

Come along for an entertaining evening
and experience a Scottish Ceilidh.
Make new and renew old friendships.

**SATURDAY NIGHT 17th SEPT
NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB**

6.30pm until late

ADULT - \$ 48 CHILD 12 & under \$10

Dinner, Dance & Entertainment

BOOKINGS: 02) 49 811 272

For catering and to secure a ticket please
book before 5th September.

Book a group table of 8 or come along
and join one of our tables.

Sunday Morning 18th Sept

10.30am - 12 Noon Kirkin of the Tartan Blessing
d'Albora Marinas

Teramby Rd, Nelson Bay

Ingleburn Pipes Band & Highland Dancers

CLANS ON THE COAST

FUNDRAISER, BOWLS FUN DAY

\$20 each includes egg & bacon roll

10am Sunday 18th September 2016

More info Adam: 0432 187 010

Inquire at: Nelson Bay Bowling Club

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Ingleburn Pipes & Drums

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FUNDRAISER BOWLS FUN DAY

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016

10AM START \$20 per person

Pre Register at Nelson Bay Bowling Club

**NELSON BAY
BOWLING
RECREATION CLUB**



Fun & prizes

Includes Egg & Bacon Roll

Complimentary bowls loan if needed

Nominate a team of 3

And a fun Team name.

Singles will be placed into a team.

Annual Plaque, displayed in the club.

Info Ph: Adam 0432 187 010

Barefoot, tartan, Leprechaun

Wear a bit of anything Celtic for fun