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"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"

Term 3 – Week 8 Thursday, 8 September 2016



Principal's Report

Last Friday our students, staff, parents/carers and community celebrated a range of events. Here is a recap of the day.

Father's Day Stall

Our P&C members (Catherine and Sian) held the Father's Day stall for children to purchase affordable gifts for the special males in their lives. This is a great service for our families and we appreciate the contributions.

Book Fair

Miss Lampe had a busy time in the library on Friday with the Book Fair. There was a great selection of books for reasonable prices. The school receives a percentage of funds raised and we thank our families for their support.



Science Fair



Our Science Fair was a great success again this year, with students from Kindergarten through to Year 5 demonstrating scientific concepts. Well done to the students who researched and conducted the experiments. The audience was riveted and amazed with what they saw. Congratulations to the following students who won the prizes.

Students' award – Noah Grunsell, Isabella Ling and Chaise Grunsell (Prize – Science kit)

Parents' award – Cameron Oxenbridge, Isabella Ling and Chaise Grunsell (Prize – Science kit)

Teachers' award – Cameron Oxenbridge/Noah Grunsell (Tie), Samantha Oxenbridge and Amy-Sky Cruickshank/Lilly Watts (Prize – \$10 book prize)

All students who entered the Science Fair and did not come a place, received a \$5 book prize.

Burger lunch

Our canteen and P&C members did another fantastic job at the barbeque and in the canteen making the burgers. One word sums up the burger and that's YUM! Thanks for all your hard work parents – we appreciate you.



Book Parade

The theme for this year was *Australia: Story Country* and we had a few Australian themed costumes such as Snugglypot, a digger and Blinky Bill. We also had a great variety of characters from books and the weather held off for us to have the parade outside.

Yr 6 Guessing competition

Our HUGE jar of lollies that were kindly donated by the Dawes family was drawn, with Izzy being the lucky winner. There was 545 lollies in the jar and Izzy said he had half left on Monday morning. Thanks Izzy for bringing some into share with 2/3/4. We raised \$36.50 towards our Year 6 fundraising. Thanks everyone!



School summer uniform

A reminder that with the warmer weather approaching, caps are not part of our school uniform. We have sun safe hats available from the office for \$10.00 and these need to be worn or children will be restricted to playing in the shaded areas of our playground during recess and lunch.

Girls have the option of wearing the summer tunic, navy blue shorts/skorts/skirts. Other shorts such as denim shorts are not acceptable as part of our school uniform.

We appreciate your support with these matters.

Endangered Species Art Competition

On Wednesday of this week Liam Dixon and his family travelled down to Sydney to look at the exhibition that Liam placed in the top 60 for his turtle artwork. Well done to Liam for achieving this great result.

Last assembly of the term

Please note the last assembly for this term will be held on Thursday Week 10 at 2:30pm. There will be no assembly on Friday of Week 9.

*Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie – Principal*

Assembly Awards

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



Cameron Oxenbridge Kindergarten – Valuable contributions to class discussion

Deklan Martin Kindergarten – Fantastic reading and writing skills

Noah Grunsell Year 1 – Skills in hockey

Aidan Dawes Year 3 – Writing great power sentences

Izzy Wilson Year 3 – Taking care when editing during writing

Jordan Macey Year 4 – Working hard in literacy and maths rotations

Benjamin Ling Year 4 – Taking care when editing during writing

Dylan Armstrong Year 4 – An understanding of time

Chaise Grunsell Year 4 – Great thinking in Maths

Liam Dixon Year 5 – A clear understanding of time

Amy-Sky Cruickshank Year 5 – Great comics in literacy

Paige Armstrong Year 5 – Paxton Star Award

Jordan Macey Year 4 – Gold Merit Award

Paige Armstrong Year 5 – Gold Merit 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.



All book club Issue 6 orders are due back on Monday 12th September.

Year 6 Fundraising

Lunch time treats



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

Wed 14/9	Mulbring Mini Olympics notes and lunch orders due back
Thurs 15/9	Year 5/6 Science and Engineering Discovery Day
Fri 16/9	Scripture
Wed 21/9	Netball competition Cessnock
Thurs 22/9	Mulbring Mini Olympics
	Regional Spelling Bee Branxton



-Fathers' Day Celebrations-

As always, it was wonderful to see so many families attend last Friday.

