

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

### History

The past couple of weeks, we have been learning many new things in class on significant figures in Australian history. The students have researched significant Australians in the development of democracy in Australia such as Sir Henry Parkes, Edmund Barton, Banjo Paterson and many others. We have discussed the importance of voting and about how women and Indigenous people fought for their rights to vote. By watching a BTN video, we learnt about when women and Indigenous people in Australia were given the right to vote. Following this, we talked about Australian inventions and inventors like inventing WIFI, the cochlea implant, the clothesline, plastic bank notes and the black box flight recorder. In addition to learning about Eddie Mabo previously to my experience here, the students drew a portrait of Mabo with some displayed in the classroom.

### Mathematics

Our mathematics lessons have involved learning about fractions. Students have learnt about adding and subtracting fractions, converting fractions and finding a fraction of a whole number. We have also begun to work with decimals and percentages. Students have also been exploring chance with Mr Wilson.

### English

In our reading groups, students have progressed through books and demonstrated their knowledge of the books by explaining the wonderful stories that they have read through. The students have been writing about characters, settings and describing them very well. They have just learnt about marionette plays and are starting to create their own play from a fairy tale story.

### PDHPE

Students have discussed their knowledge of healthy eating and making decisions for healthy eating. They have shown their ability to work as a team and to communicate through sport lessons and team building games such as the game *Countries*.

I have enjoyed visiting the school for my professional experience and being in 4/5/6. The students of 4/5/6 and Paxton Public School have welcomed me and shown high amounts of respect towards me. They have demonstrated to me why I chose to study Primary Teaching and because of them I have developed a love for teaching. I have really enjoyed my short amount of time at the school and am really going to miss the students and their broad personalities that they bring to the classroom.

Regards, Rhiannon Avery – 4/5/6 University Prac Student

## Sports Report

### Soccer

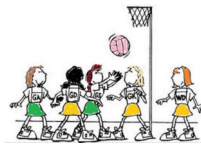
The weather has been a real hindrance in trying to organise the boys PSSA soccer and small schools combined second round matches against Millfield. Weather permitting both games will be played this Friday at Carmichael Park. It is very exciting that both teams have made it this far. Good luck to both teams trying to qualify for the third round.



The students will finish the term learning about soccer. They will learn various skills like passing, dribbling, shooting, positioning, team work attacking and defending. There is always a constant emphasis on team work and good sportsmanship when learning all sports.

### Netball

The students have just completed a 4 week program of netball. They have learnt the basic skills of passing and shooting and the different positions in a netball game. They have applied these skills into game situations. It's been very pleasing to see the progression during this time and how quickly the students have picked up the rules of netball.



### Touch Football

The girls touch football team have been training hard. Early next term they will be playing their third round match with the team to be soon advised. Well done to the girls for making it this far in the competition.

The students will be participating in a touch football tournament during recess and lunchtime. The tournament allows every team at least 3 games. The students are mixed up between Years 3,4, 5 and 6 to allow an even competition. There will be semi finals and then an eventual winner. The emphasis is always on good sportsmanship. A special mention must go to Charly Siggins during the opening game of the tournament for the way he helped the younger players in his team. It's this sort of unity that builds the Paxton spirit. Well Done Charly!

Regards,

Mr Wilson Sports Coordinator



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### Principal's Report

#### Star Struck

Last week Mrs Clark, parent helpers and 10 of our wonderful students travelled down to Newcastle for rehearsals and performances. I had the opportunity to watch the performance on Friday night and it was a terrific show. Star struck is an annual showcase of more than 3500 public education students from K-12 from Hunter and Central Coast schools in Performing Arts. A lot of rehearsal and costume preparation goes into the event, with Teri Clark, Linda Porter and Trish Dawes spending time one weekend sewing costumes. We certainly appreciate all the driving and help Teri and our parent helpers did to get our group to and from the venue.

#### University of Newcastle Prac Students

Over the past few weeks we've had the pleasure of having two wonderful teaching students from the University of Newcastle in our school. Both Aaron (K/1) and Rhiannon (4/5/6) have been observing, teaching and assisting in classroom and playground activities. We've thoroughly enjoyed having them with us but sadly they will finish their four week prac at the end of this term. Aaron is currently busy organising our Pirate Day activities and Rhiannon has been organising our NAIDOC excursion to Congewai PS next Wednesday. We have enjoyed having them in our school and hope to see them again soon. THANKS!!!



#### Small schools excursion

Earlier this week our Yr 3 and 4 students travelled to Sydney for an action packed two days with our friends from Millfield, Kitchener and Mulbring PS. Have a look over the page for photos of our students on the excursion.

### LMBR update

Leeanne and I have attended a number of training sessions this term in preparation for the new finance and administration software. Our Go-Live date is Week 2 of next term and Leanne is very busy in readiness of this date. We still have a few training dates next term and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we move into the new system.

