

## What's the scoop from 4/5/6

### English

We've started our short films and are busy filming and directing before we start the editing process. Our films are based on a short narrative story that the students wrote within their small groups. We're also developing our debating skills this term, which involves writing arguments for and against a range of topics, rebuttals (arguing the other team's points) and our public speaking skills as well. One key skill we're developing is our ability to vote for the team that has the strongest argument - not just voting for the team we agree with. This is a tricky one but we're improving our skills in this everyday.



### Year 5 school leader speeches for 2018

Our Year 5 students should start to think about if they would like to be a school leader in 2018. If students would like to be a school leader, they need to give a speech on why they would be a good school leader. The students will present their speeches as part of our last assembly for this year, Wednesday 6th December (Wk 9) from 2pm. Once the speeches have been read, students and staff will vote for two (2) students we believe will be good schools leaders. The two students with the most votes will be elected into the role of school leaders. Please note that this is regardless of gender, e.g. we could have 2 boys or 2 girls or 1 boy and 1 girl.

*The role of school leader in our school involves:*

- *representing our school at community events such as ANZAC Day Dawn Service and March, sporting events, etc...*
- *running our school assemblies*
- *ringing the school bell everyday*
- *thanking guests who run programs in our school*
- *assisting with other jobs in the school when asked.*

### Stage 3 camp to Adventure Land

Just a reminder that our Stage 3 Small Schools camp to Adventure Land Forster is from Nov 20-22. Please continue to pay off the balance and don't forget to pack those old clothes and shoes for mud world. Mud World is lots of fun though!



Regards, Michelle Murphie

## SPORTS REPORT

### Cricket

The students will be learning various skills in cricket this term. They will be actively involved in a 6 week program that involves batting, fielding and bowling. They will also get the chance to incorporate those skills into game situations.

### Basketball

The students will also be involved in a 5 week basketball program this term. They will be learning various skills that will enable them to use in game situations.

### Soccer passing competition

The students have had the opportunity to participate in a soccer passing competition. 2/3/4 and K/1 are still yet to complete their competition. Congratulations to the winners from 4/5/6.

Boys - Charly Siggins

Girls - Chloe Piper

### Swimming

Years 2-6 will be travelling to Cessnock Pool as part of an intensive swimming program. They will all receive a certificate at the end of the program to demonstrate the skills they can perform.

Regards, Mark Wilson

### **Free Drop in Health Clinic for Aboriginal People**

Would you or any family members like to receive a **FREE** Health Screening Check?

Staff from the Aboriginal Chronic Care team and Dietitians are providing a free clinic to all Aboriginal community members over the age of 15.

**Come along, enjoy some healthy snacks and have a yarn about your health!**



**Where:** Kurri Kurri Community Health  
Lang st, Kurri Kurri  
**When:** Tuesday - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**Time:** 9am – 12.30pm

**Appointments:** Drop in



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**Term 4-Week 3 Friday 27th October 2017**

### **Principal's Report**

#### Back to School Breakfast

On Wednesday of Week 2 we had another delicious breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages, fruit, yoghurt, cereal, warm milos and juice. We all look forward to our term breakfasts and they are a great way for our school community to get together. Families are always invited so we hope to see you all for our first one in 2018 which will occur on Wednesday Week 1, 31st January from 8:30am.



#### Intention to apply for Yr 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018. *If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to contact the school asap as entries close 13/11/17.*

#### Building maintenance

We're happy to say that the painting and carpet laying in the 2/3/4 and office building looks terrific! The 4/5/6 classroom received new carpet and we hope to have a new coat of paint on the walls next year. Our 2/3/4 students along with Mrs Clark will start to plan for the new furniture in their room soon and it should arrive ready for the start of next year.

#### Transition for 2018 classes

On Wednesday of Wk 2 we welcomed our new Kindergarten students for 2018 into our school. Our Year 3 students did a great job in their roles as buddies, helping the students join in with activities. Our Kinder transition activities will occur every Wednesday for the rest of the term (see over the page for the different times). We've also started transitioning our Year 1 students into Mrs Clark's room and Year 4 students into the 4/5/6 room during this time as well. These transitions will occur for the rest of the term and are a great way of preparing all our students and staff for their classes next year.



#### School hats

With the warmer weather coming on students have been reminded that they need to wear their school hats whenever they are in the sun for PE, sport as well as during lunch and recess breaks. Please make sure you label your child's hat. We do have a few spare hats but we are reluctant to share them in case of head lice.



**\$10 each**

**Kind regards, Michelle Murphie - Principal**



Assembly Awards

K/1	
Kaitlyn Ball	Participation in games and sports
Grace Jobson	Being a great classroom helper
Ruby Stevens	Trying hard in writing
William Brown	Trying hard in reading
2/3/4	
Kurtis Orr	Great effort in visual arts
Shayla Gibson	Trying hard in maths groups
Taleana Gibson	Working hard in informative writing
Caleb Martin	Demonstrating an outstanding overarm throw in cricket
4/5/6	
Dominic Peace	Improvement in reading
Paige Armstrong	Demonstrating how to draw angles
Iaiah Wilson	Working well in maths
Chaise Grunsell	Demonstrating an excellent over-arm throw in cricket
Principal's Awards	
Grace Jobson	Always thinking of others
Paxton Star Awards	
Liam Sellick	Respect Showing respect to his teachers and peers
Reide Blyton	Achievement working very hard in writing
Amy-Sky Cruickshank	Achievement in contract literacy work
Taleana Gibson	Respect in Science