The students had heaps of fun choosing gifts from the Fathers' Day stall and we truly hope all recipients enjoyed their special presents and had a great day on Sunday.

The science competition was incredible, lunch was delicious and all the staff and students looked amazing in their outfits for the Book Parade.

Sincere thanks to all who organised and helped make Friday such a success especially Trudy, Kate, Sian, Honor and Nat.

It's always great to get together as a school community and enjoy all the things Paxton Public School and the students have to offer.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~



K1 News

Wow it's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 3! The children in K/1/2 seem very grown up as we prepare for our new Kindergarten students to come for their orientation next term, and begin thinking about our current K/1 students being in Year 1 and 2 next year. Time really does fly when you're having fun!



Maths

Over the next two weeks we will be revising and assessing concepts taught in Maths this term. Next week our maths focus is Length. Kindergarten will measure and compare the lengths of pairs of objects using uniform informal units. They will compare the lengths of two or more objects using appropriate uniform units and check by placing the objects side-by-side and aligning the ends. For extra practise at home, the children could use paper clips or other counters, coins or finger spans to measure the length of 3 objects at home. They could draw the objects they measured and write how many units long each object was. Year 1 will also focus on length, however they will measure objects using formal units, millimetres, centimetres and metres.

Writing



I am delighted with the quality of writing the students have been doing at school. They are beginning to express their thoughts and ideas clearly and concisely because they are focusing on writing sentences. Students are being reminded that for each sentence they must;

1. **Think** – what do I want to say.
2. **Say it** – Say what you want to write.
3. **Write it**
4. **Read it** - Read what you have written – check for meaning, spelling and punctuation.

I am also encouraging students to sound out words and have a go when writing unfamiliar words or use our word wall to help them.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Discuss with them what they have read – this consolidates their thoughts and develops comprehension. Drawing and labelling what they have read is also a valuable skill as it develops visualisation – a very important component of comprehension.



Learning with Miss W

Science in K/1

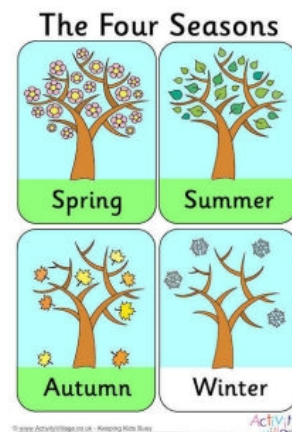
We love Science in K/1. We have been learning about seasons and what months go with each. So far we have learnt about winter and spring. We have looked at what activities we can do, what we wear, what the weather is like in each season.

K/1 has learnt:

Evan – “In Spring the leaves on the trees grow back.”

Deklan – “There are more flowers in Spring.”

Tyler – “Winter is cold, we wear long clothes.”



Health in 2/3/4

We have been learning lots of important and interesting facts about the human body in our health unit. So far we have learnt the function of the brain, heart, lungs and the digestive system. Last week we looked at the skeleton and muscles throughout the body. Fun facts we have learnt:

Makayla – “the left lung is smaller because of the heart”.

Aidan – “there is acid inside the stomach to break down food”

Comprehension in 4/5/6

In 4/5/6 we have been working on our comprehension skills; we are focusing on the Inferring skill. Inferring skill looks at looking beyond the text or picture. When we infer, students form opinions and make assumptions and judgements about events, situations and issues in the text, and how the characters are thinking and feeling

Thank you, Miss W

Wonderful Writing In 2/3/4

This term, we have been focusing on figurative language during literacy and have been using the strategies of hyperbole, alliteration, rhyme and repetition in writing. I am always impressed with the quality of writing in 2/3/4, but I am SUPER impressed at how descriptive some of the more recent pieces have been. Writing has always been my favourite area, first as a student and now as a teacher, so I thought I would share some of our samples with you! Enjoy and be proud, I am! Mrs Clark ☺

Swordfish Stew

The bat, a lion and a rat looked for food. The swordfish was there too and it was nighttime. When it was morning, the swordfish came to look for the animals to make swordfish stew. They packed up all of their things and left.

