

Paxton Public School

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Term 3 – Week 10 Thursday, 22 September 2016



Principal's Report

It's amazing to think how quickly this term has gone and all the activities we have been involved with. We've had 3 camps, special lunches, High School orientation, sports days and activities, public speaking competitions, art lessons and competitions, Father's Day celebrations, a book fair and Science fair. We've also had great achievements in student growth in all areas of the curriculum. Thanks to all our students, parents and staff for their contributions to our school during term 3.

Cessnock Regional Art Competition

Last Saturday night Jordan Macey received 2nd prize in the Spring Art competition. Jordan created her artwork as part of the art program with Alana McGaughey. Well done to Jordan for this great achievement.



Kindergarten orientation

Our new kindy students for 2017 begin their orientation sessions from Week 2 of next term. If you have a child or know of someone with a child who is ready to start school please contact the school to find out more information.

Term 4 transition

We will be starting to transition our Yr 1 and Yr 4 students into their classes for next year from Week 3 of next term. Yr 1 students will spend time with Mrs Clark in the 2/3/4 room and Yr 4 students from 2/3/4 will visit my room to create a 5/6 room in 2017. More information will be given to students and parents early next term.

School summer uniform

We've had a great response to our request for the correct summer uniform and hats to be worn at school by students. Thank you to our parents/carers for your support with this matter. Remember hats can be purchased for \$10 from the office at all times during the year.

School Swimming Program

We have finalised the details for our Year 1 – 6 students to participate in 10x1hr lessons over 10 days at Cessnock Pool as part of the School Swimming Program. The dates are in Wk 4 and 5 next term and will be run by swimming instructors and teachers. We have applied for a sporting grant to assist with the cost of buses to the venue and pool entry. Depending on the outcome of the grant, there may be a small cost to parents for the program. We will finalise the details and advise parents early next term.



Strive:Autism Support Group



Last week, teaching and support staff attended a professional development activity organised by the Strive Foundation. The Strive Support Group has guest speakers who provide assistance and insights into the world of Autism, and provide information that will help members. The event was held at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and was widely supported by schools and families in the Cessnock area. It was a great night to learn more about supporting our students in school and the community.

Tree maintenance

Over the holidays some tree maintenance work will be undertaken. The work to the trees was discussed at a P&C meeting earlier this term. Schools are required to monitor, assess and maintain trees within school sites to ensure the safety of students and staff. If you have any questions about the work please speak to me.

Term 4 first day

Please note that there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4. Students and staff return together on Monday 10th October. We wish all our students and families a lovely 2 week break and look forward to all the wonderful programs and activities that are in Term 4.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie - Principal*

School security over the holidays

If you see any suspicious behaviour or the alarm light flashing during the holidays please call one of the following numbers.

SSU Hotline 1300 880 021



Cessnock Police
Phone No: 4991 0199



- Thank you! -

Term 3 has been a very busy term and we would like to thank all families for their support and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break.



-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-

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 ~

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Wk 10 Term 4	Fri 23/9	Last day of Term 3
Wk 1	Mon 10/10	Students and staff return
Wk 2	Mon 17/10	Kinder Orientation 9.00am-11.00am Yrs 5/6 at Cessnock Public Sch REACH
	Tues 18/10	Canberra camp Stage 3 K-4 Library author visit
Wk 3	Thur 20/10	Students return from camp
	Mon 24/10	SchoolSwimming Yrs 1-6 Kinder Orientation 9.00am-11.00am
	Tues 25/10	SchoolSwimming Yrs 1-6
	Wed 26/10	Tentative Aboriginal Camp SchoolSwimming Yrs 1-6
	Thur 27/10	Assembly 2.30pm SchoolSwimming Yrs 1-6
	Fri 28/10	SchoolSwimming Yrs 1-6

Maths

In maths this week, we looked at time – in particular months and seasons. Please work with your child to make sure they know their birthday and can name and order the months. As the month changes, talk about what comes next, and link this to the season we are in and the way the weather changes. We have also been revising fractions. The focus has been on consolidating the understanding of a half of an object for Kindergarten and a quarter and eighth of an object for Year One. At home, cooking and food preparation are good opportunities to practise this concept eg 'I can cut your toast in half in triangles OR rectangles.'

A really worthwhile place to look for Maths games is the Get Smart games which we access by googling Copacabana Public School and clicking on the link to Get Smart. The site has an enormous amount of games, listed by Stage (we are Early Stage 1/ Stage 1) and strand eg Whole Number. Spending some time exploring this site may allow you to find some educational games which your child enjoys. The wide range within each section also gives each child an opportunity to find games they are confident playing.