Home Reading	
180 Nights	Samantha Oxenbridge and Ella Russell-Crowley
120 Nights	Benjamin Ling
100 Nights	Makayla Ball
80 Nights	Evan Nugent
60 Nights	Chaise Grunsell, Boyd Gibson, Seth Gibson, Ruby Strevens, Emi-Jay Brown and Isabella Ling
40 Nights	William Brown, Deklan Martin, Maximus Smith, Tyler Armstrong, Jacob Ball, Aidan Dawes, Liam Dawes and Caleb Martin
20 Nights	Ricky Smith, Liam Sellick, Noah Grunsell, Paige Armstrong, Kaydence Brown and Taylah

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
4	1/11	Kinder Orientation 9am-12pm
	2/11	P&C Meeting 9am
5	8/11	Kinder Orientation 9am-12pm
	9/11	REACH Yr 5/6 at Kitchener Public School
6	15/11	Kinder Orientation 9am-12pm
	17/11	MVHS Agriculture visit Yr 3 to 6

Rocket off into Kindergarten in 2018 at Paxton Public School

1/11: 9am -12noon

8/11: 9am -12 noon

15/11: 9am -12 noon

22/11: 9am –3pm

29/11: 9am –3pm

6/12: 9am –3pm

13/12: 9am –3pm (mini fair afternoon)



- Senior & Volunteer Shirts -

Order forms have been sent home with all year 5 students, for their senior shirts for 2018. The P&C purchase one senior shirt on behalf of each student entering Year 6, as a congratulatory gesture, and extra shirts are available to purchase at \$25 each.

Volunteer shirts are also available at a cost of \$22 (they have less embroidery). Order forms are available at the school office for those interested. Please return order forms as soon as possible, but no later than Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Even if no extra shirts are being ordered, the P&C will order the complimentary shirt on your information. Thank you

- P&C General Meeting -

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9.10am at school. Items to be discussed include:  
3 year plan for Paxton P.S.  
End of year events  
Fundraising plan for 2018

If you have anything you wish to discuss or add, please join us. We'd love to see you there!

Learning in K/1

English

K/1 students have been working really hard in English, but particularly on their reading and writing. During L3 reading groups we have been trying to encourage students to read fluently and expressively – not too fast and not too slow - and when characters are talking to make it sound like they are talking in real life. We have also been concentrating on reading punctuation carefully so that our reading makes sense. Students have been working really well in independent writing. Each week we give students goals to work towards. These goals might include writing more detailed pieces of writing, including the correct punctuation in their sentences such as capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences. We are also using finger spaces between words to ensure their writing can be clearly understood, using our ‘word wall’ to spell unknown words and re-reading their work and editing it to make sure it makes sense. Students have shown great pride in their achievements when they have achieved their personal writing goals.

Mathematics

In Mathematics students have been doing some excellent work in Number with Mrs Shoesmith. On Thursdays and Fridays with Mrs Trappel students have been working on the measurement strands. We have been looking at Position and Mass; learning about how to describe the position of objects and places and talking about concepts involving heavy and light.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our current Kindergarten students enjoyed meeting and interacting with the new kindergarten students for 2018 last week. Students enjoyed experimenting with the dress ups, exploring Reading Eggs and doing some art and craft activities. We read a story called Oi Cat! by Kes Gray which is the third in a series about cats and dogs and all sorts of animals and what they should sit on. These books are great books with excellent rhyming words. Students enjoyed suggesting new rhyming words for things the animals could sit on. Our current Year 1s enjoyed going to 2/3/4 and learning about the routines of class 2/3/4.

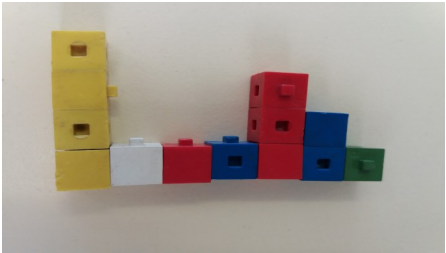


Kind regards,

Mrs Shoesmith and Mrs Trappel – K/1 Teachers

2/3/4 News

The term is flying by and it'll be Christmas before we know it! We have been working very hard in English and Mathematics and have been achieving many of our personal goals. In Maths, we have been combining data with fractions to learn how to simplify fractions. Once simplified, we are able to easily model the new fractions with cube graphs, or on the computer with ‘Create a Graph’.



We have been using the writing process to develop an informative piece about how the people involved in the First Fleet felt about their experiences. Students planned, composed, recorded, revised and published a letter that was written in 1788, to a person of their choice. Some chose to be a convict, writing to a family member back in England, while others wrote from the perspective of the Aboriginal people. Students used both emotive and informative words in their writing and really embraced the characters in their stories. We enjoyed tea staining our letters and artworks, as to make them appear old. The rich text we used was ‘Molly and Beth’, by Mark Wilson. (Not our Mr Wilson).



To Caleb,

30 July 1788

I'm feeling very sorry about being mean to the convict girls. I made them pick up big rocks and plant the vegetables. They got work cuts on there hands. They had to sleep outside alone. They were scared and sad.

From Reide Blyton.

Warm regards, Mrs Clark—2/3/4