

What's the scoop from 4/5/6

Visual arts

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on creating 3D art projects out of recycled materials such as magazines and newspapers. So far we have been extremely busy beginning our coiled magazine bowls. During upcoming lessons students will move onto constructing other 3D creations. Look out for what's next!



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SUPPORT!

Year 6 recess ice cream sales

Our Year 6 students have been great role models for the school by selling ice creams during recess break to raise money for their end of year fun day. They are modelling great leadership skills and responsibility to our younger students. Keep up the great work year 6.

Stage 3 REACH program

Stage 3 has been attending Reach workshops this term and the last one was held recently in week 5. Students attend workshops in small groups that are allocated by their year level. Youth leaders run workshops and the intention is to provide a safe space for students to express themselves, connect with their peers and develop interpersonal skills. Students gain positive and relevant strategies that can be applied within school and to their every day life. The week 5 Reach workshop was particularly beneficial to our Year 6 students and their transition to high school with a focus on peer pressure. Year 5 will continue with the program next year. Thank you to Year 5 and 6 for attending, we hope you enjoyed your workshops.

Stage 3 camp to Adventure Land

After a long wait it is almost time for camp! Please remember to check the green note that went home, it has a checklist to help ensure students have everything they require for the three days. I cannot wait to hear all about it!



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Principal's Report

Cessnock Combined Schools' Choir

The Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools' Choir is a Gifted & Talented Choral group of students from public primary schools that feed into Cessnock & Mount View High Schools. The Principals of the participating schools support the choir, and the choir performs at a wide variety of community functions and events throughout the year. Melanie Rees, Annie Devine, and Cheryl-Ann Leggatt will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 5th December** at **9:40am** to audition children for the CCGPS Choir of 2018. Students must be going into Year 4, 5 or 6 in **2018** and the process should only take approximately 20 minutes depending on the number of students. If students are successful, they will receive an information pack to take home to their caregivers who can then decide on their child's acceptance. If you would like your child to audition please leave their name with our school office by Thursday 20th November.

2018-2020 school planning

Department of Education schools plan strategic directions and goals that span a 3 year period. As we are coming up to a new planning cycle (2018-2020) I have been consulting with staff and the P&C on what's important for our school in regards to goals, strategies and key focus areas. Attached to this newsletter is a survey for parents/carers to complete that will enable you to have your say in this matter. If you have any questions about the survey please contact our Community Representative Sian Membrey and she can assist you. We appreciate and value your comments and look forward to ready your responses. Please note the responses are anonymous and can be left in the box in the front office by no later than Friday 3:30pm 1st December 2017.



2018 School leaders speech

In 4/5/6's last newsletter column I mentioned that our Year 5 students should start to think about if they would like to be a school leader in 2018. Now is the time for students to start to write their speeches if they are interested. 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. This is a great opportunity for our students and I encourage all our Year 5 students to have a go!



Remembrance Day Service

Last Friday our school leaders led a wonderful service for Remembrance Day. Students from our classes shared poems and art they had created in class. It was a lovely service and we all planted poppies in the garden as a sign of remembrance.



Tree maintenance

Earlier this week we had some tree maintenance work performed as part of our site safety requirements. This work was done as a result of a yearly audit that identifies trees that may need removal or maintenance work due to a range of factors.

Kind regards,

Michelle Murphie

Principal

Assembly Awards

| K/1 | |
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| Deklan Martin | A more settled approach to class learning |
| Boyd Gibson | Presenting interesting speaking and listening items |
| Ricky Smith | Enthusiasm in writing and creative arts activities |
| Connor Membrey | Demonstrating excellent catching skills in games and sports |
| 2/3/4 | |
| Samantha Oxenbridge | Enthusiastic participation in dancing |
| Emi-Jay Brown | Great use of emotive language in writing |
| Evan Nugent | Good work using borrowing and subtraction |
| Jacob Ball | Demonstrating excellent batting technique in cricket |
| 4/5/6 | |
| Benjamin Ling | Consistent effort in guided reading |
| Paige Armstrong | Demonstrating active involvement and trying her best during numeracy groups each day |
| Dylan Orlowski | Producing an emotive and well thought out poem for Remembrance Day |
| Nathan Oxenbridge | Demonstrating an excellent batting technique in cricket |
| Principal's Awards | |
| Emi-Jay Brown | Always demonstrating our school values |
| Paxton Star Awards | |
| Ruby Strevens | Respect towards others |
| Caleb Martin | Safety- Hands and feet to self |
| Chaise Grunsell | Achievement in maths |
| Hamish Membrey | Achievement in science |
| Gold Award | |
| Ella Russell-Crowley | 10 Merit awards |
| Home Reading Awards | |
| 200 Nights | Ella Russell-Crowley |
| 100 Nights | Makayla Ball |

