

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

### History

Thanks to the students who have presented their family history stories in class over the last week. The stories that have been shared are very interesting and have led to discussions and questions about Australia's early history. We're currently learning about the migrants that moved to Australia pre and post Federation, the impact on Aboriginal communities and our country's global partners. If you have any family history you'd like to share, we'd love to hear it.



### Sport team participation



Students in 4/5/6 have been given the opportunity to be in a number of sporting teams as part of our combined school entry with Mulbring PS into the PSSA competition. Mr Mark Wilson runs trials for the teams and students are always given the **choice** of whether they want to try out. Once children are selected for the teams, they then receive a note about the event. Your child's participation in these teams isn't compulsory and if you don't want your child participating in any of the teams please let Mr Wilson know.

### Science

This term we've been learning about liquids, solids and gases and their properties. There are a number of great websites that have kitchen experiments that students can complete at home linked to this topic. Here are a few if you're interested in conducting some easy experiments.

[www.scienceinschool.org/2012/issue24/energy](http://www.scienceinschool.org/2012/issue24/energy)

[www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/gases.html](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/gases.html)

Regards, Michelle Murphie

Teacher

## Sports Report

### Zone Cross Country

There were four students who represented Paxton in the Zone Cross Country. Ella Russell-Crowley ran 43<sup>rd</sup> in her age group, Hamish Membrey finished 37<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Siggins 12<sup>th</sup> and a huge congratulations to Paige Armstrong who finished first and will be representing the school at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. Everyone should be so proud of their efforts.

### Oz Tag

The students played four games and performed extremely well. The first game was against Ellalong winning 4-2. The second game we went down 3-2 against Mullbring. The third game was a huge effort against Cessnock drawing 2-2. The final game was a great victory against Weston 5-1. Every student played so well. A special mention must go to Charlie Siggins for scoring 12 tries. Amy Sky Cruickshank, Paige Armstrong and Chaise Grunsell were also great in defence. It was a great team effort and every student should be proud of their efforts.

### Athletics Carnival

**Paige Armstrong** - 1<sup>st</sup> 800m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Final, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Jump & 2<sup>nd</sup> High Jump

**Amy-Sky Cruickshank** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Final & 1<sup>st</sup> 200m

**Charly Siggins** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m final and 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m

**Nicky Siggins** - 1<sup>st</sup> Shot Put

**Isabella Ling** - 1<sup>st</sup> 100m

**PP5 Relay team** - 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Sky Cruickshank, Paige Armstrong, Charly Siggins and Dylan Orlowski

### School Sport

There are four new sports being introduced to school sport this term. All stages have been involved in learning new skills and applying them into game situations. The first 3 weeks the students have learnt the skills of Touch Football. The students are now into their second week of Netball. AFL will follow Netball and Soccer will be the last sport to finish off the term. It is great to see the effort and sportsmanship the students are showing that's required for these team sports.

### Touch Football

The boys were defeated 11-3 but showed great character to fight to the end. Charlie Siggins scored two tremendous tries and I was so proud of the effort the boys displayed. The girls were magnificent in their 5-0 victory and have now advanced to the second round. Amy-Sky Cruickshank scored 5 tries and was superb in defence. Isabella Ling was non stop all day in defence. It was a great team performance where every girl worked hard for each other. Great win girls! Regards, Mr Wilson Sport



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### Principal's Report

#### Regional Cross Country

A big congratulations and best wishes for Paige Armstrong as she competes in the Regional Cross Country event this Friday. Paige ran superbly at the Zone Carnival earlier this term and she has all the support of our school community as she competes in this event. Well done Paige, you should be very proud of your achievement!

#### Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Last Tuesday our students and staff participated in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. The weather was fabulous and it was great to see all students participating in the events. A big thanks to all the staff, students and parents who helped with the activities on the day. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and go a long way to ensuring this day is a success for all schools and students involved. It was also great to see the many skills we have learnt as a result of having Paul from the Cessnock PCYC coming out and running Athletics skills clinics for the past 6 weeks. The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held early in term 3 and we will send more information home to families whose child/children have been selected to attend later this term.