### Sport Term 3



We have been successful in applying for a grant as part of the Sporting Schools program for next term. These funds will assist in paying for our six (6) week PCYC gymnastics program at Cessnock. Can't wait!

### Semester 2 reports

Semester 2 student reports will go home next week. These reports contain information on your child's learning since the beginning of the year. Parent teachers meetings were offered early this term and will again be offered at the end of term 3. In the meantime please talk to your child's teacher at any time during the school year if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning and/or the report when it comes home.

### Public Speaking finals and last assembly of the term

Our final assembly for this term will be next Wednesday (28/6) from 2pm. We will also hear our Public Speaking Stage Finalists at this time. The Zone Public Speaking Finals will be held at Nulkaba PS early next term and we will confirm the dates and details when school resumes next term.

### Term 2 holidays

This term has flown by and next Friday 30th June is our last day before our Term 2 holidays start. The holidays are for 2 weeks with staff returning on Monday 17th July and students on Tuesday 18th July due to a Staff Development Day.



**Kind regards, Michelle Murphie – Principal**



Student Banking

Student banking day is every Friday. If you would like information on joining your child up with a Youthsaver account please see Leeanne in the office.

Year 6 Fundraising

In Week 10 on Friday, the last day of the Term 2, Year 6 will be selling hot chips for lunch as the canteen will be closed on that day.



Cost: \$3.50 food and can/popper  
Menu choice: Hot chip and gravy/sauce roll OR hot chips with gravy/sauce.

Order forms attached to the newsletter. Please have these back to the office by Thursday 29th June.



Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
10	Tue 27/6	PBL Reward
	Wed 28/6	NAIDOC Day at Congewai PS
	Thu 29/6	Public Speaking Finals and Assembly 2pm
	Fri 30/6	Year 6 Fundraising Lunch
		Last day of Term 2
Term 3		
1	Mon17/7	Staff Development Day
	Tue 18/7	Students Return
	Wed 19/7	Basketball Gala Day
2	Mon 24/7	New admin software Go-Live Day
	Thur 27/7	Stage 3 Netball gala day
	Fri 28/7	Zone Athletics Carnival
3	Wed 2/8	Education Week: Open classrooms, lunch and assembly from 12:30pm
	Thu 3/8	PCYC Gymnastics program starts
	Fri 4/8	Back up date for Zone Athletics

Stage 2 Small Schools Sydney excursion



Learning in K/1

English  
K/1 students have been working very hard at improving their spelling and writing, we have been picking one of our spelling words and creating a sentence based on that idea. Students have also been doing a lot of familiar reading, and are all getting better every day! Mrs Campkin treated the class to a writing task about flying in the sky, on whales and rocks. All students had a ball making their post cards and sending them to Mrs Murphie from the sky.

Mathematics  
In Mathematics we have been doing some assessments, as well as learning about 2D and 3D objects and space! K/1 students have been learning what the difference is between a 2D and 3D shape and doing some great investigating in our classroom and in the playground, finding 2D and 3D objects. Along with this, students have been singing and dancing to a very catchy 3D Shapes I Know song.

History  
In history we have been learning about Family History and Changing Technologies. In Family History we have been focusing on who is in our family, family structures, family trees and the difference between families from all around the world. In Changing Technologies we have learnt what a 'technology' is, why people change technologies and some examples of technologies that have been changed! We have also found out how school holiday activities were different in the 1960's, compared to today.

Creative Arts  
In Creative Arts we have been practising out shading skills with Ms McGaughey. We've also been working on our very own seahorse painting, based on a book we recently read called *Mister Seahorse* written by Eric Carle.

Regards,  
Mr O'Driscoll-K/1 University Prac Student  
Mrs Trappel-Teacher

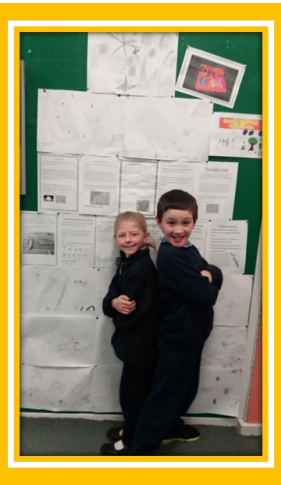
2/3/4's Literacy Journey

We have been learning about Aboriginal Land Rights in History and have been discussing the impact that Vincent Lingiari had as an Aboriginal activist. We shared the book 'From Little Things Big Things Grow', which was a mixture of Aboriginal Art and text, sharing a story about the Gurindji people of Wave Hill. Students looked at the language structures within the story and experimented with similar techniques in their own writing.

Students enjoyed creating their own artworks using the symbols from the story. Mrs Shoesmith shared her Aboriginal knowledge with our class and came up with this creative idea!



We are currently focusing on using structure in our paragraphs, and have been practising writing paragraph plans to ensure they're top notch!



Well done to everyone in 2/3/4 for making our writing rock!

Warm regards,  
Mrs Clark