



# Paxton Public School

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***"Safety, Teamwork, Achievement, Respect"***

Term 1 – Week 3 Friday, 10 February 2017



## **Principal's Report**

### **Back to school breakfast**

Last Wednesday we celebrated the start of the 2017 school year with a delicious breakfast. Kim (our handy General Assistant) cooked a hearty breakfast and we also had cereal, yoghurt and fresh fruit. If you missed out, don't worry we've decided to have one every term. We'll let you know the date later in the term.



### **Class structure**

Students and staff have settled into their classes and have begun on their learning journey for the year. Teachers are busy creating individual learning plans for each student and will schedule meetings for parents later on this term to chat about student goals. In the meantime, if you have any questions about your child, please speak to their teacher.

### **Staff information**

K/1 – Mrs Lauren Trappel joins our teaching staff while Mrs Corrin Shoesmith is on maternity leave.

2/3/4 – Mrs Teri Clark is back with us again this year.

4/5/6 – I have the pleasure of teaching 4/5/6 this year.

RFF – Mr Mark Wilson joins us Wed – Fri, teaching a range of subjects including PE and sport.

Mrs Elissa Campkin is our Instructional Leader (K-3) Literacy and Numeracy on Fridays.

Miss Tamara Lampe, Ms Bobbie Orr and Ms Linda Porter will continue to support teachers and students in classrooms.

### **Remember to wear a hat**

Students are required to wear a hat while they are participating in physical activities in the sun. Please make sure your child has a school hat every day.



### **New school caps**

At the end of last year, we organised a cap option as part of our school uniform. We're excited to say that they have arrived and are \$11 from the office.

### **School newsletter**

We hope you like our colourful newsletter! Eldest students in the family will receive a newsletter every 3 weeks on a Friday. If you would prefer the newsletter emailed to you please give Leeanne your email address.



### **Permission to publish photos**

We love to celebrate our student achievements through our school newsletter, school webpage and Facebook site. This includes publishing student photos, names and worksamples. If you do not want this to occur for your child please contact the school.

### **Year 6 shirts for 2017**

Our Year 6 students look great in their Yr 6 shirts and are very proud to wear them.

### **Small schools swimming carnival**

We had a great day last Friday at the Small schools swimming carnival. All students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and represented our school to a high standard. Well done!



### **School assemblies**

Our school assemblies will be held every 3 weeks this year. 4/5/6 hosted the first one earlier this week, 2/3/4 will host the assembly in Wk 6 (1/3/17) and K/1 will host in Wk 9 (22/3/17). Our assemblies are a great way of recognising student achievement and host class activities. We hope you can join us at our assemblies.

*Kind regards,*

***Michelle Murphie – Principal***

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
4	Thu 16/2	Cessnock Zone Swimming Carnival
5	Wed 22/2	School Disco 5.30pm – 7.00pm
6	Wed 1/3	Assembly 2.30pm

### Assembly Awards

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



K/1	
Cameron Oxenbridge	Being a caring and helpful class member and a great role model for Kindergarten.
Deklan Martin	A great start to his learning and Year 1
2/3/4	
Isabella Ling	Being a wonderful Year 4 leader
Makalya Ball	Challenging herself in all tasks
4/5/6	
Hayley Ball	Good organisational skills
Charly Siggins	Great work in maths-factors
Paxton Star Award	
Amy-Sky Cruickshank	Leadership & contribution to the school
Liam Dixon	Leadership & contribution to the school
Principal's Award	
All Year 4 students	2017 Kinder Buddy Program



New School Cap  
\$11.00

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival



Welcome to another great year at Paxton Public School.

### **-Easter Raffle-**

Tickets will be sent home soon for the Easter raffle which is to be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade (date to be advised).

There are three prizes to be won:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** valued at \$60, **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** valued at \$45 and **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** valued at \$30.

A scrumptious incentive prize will be awarded to the family selling the most tickets.

Extra books of 10 tickets will be available at the school office on return of original ticket allocation and money. Tickets will be \$1 each and all money raised will go towards enhancing the students' kitchen garden.

Donations of Easter goodies will be gratefully accepted at the school office.

