

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Maths! Maths! Maths!

Wow—what an amazing few weeks we've had in Maths in our classroom! We've been learning about division, fractions, volume, capacity, time and now we're onto all things related to decimals and 3D shapes. The learning of mathematic skills and concepts is vital to everyday life as we use these skills all the time, so it's vital that students put these skills into practise regularly. Families can help to reinforce this by asking their child to help with the shopping budget, work out the change required from the shop, tell the time, read TV guides, organise dinner one night with a budget and the list goes on. The students really enjoyed using the Coles online site to work out a budget, so maybe they could the family budget too!

Label your child's equipment

Unfortunately some students are unable to find their equipment already this year and it would be appreciated if you could label your child's pens, pencils and rulers. We are encouraging students to use a permanent marker to write their name on their items in class and this should hopefully stop things from going missing.

Easter hat creations

Every year we give students the opportunity to make an Easter hat in class as part of our art activities and they can then use this for the parade if they choose. Students are also allowed to make a hat at home and wear that one if they prefer—it's your choice. All students K-6 are encouraged to walk in the parade and it's especially nice for our Year 6 students as this will be their last Easter Hat Parade with us.



Harmony Day

Regards,
Michelle Murphie

Sports Report

Fitness

It has been a busy few weeks with sport and fitness for our school. The students have continued to push themselves in fitness through vigorous obstacle courses. The courses were designed to test the students endurance and agility over a period of time through a variety of obstacles. It was awesome to see the Kindergarten students achieve the goals that were set for them when attempting the obstacle courses.

Paxton Open

The Paxton Open has been a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students who chose to participate. All stages were given the opportunity to participate in the tournament. The tournament was an opportunity for the students to compete in a knockout format and I must congratulate every student for their efforts and good sportsmanship.

K/1 Winner- Evan Nugent

Runner Up -Tyler Armstrong

2/3/4 Winner - Samantha Oxenbridge

Runner Up -Jacob Ball

4/5/6 Winner - Charly Siggins

Runner up - Liam Dixon

School Cricket

The boys and girls cricket teams combined with Mulbring Public School to play PSSA cricket. The girls played against Kurri Kurri Public School and put in a great effort. For some of the girls it was their first game of cricket, and they did Paxton Public School proud. Kurri Kurri scored 165 runs and in reply our girls scored 125 runs. All the girls did extremely well and a special mention must go to Chaise Grunswell for getting a wicket and having figures of 1 for 23. Isabella Ling and Chaise also batted really well staying out at the crease for a long period of time. Nicole Siggins also did really well as wicket keeper on the day.

The boys played against Cessnock West Public School. It was a hard fought game and all the boys did really well. Cessnock scored 100 runs off their 25 overs. The boys scored 90 runs only falling 10 runs short of victory which was a great effort. Charlie Siggins bowled extremely well on the day with figures of 2-16 and also helped the team with a run out. All the boys fielded well, with what was a great team effort. It was a great experience for both girls and boys and both teams did the school proud.

Regards, Mark Wilson



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Principal's Report

Paxton Markets

Just a reminder that we're having a market day on Sunday 2nd April from 10am—2pm. We have stall and/or car boot sites available to our school community for \$10.00 and a cost of \$20.00 for the wider community. If you know of anyone who would like a stall please pass our information along to them so they can phone the school and book their site. All sites must be pre-booked and paid for before market day.

School disco

Our school disco held back in Week 7 was another great success and that's a big thanks to our Year 6 students and Miss Lampe who organised the event. Our discos are a great fundraiser for our Year 6 students but they are also a great social event for our students to mix with their peers in a fun and out of school hours event. We have the date already on the calendar for next term but haven't worked out the theme yet—so watch this space!