Literacy Groups

Literacy groups continue to be a favourite in our class. This is evident each morning when the children excitedly ask 'Are we having literacy groups?' ☺ Reading is very much the core of our work in K/1 – thank you for reading with your children at home. Please feel free to see me if you would like to take some extra books home to read with your child over the holidays.

Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Learning with Miss W

Gardening in K/1

We love Science in K/1. We have been learning about the weather and what activities we can do during different kinds of weather. On Thursday we thought it was a beautiful weather day to plant our seeds in our K/1 garden with Miss Lampe. We planted lettuce, corn and zucchini. We are looking forward to watching our seeds grow so we can cook with them hopefully in Term 4.



Science in 2/3/4

We love learning about Science in 2/3/4. The past few weeks we have been learning about moon phases and how clouds form. We have been completing Science experiments to help us understand these new concepts. To start with we used Oreo cookies to make the 8 different moon phases; we enjoyed eating the cookies after completing our lesson. Our next experiment we completed was to see how clouds formed rain, we used shaving cream as clouds and food colouring as the rain, and we enjoyed watching the rain form in our containers.



Volume and Capacity in 4/5/6

In 4/5/6 we have been focusing on the strand Volume and Capacity during our Maths rotations on Mondays and Tuesdays. This week we have been working hard on converting between different units of measurement including converting from millilitres to litres. We are working hard on remembering how to convert these measurements when there is a decimal place included.

*Thank you, Miss W
Have a wonderful holiday*

Wonderful Writing In 2/3/4

The last fortnight has been exciting during Geography in our classroom! Tying in with our study of 'People, Places and Environments', we have looked at the many different animals and ecosystems, all over Australia. We began our study by sharing the classic Australian picture books, 'Possum Magic' and 'Wombat Stew', and then moved to Aboriginal dreamtime stories. The class enjoyed learning about which animals were native to Australia, and which ones were introduced during the invasion of Australia. As always, we did LOTS of writing and I was very pleased to see students using the figurative language skills we have been learning this term. A kangaroo is no longer just a kangaroo, but a clever, courageous kangaroo!

To finish off the term, (and to make a big mess with glitter), we made dioramas that represent the environments of Australian animals. They look pretty cool! The photos below are just a quick snapshot of our wonderful work, which will be displayed in our front office.

Before the paint and glitter came out, students had to research about their chosen animal (with books, YES, books) and draft a report. Further research and editing saw the students publishing wonderful pieces of writing to consolidate the learning that has been happening in our classroom. Well done to everyone – and a special thank you to Ms Porter for bringing in everything (except the kitchen sink) for the class to use in their dioramas and to Trish Dawes for donating several shoe boxes (someone likes buying shoes!). We had a lot of fun, being creative! I have sent home a special interest project for students who wish to extend their knowledge over the holidays – a trip to Cessnock Library is always worthwhile!



We would like to wish Izzy the best of luck in representing our class at the Regional Spelling Bee Final today! We are very proud of you and we can't wait to hear how you went!

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone
Mrs Clark ☺

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Maths

Collecting data and presenting it in a range of graphs such as picture, column, line and pie, has been our focus in maths over the past few weeks. Reading graphs is an important skill and encourages students to make predications. We've found a great range of data games on the internet and I would encourage the students to have a go at them over the holidays if they have a spare moment or two.

Just a reminder that students have access to their Mathletics accounts outside of school. We use the Mathletics activities to reinforce concepts taught previously.

Writing

We've been busy filming our scenes recently and are starting to put the clips together using Movie Maker. Movie Maker is a great FREE program to create mini clips using video, photos, audio and text. We will put them together ready to show at the first assembly next term. We hope you will join us for the viewings.

What we've enjoyed this term

Hayley – I love movie making

Noah – I can't wait to look at the ants in our future ant farm!

Dylan – I can't wait until the gardens are done and the budgie.

Jordan – I can't wait for the swimming lessons at Cessnock pool.

Chaise – I can't wait until I'm going to Canberra!!!!!!!

Paige – Next term I want to get animals in the school

Amy-Sky – Christmas!!!!

Grace – Movie filming our bush kids !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nathan – I liked movie making.

Lilly – The budgie!

Charly – I loved being in the soccer team!!!

Liam – I loved cooking.

