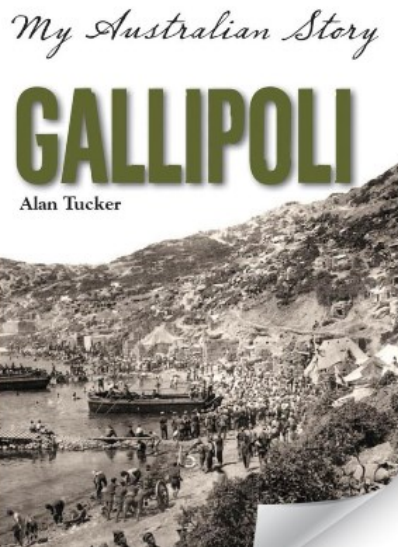


# What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

## History

This term we've started to read *Gallipoli* by Alan Tucker. This book is part of the *My Australian Story* series and tells a fictional story through the eyes of Victor March a 14 year old boy who lies about his age to become part of the ANZACs who travelled to Gallipoli in 1915. The students are enjoying listening to the diary entries and story of what the war was like. We'll continue to learn about our country's history and how we have worked with



other countries as partners along the way. Students took home a mini-project this week that will be presented to the class during the week of 22nd—26th May.

## Kitchen Tasters cooking program

As I mentioned on the front page, students from 4/5/6 will be making taster portions to share with the school on Thursdays. The students have been paired up with another student and will take turns at preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up. This is a great program for our students and they did a great job last week. Students wear aprons and are told to wear their hair back for the lessons.

## Parent teacher meetings

Last week I held parent teacher meetings to discuss the progress and goals of students in our class. If you were unable to attend and would still like to have a meeting, please contact me and we can arrange a date and time that suits. Students will be working to achieve their goals during this term during class and the goals will be reviewed at the end of the term ready for the start of term 3.

Regards,  
Michelle Murphie

# Sports Report

## School Sport

The students will be actively involved in a range of sports throughout this term. They have been learning specific skills with Touch Football. This will give them the opportunity to display these skills in the upcoming Oz Tag day that they will be attending in week 4. Other sports they will be learning throughout the term are Netball, AFL, and Soccer. It is a very exciting time for all of our sporting teams as they will be participating against other schools in a joint venture with Mulbring Public School.

## School Cross Country

Last Friday the students participated in the School Cross Country. Well done to everyone who participated as it was a huge effort. Some Kindergarten and Year 1 students were keen to do more than 1 lap. A special mention must go to Evan Nugent and Deklan Martin for running as many laps as the 8/9 and 10 year olds. Maximus Smith was the 1<sup>st</sup> place boy for Kindergarten and Grace Jobson was the first place girl. Year 1 winners were Tyler Armstrong and Noah Grunsell. In the 8/9 and 10 age group the winners were Benjamin Ling and Ella Russell-Crowley. In the 11/12 and 13 age group Paige Armstrong and Charly Siggins were winners. Thank you to all those who helped make this an great event.

## Hand-Ball Tournament

At the end of last term the students were involved in a hand ball tournament across their classes during recess and lunchtime play. The students thoroughly enjoyed the round robin format where they were given the opportunity to play up to 4 games each. The tournament focussed on good sportsmanship and fair play. Congratulations to the winners below.

- 4/5/6 Winner- Nathan Oxenbridge  
Runner Up- Lilly Watts
- 2/3/4 Winner- Isabella Ling  
Runner Up - Samantha Oxenbridge

Regards,  
Mark Wilson



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## Principal's Report

### Paxton Markets

Unfortunately due to predicted weather last term we had to reschedule our market day to Sunday 21st May from 10am—2pm. We still 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.

### ANZAC Dawn Services and Cessnock March

Our school leaders Liam Dixon and Amy-Sky Cruickshank represented our school to a high standard at both the Dawn Service and Cessnock March. Amy and Liam both read lovely pieces of writing about ANZAC Day at the Dawn Service and laid wreaths during the services.



