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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

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Principal's Report

Education Week Awards

Last Wednesday two worthy recipients from our school were given recognition at a ceremony at Cessnock High.

Caelli-Rose Jordan (student leadership)

Catherine Dixon (community member)

Well done to these two people. We greatly value your contribution towards the education of our students.

School leaders breakfast

Last week I accompanied Jamie, Caelli (and her nan) and Bailey (and his nan) to the School leaders breakfast with Cessnock Council. It was a great morning and we had a nice breakfast. Paul "The Chief" Harragon from the Newcastle Knights and most recently *I'm a celebrity get me out of here*, was the guest speaker. He gave a really inspiring speech about setting goals and working hard (even through setbacks and obstacles) to achieve these goals. It was very enlightening to hear all about his medical struggles early in his career and his accomplishments outside of his rugby league career.



Zone Athletics Carnival

This Friday our students who qualified for different athletics events will represent our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Turner Park. The students who qualified were: Bailey Harris, Charly Siggins, Paige Armstrong, Grace Bayley, Dylan Armstrong, Nicole Siggins and Isabella Ling. We wish them all the best for the carnival and know they will try hard in their respective events.



Year 6 mini lessons at Mount View HS



Next Friday is the first time our Year 6 students will be visiting MVHS as part of their transition into high school. A note will go home to students this week.

Absences via SMS

Leeanne (our office manager) will be sending SMS reminders for absences every Friday for the days your child was absent that week. Parents/carers are required to provide absences to schools and these are recorded within our system. The procedure is as follows:

1. Class roles are marked every day and students who are absent are marked as an unexplained absence (unless pre-notice is provided to staff).
2. When parents notify the school, either in writing or verbally, we then add this to the roll for that day. Reasons for leave can include: sick, leave, holiday.
3. If parents don't notify the school by the Friday of that week, the school will send out a reminder via SMS. Parents can choose to return the SMS, phone the school or write letter explaining the absence.
4. If parents don't notify the school within 7 days of the first SMS, then they will be sent another SMS to remind them.
5. If parents don't notify the school after 7 days of this second SMS then the absence is left as unexplained.

Convict Barracks Sleepover

A big thanks goes out to Miss Tamara Lampe (School learning support officer), Ross Dixon and Nathalie Oxenbridge (our parent helpers) who came along and helped us while we were in Sydney. You can read more about the activity in the 4/5/6 class column over the page.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thanks to our families who helped raise \$29.00 by donating and wearing jeans last Friday. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.



*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie - Principal*

Assembly Awards

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

Ruby Strevens Kindergarten – A great effort in reading

Deklan Martin Kindergarten – careful, neat bookwork

Tyler Stanford Kindergarten – good listening during modelled reading

Mason Harris Year 2 – Writing in 2/3/4 & settling in

Aidan Dawes Year 3 – Great skills in Geography

Nicole Siggins Year 4 – 25 nights of reading

Chaise Grunsell Year 4 – 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 nights of home reading

Jordan Macey Year 4 – Terrific effort in Claymation

Noah Beresford Year 4 – Having a great experience at camp

Grace Bayley Year 5 – Improvement in spelling

Jamie Dawes Year 6 – Terrific impromptu speeches

Dylan Armstrong year 4 – Paxton Spirit Award

Sharni Wynands – Paxton Star Award

Ross Dixon – Principal's Award

Nathalie Oxenbridge – Principal's Award



Book Club

Scholastic book club orders were due back on Friday 5th August however, I will accept orders tomorrow Friday 10th 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.



Year 6 Fundraiser



The Year 6 students will be cooking some special treats every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday which will be sold at lunch time. The cost of the treats will be 50c.

Upcoming Dates

Fri 12/8	Zone Athletics Carnival
Mon 15/8 - Tue 16/8	Public Speaking
Thur 18/8	Scripture
Fri 19/8	Cessnock Library Visit
	Assembly 2.30pm
Mon 22/8 – Tue 23/8	Yr 6 Mt View High Mini Lessons
Wed 24/8	Stage 2 Camp Active Educ Morisset
	Newcastle Perm Math Comp Yrs 5/6
	Newcastle Uni Aim High Yrs 4-6

Public Speaking

The students and staff would like to wish Isabella and Makayla all the best next week, in the Public Speaking Finals at Nulkaba Public School. They've both been practicing very hard! Good Luck, Teri Clark



-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.