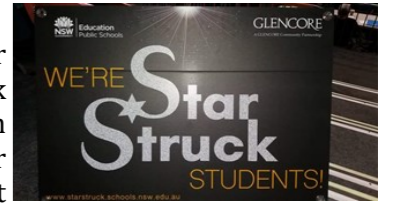
#### Year 6 fundraising disco

Last Wednesday night we held our disco for the term and the theme was *Pyjama Party*. We had a great time eating pizza, dancing, playing games and snacking on treats during the night. There were some very adorable looking pyjamas and our new lights under the COLA came in very handy.



### It's Star Struck time

Mrs Clark and our group of Star Struck performers have been busy rehearsing for the big event held at Newcastle Entertainment Centre later this month. This is a huge commitment from students, families and Mrs Teri Clark who have a few late nights. A very big thanks to Teri for her commitment to providing opportunities for our students and the time she spends sourcing costumes, practising and transporting students. Thanks Mrs Clark!



### New lights under the COLA

We've upgraded our lights under the COLA and over the seating out of the front of the 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 classrooms. These lights will be very useful for us for community events such as Presentation Night, discos and other events.

### Building work in July holidays

I'm very excited to announce that some of our buildings are getting a beautiful new coat of paint and new carpet during the July school holidays. The exterior of the long classroom block and canteen will be painted. The interiors of 2/3/4 classrooms, library and office areas (Mrs Ledbrook is very happy about this one) will receive a nice new look. In the lead up to this, we do have to prepare the areas and will be moving furniture around to make the job easier for the workers. Our aim is to have as little disruption as possible to the classrooms and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

**Kind regards, Michelle Murphie - Principal**

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
7	Mon 5/6	Yrs 2-6 Science Show 11.30am-1.15pm
	Wed 7/6	PSSA Soccer
	Fri 8/6	Yrs K-2 Reptile Park Excursion
8	Mon 12/6	Public Holiday
	Wed 14/6- Sat 17/6	Starstruck Rehearsals and Performance
9	Tue 20/6	Yrs 3-4 Sydney Excursion
	Wed 21/6	Yrs 5-6 Basketball Gala Day
	Thu 22/6	Scripture 2.30pm
	Fri 23/6	Pirate Day 2.00pm-3.00pm

Assembly Awards

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



K/1	
Alex Cruickshank	Trying hard in Maths rotations
Maximus Smith	Trying hard in guided reading
Kaitlyn Ball	An excellent effort presenting her speaking and listening item
Ruby Strevens	Participation and improvement in Touch Football skills
2/3/4	
Ella Russell-Crowley	Achieving great results in writing
Tyler Armstrong	Using great spelling strategies in writing
Liam Dawes	Practicing different counting strategies with Mrs Rippon
Hamish Membrey	Outstanding effort in Cross Country
4/5/6	
Izaiah Wilson	Increased independent work habits
Grace Bayley	Improved knowledge of multiplication
Chloe Piper	A well written short story
Paige Armstrong	Outstanding achievement in Cross Country and Athletics
Paxton Star Awards (PBL)	
Grace-Faye Jobson	Being a respectful class member
Evan Nugent	Being a confident learner
Aidan Dawes	Teamwork and sportsmanship in Touch Football
Grace Bayley	Achievement in all areas
Principal's Award	
Miss Bobbie Orr	Helping with school activities
Gold Awards	
Riley Young	10 Merit Awards
Home Reading	
20 Nights	Alex Cruickshank, 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, Isabella Ling, Evan Nugent, Ruby Strevens, Deklan Martin and Makayla Ball
60 Nights	Samantha Oxenbridge, Ella Russell-Crowley, Chaise Grunsell and Benjamin Ling

A big welcome to our University Practical Students

Earlier this year teachers we were contacted by the University of Newcastle to host students currently undertaking a degree to be a teacher. Two students will be starting with us next week as part of their studies. From Monday of next week the students will spend the remainder of the term observing, planning, teaching and participating in school activities. The university students will be fully supervised by the classroom teacher at all time and will work up to teaching a number of lessons in the day over their 4 weeks on prac with us. Please note that as these students are still completing their teaching degree any queries or questions about your child should still be directed to the classroom teacher.