### Term 2 Back to School Breakfast

Students returned on Wednesday 26th April to a delicious breakfast cooked by our lovely staff. Kim (our General Assistant) once again cooked up a storm on the BBQ.

### Our visit with an author Jack Heath

On Monday this week our students in Year 3 to 6 travelled to Millfield Public School to meet a very funny author. Jack had the group in stitches of laughter and everyone had a great time. Our group then stayed and had lunch and a play at the school. Thanks to the staff and parents who assisted with transporting the students.



### School disco—Term 2

Our school disco for this term will be held on Wednesday Week 5 (24th May). The cost will be \$5 and this includes dinner, drink and entry to the disco. The theme for this term's disco is a *Winter Pyjama Party*.

### Cross Country

Last Friday our students participated in our school cross country event. Mr Mark Wilson set up the track in our beautiful school grounds and the kids ran the laps trying to get into the Zone Cross Country which will be held next Tuesday 16th May at Cessnock Racecourse. Congratulations to Paige Armstrong, Charly Siggins, Benjamin Ling, Hamish Membrey and Ella Russell-Crowley who will be given the opportunity to represent our school.



### Kitchen tasters cooking program

Last week students from 4/5/6 along with Miss Lampe and Ms Porter began our *Kitchen Tasters* cooking program. This term we are focusing on freshly cooked samplers and we tasted meatballs, fresh pasta with herb/garlic bread. The class was split into groups and had a range of tasks to complete to get the 50 portions out to the students and staff during lunch. Please note that the portions are only small and students are asked to bring their normal lunch. Can't wait for the next round of tasters—My Kitchen Rules here we come!

### New oven for our canteen

A big thanks to our families who have helped fundraise over the past year for our new school oven. Our hard working P&C members purchased the oven and had it installed recently and we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Kind regards,  
Michelle Murphie – Principal

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
4	Tue 16/5	Zone Cross Country
	Wed 17/5	Cessnock League Gala Day Yrs 4-6 Starstruck
	Thu 18/5	Athletics 11.30am-1.15pm
	Sun 21/5	Paxton Market Day 10am-2pm
5	Tue 23/5	Small Schools Athletics Carnival
	Wed 24/5	School Disco 5.30pm-7pm
	Thu 25/5	Athletics 11.30am-1.15pm Starstruck Scripture 2.30pm



Assembly Awards

K/1	
Liam Sellick	Trying hard to contribute to class discussions
Evan Nugent	An excellent effort playing the 'wolf' in the Hot Seat for drama
Grace Jobson	Having a settled start to Paxton PS and being a helpful and caring class member
William Brown	Excellent passing skills in touch football
2/3/4	
Taylah Orlowski	Trying to extend herself during writing tasks
Caleb Martin	Being prepared for talking and listening tasks
Isabella Ling	Enthusiastic singing and respectful manners during Scripture
Makayla Ball	Demonstrating good skills in touch football
4/5/6	
Lillianah Watts	Super effort in Literacy groups
Paige Armstrong	A well researched ANZAC presentation
Benjamin Ling	Great demonstration of trading in addition
Amy-Sky Cruickshank	Demonstrating good skills in touch football
Paxton Star Awards (PBL)	
Cameron Oxenbridge	Respect-being a respectful class member
Isabella Ling	Achievement in PD/H/PE
Benjamin Ling	Respect during the Millfield PS author visit (Jack Heath)
Nathan Oxenbridge	Achievement in class
Principal's Award	
Maximus Smith	Super effort in the Cross Country
Gold Awards	
Liam Dixon	Achieving 10 Merit Awards
Nicole Siggins	Achieving 10 Merit Awards
Home Reading	
20 Nights	Alex Cruickshank, Deklan Martin, Maximus Smith, Ricky Smith, Tyler Armstrong, Jacob Ball, Emi-Jay Brown, Aidan Dawes, Liam Dawes, Caleb Martin, Paige Armstrong and Kaydence Brown
40 Nights	Boyd Gibson, Seth Gibson, Ella Russell-Crowley, Isabella Ling, Chaise Grunsell and Benjamin Ling
60 Nights	Samantha Oxenbridge



-Annual General Meeting-

The AGM was held on March 30<sup>th</sup> and all executive positions were filled. Congratulations to our Executive Committee:  
President – Kate Walker  
Vice President – Sian Membrey  
Treasurer – Donna Bridge  
Secretary – Catherine Dixon  
Canteen Supervisor – Trudy Gore  
We look forward to another great year at Paxton Public School and thank families for their support.