-General P&C Meeting-

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

-Canteen-

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!

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~



K/1/2 News

Last Friday, K/1/2 were excited to have their pizza party for being the best borrowing class in Term 2. The children enjoyed pizza and flavoured milk as well as sherbet that they made in cooking with Miss Lampe.

Literacy

In class this week we worked on the diagraph 'oo'. This can be confusing as it can be pronounced two ways – 'oo in words like: cool and pool and 'oo' in words such as book and look.



We have also been looking at the three letter blend str in words such as: strap and strip. I have been continuing to stress to the children the importance of using these words in their own writing by saying the words slowly to hear all the sounds, seeing if their attempt 'looks right' and self-editing their work. Particularly in focus in our discussions at the moment is just writing a complete sentence and remembering to put a full stop.

Maths



The other main focus this week was using numbers in problem solving. The children are given brief 'real life' stories such as I had 10 lollies and I had to share them equally between 5 friends. How many lollies did each child get? The ability for children to solve questions like this shows a deep understanding of the steps used to solve them. We will continue to focus on this strategy to strengthen the children's understandings in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Home Reading

The children's reading levels will be formally assessed this week and reader levels will be adjusted. This is an ongoing and constant process. I know that sometimes home readers seem 'easy' for the children, but Home Readers are assigned at independent level (below the instructional level we use in class). This is deliberate, as the focus for home reading is fluency, building expression, comprehension skills and confidence

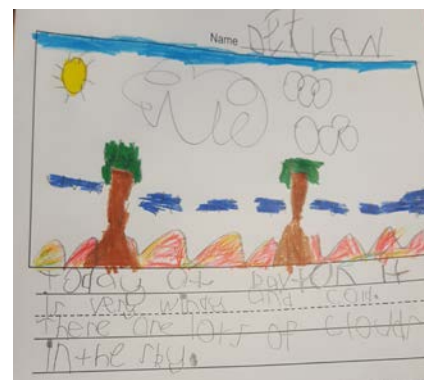


Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Learning with Miss W

Science in K/1

This term during Science, K/1 students are learning about the weather and seasons around the world. Last week we were weathermen and we went around Paxton School capturing the weather through special looking frames. We looked at the sky, the shapes of the clouds, the wind blowing the trees and the sun. We captured these pictures and locked them into our memory and came back to class and wrote a great description of the weather outside.



Power Writing in 2/3/4

Students in 2/3/4 have been producing fabulous descriptive sentences during Power Writing. In Power Writing we turn a simple sentence into a Power Sentence, we do this by adding time connectives, adjectives, adverbs and a simile. Our simple sentence last week was "The dog walked towards me", check out our new Power Sentences.

"On a Summer's day, the wet, black dog walked quickly towards me like a cheetah" – Aidan

"On a hot day, a black, vicious dog walked quickly like a lion" – Makayla

"On a Summers day, the furious, vicious dog angrily crawled toward me like a cat chasing a mouse" – Samantha

Nutrition in 4/5/6

In 4/5/6 we are continuing looking at the Healthy Food Pyramid. We are in the process of using technology to create our own digital food pyramid. They have learnt there is 5 core food groups including healthy fats. We have learnt that children, teens and adults should aim to have at least 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables or legumes each day.



Thank you,
Miss W

A bit of everything in 2/3/4!

Writing

The last fortnight in 2/3/4 has been about writing! Students have been learning about figurative language, in particular, alliteration. Last week, 2/3/4 had a visit from two teachers from Singleton Heights Public School (Mrs Lewis and Mr Orr), who were participating in a Quality Teaching Professional Learning day. Both teachers were delighted to feel so welcome in our classroom and enjoyed watching the snapshot of our literacy session. Students have been practising turning an ordinary noun, into something much more exciting, by adding a verb and an adjective. These phrases are then used in our writing with the purpose of entertaining! We've certainly heard some great phrases this week! ☺ Check out our work below!