We’re sure they’ll have a great time with us and please pop up and say hello when you get the chance.

Aaron O’Driscoll—K/1

Rhiannon Avery—4/5/6



Learning in K/1

English

K/1 students have been listening to different stories written by the popular children’s author Aaron Blabey. We have listened to stories about the mischievous Pig the Pug, Thelma the Unicorn who becomes famous by accident and Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley which is a lovely story about two great friends. We created a wonderful artwork of Thelma the Unicorn and can’t wait to put it up on display for you all to see. Students have been working hard on their writing and are working towards achieving various learning goals relating to writing. Students enjoyed Mrs Campkin visiting our classroom last Friday and doing a writing lesson with us where we watched a video about a boy who used his imagination to go to space. Students then wrote about what they do when they use their own imaginations.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we have been learning about Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Decimals and Three-Dimensional Space. We have been looking at groups of objects and using skip counting to find the total. We have been sharing lollies amongst students to learn about division (students also had fun eating some lollies too) and we have been learning about halves and quarters of objects and collections. We have been investigating three-dimensional objects in our school environment and discussing their properties.

History

In our history lessons students have been identifying people in their families and discussing how the peoples in their family are related. We have been discussing what it means to talk about the *past*, *present* and *future*. We have also been talking about the history of Paxton Public School and looking at photographs of the school from a long time ago – 1924 – when Paxton Public School first opened. We are looking forward to a visit from Evan’s grandmother who is going to come and visit K/1 soon and talk about what it was like in the past.

K-2 Reptile Park Excursion

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are really looking forward to our excursion to the Reptile Park next Friday. We have been getting very excited in K/1 and can’t wait to put it up on our calendar on the Smartboard now that it is June.

Regards, Mrs Trappel

The weeks are flying by in 2/3/4!

Literacy and Geography

On the evening of the Pajama Disco, the teachers were boogying in a different kind of way! With writing! All the teachers from the ‘Small Schools Network’ worked together to look at a range of writing samples from lots of different students. This helps us to ensure that our writing progress is developing, as it should be, with students of the same stage, from different schools. It was a very valuable experience! I was also lucky to team up with the Stage 1 teachers from Millfield, Kitchener and Laguna this week, to work on Geography tasks. 2/3/4 will be studying Geography in Terms 3 and 4.

Talking and Listening

Congratulations to all the students who have been preparing and presenting wonderful talking and listening pieces each week during news. This term, in preparation for the local Public Speaking Competition, we have been working on news that is thoughtful, structured and well planned. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have been helping with this. The confidence in speaking in front of the class has been great!

Class Library

Miss Lampe has decked out our class library with books relevant to our topic areas for Term 2. Students have been enjoying a range of new books. Please encourage your child to bring their book(s) back in on Monday, each week, so they can enjoy a new book! Remember, library books are also good to use for your Home Reading Log!

Starstruck

Five of our students; Noah, Makayla, Isabella, Aidan and Samantha have been busy practising for Starstruck 2017! They have teamed up with our 4/5/6 friends; Hayley, Nicole, Benjamin, Chaise and Kaydence who are all get ready for the big performances in Week 8! Mrs Bainbridge has been helping with the class, as well as the first rehearsal. Thank you also to our parent helpers and Miss Orr! Wish us the best of luck in Week 8!



Warm regards, Teri Clark – 2/3/4