Congratulations to Alex Cruickshank

All of our students entered a competition for Interrelate at the beginning of the term and designed a poster that showed what 'Respect' looked like at our school. We were very happy to hear that one of our Kindergarten students, Alex Cruickshank, was successful as a finalist in this competition. If you haven't already seen his lovely smiling face in last week's Cessnock Advertiser, here's the picture. Well done Alex and thanks to Mrs Clark for organising another exciting opportunity for our students.



Easter Activity Friday Week 11

Mrs Teri Clark has been busy organising our upcoming Easter activities that will occur on Friday 7th April from 1:30pm—3:00pm. Notes went home this week asking for numbers so that we can get an indication for the activities on the day. It would be appreciated if you could please return those notes as soon as possible.



Voluntary School Contribution

Each year families are asked to contribute to the programs and activities that occur at their child's school. Our fee this year is \$25.00 per student and it is capped at no more than \$50.00 per family. These extra funds help us to ensure students at our school have sufficient resources and equipment to engage in a wide range of learning experiences in the classroom and wider school setting. We appreciate your contributions to our school.

PSSA sport

Mr Mark Wilson has been busy over the last fortnight supervising teams for the PSSA cricket matches that are girls and boys teams were involved in. One of the main things that has occurred during these matches is a demonstration of our student's enthusiasm and give it a go attitude. This has been outstanding from all students and this has been commented highly by Mr Wilson. We still have games in basketball, netball, touch football and football (soccer) to come next term. More information on these events will be given closer to the dates.

Scripture

Scripture is held in our school a few times each term depending on scripture teacher availability. All students will be automatically be involved in lessons unless parents/carers notify the school in writing or verbally. Students who do not participate in scripture will be supervised by teachers.

Kind regards,

Michelle Murphie - Principal

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
10	Thu 30/3	P & C AGM Meeting 9.15am
	Fri 31/3	Fitness Challenge—Gold coin donation for Starstruck
	Sun 2/4	Paxton School Market Day
11	Fri 7/4	Easter activities from 1.30pm Last day of term
Term 2		
1	Mon 24/4	Staff Development Day
	Tue 25/4	Anzac Day
	Wed 26/4	Students return and back to school breakfast 8.30am

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



K/1	
Ruby Strevens	Trying hard writing sentences during spelling work
Boyd Gibson	Working well in Maths groups
Seth Gibson	Trying hard and working well in writing
Cameron Oxenbridge	Great effort in fitness and tennis
2/3/4	
Noah Grunsell	Using her goals to improve the quality of her work during Literacy
Noah Grunsell	Outstanding in Tennis
Caleb Martin	Working extremely well in all areas of his learning
Jacob Ball	Participating in whole school activities
4/5/6	
Chaise Grunsell	A well researched and written information report
Liam Dixon	Always being a friend on the playground
Liam Dixon	Outstanding effort in fitness
Nicole Siggins	Improved reading skills
Paxton Star Awards (PBL)	
Alex Cruickshank	Being a very respectful member of K/1, by helping others (Respect)
Hamish Membrey	Showing great with enthusiasm (achievement) when learning to send and receive emails, as well as helping out his peers (teamwork)
Hayley Ball	Working well in all areas in class (Achievement)
Chaise Grunsell	Listening well to instructions and helping to pack away (Safety)
Principal's Award	
Paige Armstrong	An outstanding start to the year



Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their first 20 nights of Home Reading.

K/1-Boyd Gibson, Seth Gibson & Ricky Smith

2/3/4-Samantha Oxenbridge & Ella Russell-Crowley

4/5/6 - Benjamin Ling



-Annual General Meeting-

The proposed date for the AGM is Thursday March 30th at 9.15am. This date may change but any alteration will be advised promptly.

All executive positions will become vacant and a new committee will be elected. Executive committee roles are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in taking on an executive role, becoming a financial member or if you have any ideas for how we can best support our school, please join us on the day.

A general meeting immediately follows the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you then!

-Easter Treats-

On the day of the Easter Hat Parade, Friday April 7th, the canteen will operate as normal. A selection of Easter Treats including delicious cupcakes, biscuits and slices will be available to purchase from 1.30pm.