| Wk | Date | Upcoming Events |
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| 7 | 20/11-22/11 | Stage 3 camp to Adventureland |
| | 22/11 | Kinder orientation 9am-3pm |
| | 23/11 | Scripture 2.30pm |
| 8 | 29/11 | Kinder orientation 9am-3pm |
| | 30/11 | P&C Meeting 9:10am Grandparent's Day 1:30pm—3pm |
| 9 | 5/12 | Yr6 MVHS 9am-11am |
| | 6/12 | Kinder orientation 9am-3pm Assembly & 2018 School Leader Speeches 2.00pm |
| | 11/12 | Presentation Night 6pm followed by disco |
| 10 | 12/12 | 4/5/6 Fun Day |
| | 13/12 | Kinder orientation 9am-3pm Mini Fair - 2pm |
| | 14/12 | Year 6 Farewell |
| | 15/12 | Last day for students |



- Senior Shirts -

Sincere thanks to all Year 5 families for returning the senior shirt order forms.

An order will be placed with the supplier on Monday to ensure completion by the end of term.

Extra shirts may be ordered at any time but shirts ordered after this coming week will not be available for collection until school resumes in 2018.

- P&C General Meeting -

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday November 30th from 9.10am at school.

Items to be discussed include:
Year 6 celebrations
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!

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C
~ Together we can make a difference

K/1/2 News

Year 1

It is with a heavy heart that we prepare to farewell our Year 1 children as they move on to 2/3/4 next year. Each Wednesday Ruby, Cameron, Riley and Deklan have been transitioning to 2/3/4. They are all loving their time in Year 2! Evan has been a part of 2/3/4 for Literacy and Maths since the beginning of the year so he is preparing to be a full time member of 2/3/4 J Over the past two years together, we have laughed, played, studied and learned and at the end of it all, they have completed this part of their school life with great achievements and beautiful memories! It has been a pleasure to watch their personalities unfold over the past two years and I wish them all the best next year. Thank you to all our Year 1 parents who have given their time volunteering in K/1, and who have raised such wonderful children! Look how much they have grown over the past two years.



It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas... in K/1

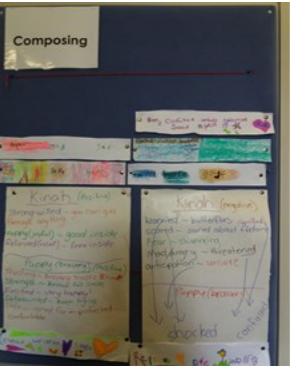
This week we decided to begin to get into the Christmas spirit by putting up a Christmas tree and making some Christmas decorations during our creative arts lesson. The children had lots of fun decorating our tree and we think it looks great!



Mrs Shoesmith and Mrs Trappel—K/1 Teachers

What's new in 2/3/4

It's been a lovely few weeks in our classroom, as we've started getting ready for our Presentation Day item! It's top secret, but we're having a lot of fun! We hope you enjoyed our 'hands off, feet off' song at the assembly. We enjoyed learning this during our PBL lessons.



We have also been busily revising addition and subtraction in Mathematics, looking at the efficiency of different methods, and making an informed choice when solving. Caleb's favourite is the 'bump' strategy, Isabella likes to trade, while Noah and Samantha prefer jump and split.

In writing, we have been focusing on emotive and informative language, based around the story, 'The Afghanistan Pup'. During our recording stage, we designed artworks that expressed this language.



We have enjoyed having Miss Laczkowski, from the University of Newcastle, in our classroom. Her lessons are very engaging!



Well done 2/3/4 for demonstrating excellent teamwork when making 60 poppies for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. They were beautiful.

Teri Clark—2/3/4