Jamie – I'm definitely looking forward to camp and swimming next term! I am also pumped for our new animal friends! Definitely going to give this a 10/10.

Caelli – loved everything

Bailey - I liked the cooking with the boys.

Regards, Michelle Murphie

COMMUNITY NEWS



FREE FAMILY

MOVIE NIGHT

KURRI KURRI PRIMARY SCHOOL
Drug & Alcohol Free

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2016

GATES OPEN 4.30pm
CLOSE 9pm

INSIDE OUT

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Our Club is doing its bit to raise awareness of mental health issues among the regions youth by holding a **FREE movie night** on Saturday, 24 September, at Kurri Kurri Public School. Gates open at 4:30pm and the movie begins screening at 6:30pm.



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Spring Holiday Activities @ your library

Places limited, pre-booking at the library essential.

Circus Workshop – ages 5+

Monday September 26	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Wednesday September 28	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 2.00	\$3.00

Make and decorate your very own hula hoop and set of juggling balls, then test your skills – can you hula hoop and juggle at the same time?

Kids Code! – ages 9+

Tuesday September 27	Kurri Kurri Library	5.00 – 6.30	FREE
Tuesday October 4	Cessnock Library	5.00 – 6.30	FREE

This hands on introductory workshop teaches kids fundamental programming concepts using Scratch to create games and animations – YOU WILL NEED YOUR OWN EMAIL ADDRESS TO DO THIS WORKSHOP.

Wii & Board Games – ages 7+

Wednesday September 28	Kurri Kurri Library	3.00 – 5.00	FREE
Friday September 30	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 12.00	FREE

Test your gaming skills – battle it out on the Wii or the Monopoly board!

The Waste Wrappers Show – ages 5-12

Thursday September 29	Cessnock Library	10.30 – 11.00	FREE
Thursday September 29	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 1.30	FREE

A fun, interactive and educational performance by local theatre troupe Ship o' Fools around the importance of recycling and avoiding waste.

Paper Planes - Film & Craft – ages 5-12

Friday September 30	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday October 5	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Come along and enjoy a movie at the library, followed by paper plane making and testing session.

JD Howlett Magic Show – all ages

Thursday October 6	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.40	\$5.00
Thursday October 6	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 1.40	\$5.00

Be amazed as JD weaves his magic in this fun-filled show with lots of surprises, laughs and audience participation!

Bob Turner Wildlife Show – ages 5-12

Friday October 7	Kurri Kurri Library	11.00 – 12.00	\$5.00
Friday October 7	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 2.00	\$5.00

Bob Turner is bringing his wildlife friends in for an educational and entertaining library visit – there's a chance to get up close and personal with them – if you dare!

Spring Storytime – ages 2-6

Tuesday September 27	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE
Wednesday September 28	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE

Stories, songs and craft celebrating the joy of spring – decorate and take home your own Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Slithering Snakes and Snapping Crocs Storytime – ages 2-6

Tuesday October 4	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE
Wednesday October 5	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE

Stories and songs about reptiles, followed by make-your-own playdough slithering snakes

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan

Childrens Services Officer

49 934384

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HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

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School Holiday Activities

SEP/OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

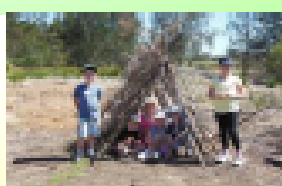
Kids - Become a Citizen Scientist

For 7 to 10 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

For 11 to 14 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 28th September Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential

Come and join us for bird spotting and feather collecting get to know our wetland birds. Find out how Dr Kate Brandis is creating a feather map to help save our unique wetlands



Bush Skills

For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 4th October Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential

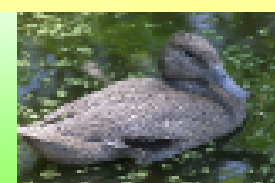
Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter, enjoy a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Get up close and personal with some of our resident reptiles.

"Dinosaur" Ducks

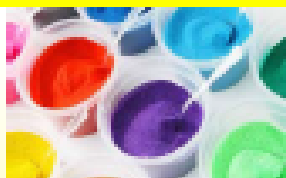
For 4 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 4th October Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential

Meet our resident endangered Freckled Ducks. Make a bird caller and see if they call back. Includes a reptile encounter, craft and duck tales.



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



Sand Art Fun

Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Tuesday 27th September Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)

Use coloured sand to create an amazing picture you can take home.

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 in 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 rates). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter - 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.

**Please note: we are
open Monday of the
long weekend.**