-Easter Raffle-

Tickets have been sent home for the Easter raffle which is to be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade at 2.50pm on Friday April 7th.

There are three prizes to be won: **1st Prize** valued at \$60, **2nd Prize** valued at \$45 and **3rd Prize** valued at \$30. A scrumptious incentive prize will be awarded to the family selling the most tickets. Extra books of 10 tickets are available at the school office on return of original ticket allocation and money.

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

-Mothers' Day Information-

The P&C will be hosting their annual Mothers' Day Stall on or prior to May 12th. There will be an assortment of gifts available for the students to purchase. The exact date on which the stall is to be held, as well as details regarding other Mothers' Day celebrations hosted by the P&C, will be confirmed at next week's General Meeting following the AGM.

A note including all information about Mothers' Day at Paxton Public School will be sent home prior to the end of term.

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

Learning in K/1

English

K/1 students have been enjoying participating in independent learning opportunities as part of our morning literacy block. Engaging in hands on activities such as making words with magnetic letters or letter tiles, practising sounds and spelling words on the chalk boards and using letter stamps to make new words learnt has been a fun way for students to build on their literacy skills. A firm favourite of students has been sight word bingo. Students have been working very hard in guided reading groups where we read the book and do 'word work,' making words with magnetic letters and writing the words we make and focusing on the correct letter formations.

Home Reading

K/1 students have shown great enthusiasm for the home reading program. Students enjoy swapping their own home readers and choosing books which they are interested in. If your child would like to read other books from your home library, that is more than fine. Just remember to write them down on their home reading record sheet. Congratulations to those students who have already achieved their award for 20 nights of home reading!

Mathematics

In Mathematics students have been learning about number and shape patterns, 'groups of,' subtraction and fractions. Students have been 'counting back' as a strategy to solve subtraction problems. They have also been learning about what halves of shapes look like and halves of a collection of objects. Students have also been enjoying exploring new concepts through interactive games on the Smartboard to practise their new skills.

Harmony Day

K/1 students had a fantastic time participating in our scavenger hunt for Harmony Day. Students enjoyed exploring the school grounds to find their special tokens and later discovered what they represented. We would like to thank Mrs Clark and 2/3/4 for their wonderful organisation with the Harmony Day activities.

K/1 Assembly

I would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who came to the assembly on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed K/1's song and seeing the photos of what has been happening at Paxton PS over the last few weeks.

Regards, Mrs Trappel

Being 'Terrific' in 2/3/4

English

- Last week, we finished reading 'Charlotte's Web', by E.B.White (cover to cover). There were quite a few tears at the end and it was a beautiful journey for all of us. Students completed many writing pieces based on the themes of the novel. Feel free to come in and have a read of their writing books at any time! To celebrate, we enjoyed the DVD of 'Charlotte's Web', along with some popcorn, chips, crackers and dip. Thank you for the donations. We will miss our friends Wilbur, Charlotte, Templeton and Fern from the beautiful story! I think it's a journey that 2/3/4 will remember forever!

Professional Learning (L3) - I am very fortunate to be training in L3 (Language, Literacy and Learning) this year and we have already been improving our learning spaces by making our literacy space more organised and student friendly. L3 will develop my skills in explicitly teaching and improving the reading and writing in Stage 1. I will also develop my skills for working with Stage 2 and extending students further, ready for Stage 3. I am very excited!



Creative and Performing Arts - We are currently completing a unit on 'sound' in Music and have been listening to the different instruments in Jeannie Baker's picture book, 'Where the Forrest Meets the Sea'. Students could identify the following instruments; violin, flute, harp, guitar, didgeridoo, whistle, xylophone, triangle and the bongo drums. We will be experimenting with these over the next two weeks, working out how we can recreate the atmosphere in the story, through music.



Mrs Clark - 2/3/4