### **-Preloved Uniform Pool-**

A selection of preloved uniform items are available from the office including junior shirts, shorts and hats. 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.

*Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C*

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## Learning in K/1

K/1 students have had a busy two weeks. Kindergarten students have had a great start to their school learning and the Year 1s have settled in well to a new school year. K/1 students and I have been having lots of fun getting to know each other. We have begun our formal speaking and listening lessons. Students have already spoken about the topic, 'All about Me,' and have shared information with the class about themselves, their family members and pets, their favourite food, sport and colour/s etc. Students are learning to listen attentively to other student's speaking and listening item and are learning to ask relevant and thoughtful questions about other student's speaking and listening items. A note was sent home with information about weekly speaking and listening topics.



We have already read lots of 'big books' in K/1 including the wonderful story 'Possum Magic,' by Mem Fox. Students made a class book of 'Ways to make Hush invisible.'

K/1 students have been enjoying playing 'Buzz' in Mathematics where we have been practising our counting in a fun and exciting way.

Home Reading will begin for Year 1 next week. Students will be sent home a new home reading log to record their nights of home reading. Students are encouraged to bring back their home readers every day. Home Reading for Kindergarten will begin later this term.



Regards, Lauren Trappel

## Welcome to 2/3/4!



### English

We have had a lovely start to our 2017 learning journey, with lots of happy, smiley faces around! We have been reading 'Charlotte's Web' in Literacy and have been writing imaginative and creative texts. 'Wilbur the Pig', is no longer Wilbur and the farm has turned into 'outer space'! Students have also been practising recount structures every Monday. Feel free to pop in and see our Word Web, which is helping our class to become better writers.

### Mathematics

We are focusing on place value during Mathematics and are revising the names of the places in numbers from one to six digits. Some of our students have been learning about decimal place value and are enjoying the extension. ALL students have been working really well and are consolidating their learning with Mathletics!

### Key Learning Area - CAPA

We are working on a unit called 'The Vase of Flowers', in Art, which is making our room look beautiful! Lucky they're paper as they probably wouldn't have survived the heat wave! We have also started our class rotation in Dance! However, we won't be spilling any secrets just yet!

All of 2/3/4 need to be acknowledged for their wonderful start to 2017! With a special mention for our first two award recipients: Isabella Ling – 'for being a wonderful Year 4 Leader' and to Makayla Ball – 'for outstanding effort in all task'. Well done!

Mrs Clark – 2/3/4

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

### Science

We've started our Science unit and have conducted experiments related to motion and force. We investigated strong and weak forces using air pressure and how our actions affect how an object moves. We had a blast with our balloon rockets.



### English

Students are looking at factual texts this term and this includes information reports and news articles, to name a few. We have also started our spelling and novel reading programs. We'll watch Behind The News (BTN) again each week and complete related activities. We are also using a range of computer programs to consolidate our learning in English.

### Maths

Last week we revised our knowledge of place value and numbers and the role they play in our everyday lives. This week we extended our knowledge of expanded notation, factors and multiples. Our knowledge of times tables facts came in very handy.

### Challenge Friday

We loved Challenge Friday activities so much last year that we're continuing it again this term. Students enjoy the opportunity of challenging themselves in a range of activities in solo, pair and small groups. We're learning what areas our strengths are in, the peers who we work well with and those peers who complement our skills. We have a lot of fun too!

### Students in Year 7 2018

Parents of our current Year 6 students will be asked to complete high school enrolment forms later this term. These forms require parents to nominate their preferred high school in 2018. Our feeder high school is Mount View High School. We'll pass on more information to parents when it becomes available to us.



*Regards, Michelle Murphie*

## SPORTS REPORT

### Fitness and tennis

The students will be actively involved in a fitness and tennis program this term. The fitness program will be focussing on a variety of activities that will help students get fitter and more active. In the first two weeks they have been doing circuits and have been testing their pulses. I have been very impressed with the commitment shown by all of the students.



The students have also been actively involved with a variety of tennis skills. Skills such as hitting and striking the ball that helps develop the students hand and eye coordination. Congratulations to Noah Beresford and Charly Siggins for holding the current record for 10 hits over the tennis net. I am really looking forward to watching the students develop their skills over the term.



*Regards, Mark Wilson*