By Kurtis Orr, Year 2

My Magic Beach

The special Australian kids are riding on slippery surfboards because whoever gets to the end first, wins a giant chewy chocolate box!

By Makayla Ball, Year 2

Sharp Teeth Sharks

Sharks are the worst predator in the ocean. You should not go near them because it is hard to hear them. They will bite you with their sharp, shaky shark teeth.

By Caleb Martin, Year 2



My Magic Beach

On my mysterious magic beach, people are racing back into shore to save their disappearing sandcastles that are being swallowed by the sea.

By Hamish Membrey, Year 2

Dingo Stew

The snake was cooking dingo stew, one sunny Saturday morning.

By Mason Harris, Year 2

Room on the Broom

Out from the deep dark swamp came a mean, muddy swampy monster. The wicked witch realized that it wasn't really a swamp monster, it was actually her cute cat!

By Jacob Ball, Year 3

Yellow Stinging. Stingray

The fierce, yellow stingray kills its prey with one, single shocking shock!

By Aidan Dawes, Year 3

Dancing Dolphins

Snap, snap! "I hope it's a dolphin I can hear" said the brave diver, as he swam through the silvery sea, that was shining in the sun.

by Isabella Ling, Year 3

The Oasis Hummingbird

The Oasis Hummingbird lives in bushland on the coast of Peru. He doesn't like visitors, but sometimes he does like to entertain Betty the hummingbird, by dancing!

By Liam Dawes, Year 3

Awesome Aussie Animals

One warm afternoon, the older wombats took care of all of the children while their mothers used spears to collect red meat. The poor wombats usually only get the scraps of the old stone fruit, so the mothers left their waterhole and ventured into the deep, dark, Aussie bush, in search of food.

By Samantha Oxenbridge, Year 3

Crazy Commotion in the Park

It is dusk on Halloween, however, not a single ghost can be seen! Is this really a Halloween scene?

By Izzy Wilson, Year 3

My Wonderful Weekend

On the weekend, my new friend Noah and I climbed a gigantic tree, made some more bike jumps and did some crazy stunts!

By Dominic Peace, Year 4

Twenty Turtles

Taylor the Turtle lived by the big, breathing sea. One day she travelled up to the silky, seashore to lay her eggs. Soon after, twenty little turtles came to be!

Benjamin Ling, Year 4

Wombat Stew

On an autumn Australian day, a dizzy dingo was singing Wombat Stew in a silly voice when a pretty platypus came walking up from the fresh river to sing along too!

By Nicole Siggins, Year 4



Regards, Mrs Clark ☺

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Year 6 mini lessons at Mount View HS

Our Year 6 students had their first full day of high school on Tuesday of this week. Jamie caught the bus to the high school and met Bailey, Caelli and Miss Lampe there. Students were put into groups for a range of Maths and Science activities.

Ms Desley Pfeffer the principal of Mount View HS along with the 2017 Yr 7 Year Advisor, Head Teacher Welfare, Deputy Principal and Learning and Support Teacher, came out to talk to the students and myself last week. It was great to meet all the people that will be involved in the student's lives when they enter high school next year.

Maths

For the past few weeks we have been learning all about time – 24 hr, analog, digital, timetable, world time and much more. Please encourage your child to read the analogue clocks regularly and to convert digital time to 24 hr time. Time is one of the those skills we use everyday in life.

This week we started revising our knowledge on graphs. We can read and interpret picture, column and line graphs and about to start creating our own graphs on the computer. We will then look at pie graphs, means and other key elements in graphing.

Writing

Our short films are almost written and some groups are shooting demo scenes making sure sound and camera angles are good. We have discussed the importance of dialogue, props and scenes to help to convey a message to the viewer. We can't wait to see how they turn out!

We have also started with our *Power Writing* work again. *Power Writing* shows us how to make our sentences interesting by adding adjectives, adverbs, time connectives and similes.