-Easter Celebrations-

On the day of the Easter Hat Parade, the P&C hosted an Easter Treat Stall. We offered a selection of delicious homemade cupcakes, biscuits and slices and are happy to report that a profit of \$146.05 was made which will directly benefit our students. Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners and thanks to those families who supported the raffle by donating prizes and purchasing tickets. The raffle yielded a \$290 profit!  
Thank you for your continuing support!

-New Oven-

The P&C have recently purchased a new 900mm electric oven for the canteen, to replace the ‘old’ one. This will not only be used by canteen volunteers on a Friday, but also by students in the school cooking program.

The cost of the oven, and its installation, was \$2121. Purchases like this would not be possible without the support of our Paxton Public School families. Thank you!

- Happy Mothers' Day -

We hope all our families enjoy this Mothers’ Day Weekend and the special gifts from the Mothers’ day stall.



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

Learning in K/1

English

We have had a very busy few weeks in K/1. Kindergarten students have started on our spelling program and are enjoying learning to read and write new words.

On Friday of Week 2 we had a teacher from another school – Mrs Wright – come and visit us and observe me teaching the students during guided reading groups. This was a very valuable experience for me; as the teacher who observed me was able to give me positive feedback on my teaching and also give me feedback on goals to work towards to improve the learning outcomes for the students. Mrs Wright was also very impressed with the artworks on display which K/1 created. Mrs Wright thought the students’ artworks looked amazing!

Mathematics

In Mathematics we have been learning about Addition, Subtraction and Area. Try playing a game in the car or at the shops to practise the skill of adding and subtracting fruit or other items with your children.

Student Groups

K/1 students have been doing drama with me in Student Groups. We have been talking about different stories and have been doing ‘Hot Seating.’ This is where we pretend to be a character from a story we have read and are asked questions about the story and we answer them in the role of the character. Evan did great at playing the ‘big bad wolf; Ruby played the character of Little Red Riding Hood really well; and Boyd, Connor and Deklan all played the role of the woodcutter really well too. Other students in K/1 asked these characters interesting and relevant questions related to their actions and behaviours in the story.

PCYC Athletics Coaching

Students have been thoroughly enjoying going out on a Thursday to the grass area and doing Athletics Coaching with Paul from Cessnock PCYC. They are practising important skills and having fun in the Autumn sun while doing so.

*Regards, Mrs Trappel*

2/3/4 News

Autism Awareness Month

Congratulations to Aidan and Liam for receiving \$50 each in the ‘Strive for Autism Awareness’ competition in April. Both boys contributed their thoughts, on which colour the Autism Awareness Ribbon should include. We created a beautiful artwork during PBL and Liam enjoyed squishing the paint between his fingers. It was a lovely way to acknowledge an important month. See our cool photo!



Anzac Day

We acknowledged Anzac Day in 2/3/4 by focusing on picture books, news clips and newspaper articles, during our L3 sessions. We watched footage of the march in Cessnock and made poppies to show our respect to the Anzacs. We took them out to the memorial garden.



History

We have started our History unit this term and are enjoying learning about Australia, in the past and the present. It will be interesting to make real-life connections during the Stage 2 Sydney excursion, in a few weeks. Don’t worry, there will be plenty of photos for people who can’t make it! This week, we enjoyed looking at photos of the Ryde School House Museum.

CAPA

We will be starting drama next week in our class CAPA. We will be looking at how we can use body language to communicate. Our first example will be with charades! Our Creative Rotation is currently photography. We will be looking at the difference between digital and instant photos and be creating an artwork with the images.

*Regards, Teri Clark – 2/3/4*