Mathematics

We are finishing up with our topic on data and will be moving to chance and probability next week! We have been plotting lots of results and learning about tallies, horizontal and vertical graphs. Lessons involving jelly beans seemed to be more favorable than tallies ☺ I was very lucky to observe a Number lesson, at Millfield Public School last week with Miss Cornish. I learnt some new games to try in the classroom, during Number ☺

Healthy Lifestyle

Well done to all of 2/3/4 for bringing sip and crunch in everyday this fortnight! The wet weather has stopped us from getting a run outside, however, we've been taking a little breather after reading groups, which has been a fun way to refresh! Bopping away to a song, with a banana microphone always gets me in the right mood for quality writing! There is no way 2/3/4 will let me get away without eating my fruit again! ☺ Well done guys!

Paxton News

You may have been lucky to view the first edition of Paxton News for Term 3! If you did, I'm sure you were thoroughly entertained! This edition, by 2/3/4 was very impressive. Students came up with all of the ideas themselves (Liam's Traffic Report was a hit), wrote the articles, filmed and helped edit. In the next rotation, students will learn to use Windows Movie Maker to fully participate in the editing process. Well done 2/3/4!

Final words

Well done to Nicole and Ben, who represented our class on the Convict Barracks excursion! We were very proud to hear that you both made the most of the experience and learnt lots of interesting information! Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us!



Until next time – Mrs Clark

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Convict Barracks Sleepover

Last week students in Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled down to Sydney for an overnight excursion. While the weather wasn't the best and our umbrellas really didn't stand up to the wind, we had a great time and learnt more about convict life. We certainly learnt that convict life wasn't about comfort – sleeping in the hammocks showed us this! Thanks Ben for sharing your family's convict history with us when we got back to school. It was very interesting to see a real ticket of leave from one of your ancestors.

We'll now let the pictures do the talking.



Regards, Michelle Murphie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rocket off into Kindergarten in 2017 at Paxton Public School



Is your child ready to start school in 2017?
Join us for our kindy orientation sessions that
are starting this October.

Our school provides students with numerous opportunities to succeed through academic achievement, creative arts, information technology and sport. Other programs include cooking, drumming, camps, excursions and much more...

We're looking forward to meeting you!



17th October 9am - 11am (Parents stay for a chat)

24th October 9am - 11am

31st October 9am - 12noon

7th November 9am - 12noon

14th November 9am - 12noon

21st November 9am - 3pm

28th November 9am - 3pm

5th December 9am - 3pm

12th December 9am - 3pm

20 Anderson Ave, Paxton 2325

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Stuffed Toy Sleepover @ the Library!



To celebrate Reading Hour 2016, Cessnock Library is hosting a very special evening storytime! Come along in your pyjamas, and bring along a toy to leave for an overnight sleepover—what will they get up to when the library lights are out?



WHERE: Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent St

WHEN: Tuesday August 16
6-7 pm

AGES: The whole family!

COST: FREE!

For more details, or to make a booking, call Cessnock Library on 49934399, email Sandy on Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au or call in and speak to our friendly staff!



TRIVIA NIGHT



Cessnock Wine Country Lions Club invites you to an evening of quizzes and games in support of The Danii Foundation.

[DANII is Australia's pre-eminent foundation for the prevention of life threatening Dead in Bed Syndrome (DIBS) and the only organisation dedicated solely to the improvement of the safety and quality of the lives of Type 1 Diabetics.]

Saturday 20 August 2016
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

The Auditorium
Cessnock Leagues Club
1 Darwin Street, Cessnock

Maximum of 8 people per team
(Sorry, no Under 18s)

Tickets \$10 per person
Available from Cessnock Wine Country Lions Club by emailing:
cessnockwinecountrylions@gmail.com
Or by calling 04 17 67 88 00



Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX PICK & MIX

For a healthy lunchbox pick and mix, just choose something from each category, 1 – 6!

1. FRUIT Fresh, frozen or tinned	2. VEGETABLES Includes legumes and beans of different types and colours
3. MILK, YOGHURT & CHEESE Reduced fat options are best	4. LEAN MEAT & ALTERNATIVES Meat, poultry, fish, eggs or seeds.
5. GRAIN (CEREAL) FOODS Choose wholegrain and high fibre varieties	6. WATER! Tap, spring, mineral, soda and sparkling!



Source: Healthy Together Victoria



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