For example

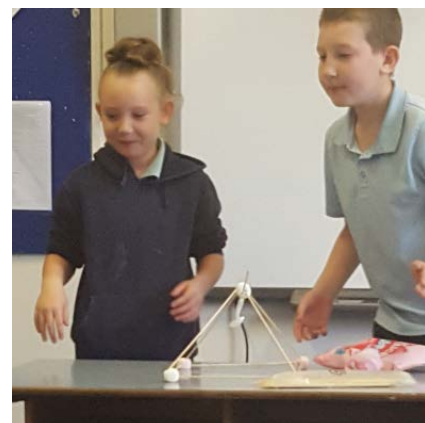
Basic sentence - The car drove down the street.

Power Writing sentence – During the car chase (time connective), the sports (adjective) car drove dangerously (adverb) down the street like a (simile).

Ask your child to think of their own simile to finish off this sentence and create other Power Writing sentences of their own.

Regards, Michelle Murphie

SCIENCE FAIR



Book Parade



Father's Day



COMMUNITY NEWS



MILLFIELD UNIT GIRL GUIDES

Mondays at 4.30pm – 6pm
St Luke's Hall, Millfield

Millfield Girl Guides has begun it's 3rd year
And we are inviting new member's to join

Guides enjoy a fun and engaging
Programme of indoor & outdoor activities
Including games, leadership skills, craft,
Cooking & community involvement.

Guides are led by qualified ladies who
Promote a safe non-competitive environment



This Term at Millfield:

- Hunter Vallay Zoo Sleep-out
- Science Programme
- Cyber Safety / Surf Smart
- Cyber Badge
- Cooking & Craft

Your first two (2) visits are **FREE** so come try us out...

Call Kylie on **0410 323 627**

Email: cessnockguides@bigpond.com
www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL

A Place on the Field for Everyone

Sign up today!

- » Touch Football is a fun game, providing a great social environment for both boys and girls, competitions for all ages and skill levels
- » Touch Football is a great, minimal contact sport to get kids active and meet new friends
- » Mid week and after hours: games will leave your weekends free
- » Join the NRL family - develop skills that support other sporting interests
- » Representative pathways that lead to club, state or even national honours
- » Catering for individuals in teams - A place on the field for everyone!

Hey YOU!



**Seeking
Expressions
of Interest...**

JUNIOR TEAMS wanting to play Thurs arvos @ **Jeffery Park Hearsley**
Mixed — U5s to u15s — 8wks Term4 — 6 to 10 players per team
All games paid REFS & end of season Presentation & BBQ : **TEAM \$400**
Email : werakatacessnocktouchfootball@gmail.com or phone m0409718303.
Before Monday of the week starting 12 September



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EXCITING NEWS!!!

Camp Waratah @ Maitland Rugby
Headline Special Guest "Jed Holloway & Bryce Hegarty"

Waratahs Players will be there!!!

The event will be held at "Maitland Rugby Club"

On the 29th September Term 3 School Holidays NSW Rugby is running its famous Camp Waratah at Maitland.

TIME: 9.00am – 3pm (After Hour Care Optional)

LOCATION: *****Maitland Rugby Park *****

PRICE: \$90.00

Direct link to Book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=217899>

Description:

NSW Rugby School holiday camps aim to enhance participants' core rugby skills all whilst having an absolute ball in a safe and encouraging environment! These camps will have a Rugby sevens focus and we are calling all U7-U14 year olds to register for a unique camp like no other!

What to bring:

Rugby Boots / Runner (Wet Weather Conditions), Mouth Guards/ Head Gear / Protective Equipment as required, Water Bottles, Hat, Towel and Recess / Lunch

Skills covered:

The on-field sessions will cover the key skills area of catch and pass, evasion, handling, tackle contest, tackle support, defence, and physical preparation for Rugby. The program will be fun and rewarding with a commitment to quality learning outcomes.

The 1 day Super Camp will include:

- NSW Waratahs skills coached by expert NSW Development staff
- Camp program certified by NSW 7's head coaches Francis Cullimore and Nathan McMahon
- Introduction to the ARU's newest form of Rugby - VIVA7s
- Participants will learn to challenge themselves while growing in confidence, understanding the necessity of teamwork, having fun and making new friends along the way
- Meet and greet a selected Waratah player
- OPTIONAL after camp care will be provided at an additional extra cost

Eligibility:

U7-U14 yrs

Venue

Maitland Rugby Club

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