

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

### Term notes

Students were given term overviews last week that contained a range of information relating to programs and activities being run in our class this term. If you have any questions about those programs please pop in or phone for a chat.

### Science

This term in our *Information* unit, we've looked at morse code, semaphore systems, hieroglyphics and more. It's amazing to think of the way people communicated in the past and comparing that to how we communicate today. We'll continue our discovery into the history of communication over the coming weeks, while also looking at Braille and AUSLAN as forms of communication.



### English

We're continuing with our marionette theatre for the first part of the term and are busy creating backdrops and props. We hope to have our mini theatres ready to show during week 4 or 5.



Once we've finished the plays we're moving onto movie writing and will be creating mini films. Lots of creative writing flowing over the coming term in our classroom!

### Year 6 orientation

Just a reminder that if you haven't already completed and returned your high school enrolment forms please do so ASAP. Our first visit the high school is on Wednesday 16th August (Week 5). We'll be participating in mini lessons from 9am—11am and getting a taste of what high school is like.

The transition team from Mount View High School has also organised to come out to our school on Tuesday 22nd August (Week 6) to talk to the students and myself about the transition program and leading into Year 7 2018. If you have any questions in the meantime please contact the office at Mount View on 4990 2566.

Regards, Michelle Murphie

## Sports Report

### Zone Athletics Carnival

Conratulations to all the students who performed at the Zone Athletics carnival on Friday. It was a great day and everyone performed so well.

**Paige Armstrong**-1<sup>st</sup> 800m, 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m and 1<sup>st</sup> PP5 relay

**Amy Sky Cruickshank**-4<sup>th</sup> 100m and 1st PP5 relay

**Charly Siggins**-4<sup>th</sup> 100m, 5<sup>th</sup> 200m and 1<sup>st</sup> PP5 relay

**Nicole Siggins**-2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Putt

**Grace Bayley**-4<sup>th</sup> 100m

**Isabella Ling**-4<sup>th</sup> 100m and 1<sup>st</sup> PP5 relay

**Chaise Grunsell**-5<sup>th</sup> Senior Girls relay

**PP5 Relay team**-Amy-Sky Cruickshank, Paige Armstrong, Charly Siggins and Isabella Ling.

**Senior Girls Relay**-Amy Sky Cruickshank, Chaise Grunsell, Paige Armstrong and Nicole Siggins.

### School Sport

At the end of last term the students were given the opportunity to vote for their preference for Tuesday afternoon interest groups. There will be different sports that the students will experience over the 5 week program. The students thoroughly enjoyed Soccer as their first sport in week one. A special mention must go to Maximus Smith the only kindergarten student in the group, who performed admirably. Maximus showed his tenacious tackling ability when defending in the game of Shark.

### Touch Football

The girls Touch Football team played their third round match against Nulkaba Public School last Wednesday. It was a very tight game and the girls pushed Nulkaba to just go down 3-2. Paige Armstrong and Amy-Sky Cruickshank scored a try each and Isabella Ling was outstanding in defence. The effort from all the girls was amazing.

### Basketball

The boys and girls competed last week in the PSSA Knockout Basketball in Maitland. It was a great day and both boys and girls teams performed admirably. The girls team won 2 games out of 4 that they played. The boys had a great win against Tenambit and were only narrowly beaten in 2 of their games. All players gave 100% on the day and displayed great sportsmanship. Charly Siggins will be long remembered for his 3 pointers that he scored. I also want to thank Mrs Dixon and Mrs Piper for the transport on the day and their great support.

### Netball

The boys and girls mixed netball team played in Singleton last week. They played 5 games over the day and won 2. There were some great goals from Chloe Piper, Charly Siggins and Paige Armstrong. Amy-Sky Cruickshank Dominic Peace and Kaydence Brown were superb in defence. They were well supported in attack by Chaise Grunsell, Lilly Watts and Grace Bayley. Miss Lampe was a great umpire for all of the games. A huge thankyou to Mrs Piper for helping with the transport.



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**Term 3-Week 3 Friday 4th August 2017**

### Principal's Report

#### Staffing information

K/1: we welcomed Mrs Corrin Shoesmith back at the end of last term and she will be the classroom teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Lauren Trappel will be the classroom teacher Wednesdays-Fridays.

Mr Aaron O'Driscoll was in our school last term as part of his university placement and we are fortunate to have Aaron join our staff in the role of School Learning Support Officer. He will be supporting teaching and playground programs on Wednesdays-Fridays. Please welcome Aaron into our school if you get the opportunity.

#### Education Week Awards recipients

On Wednesday of this week the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools celebrated Education Week by recognising outstanding contributions and achievement by staff, students and community members to public education. Our school recognised the following people:



**Student award—Paige Armstrong**  
**Teacher award—Teri Clark**  
**Non-teaching award—Tamara Lampe**  
**Community member—Sian Membrey**



A huge congratulations to these award winners.

#### School leaders breakfast

Earlier this week our school leaders Amy-Sky and Liam along with Charly and Lilly attended the Cessnock City Council School Leaders' Breakfast. They enjoyed a delicious morning tea and listened to Jamila Gordon speak about her story of success and survival all the way from Somalia.



### Building maintenance

Over the holidays work started on freshening up some of our school buildings with a new coat of paint and new flooring. The newly painted walls and ceiling look amazing in 2/3/4 and the grey windows look very nice. Also work will continue on these buildings over the rest of the term. The safety fences are up to ensure students don't injure themselves while the work is being done and these will be taken down as soon as the work is completed.



### Public speaking finalists

At the last assembly in term 2 we heard from our stage finalist in our public speaking competition. Congratulations to the following students who were the stage finalists: Seth Gibson (Early Stage 1), Evan Nugent (Stage 1), Taylah Orlowski (Stage 2) and Paige Armstrong (Stage 3). These students received medallions at our Education Week assembly earlier this week. These students along with our stage runner ups: Tyler Armstrong (Stage 1), Makayla Ball (Stage 1) and Liam Dixon (Stage 3) represented our school at the public speaking zone finals held at Nulkaba this week.

### Attendance

Student attendance at school is very important and is monitored by all schools. Parents/carers are legally required to send their child/children to school regularly and to give reasons either verbally or in writing for absences. Regular attendance is vital for effective student learning and continuity of programs. Our school office will continue to send out absence notifications via SMS this term.



**Kind regards, Michelle Murphie - Principal**

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
4	11/8	Jeans for Genes Day - gold coin donation
5	16/8	Yr 6 Mount View HS 9-11am
6	22/8	Mount View High School chat to Yr 6 11.30am-12.30pm
	23/8	Book Fair 8.30-9.00am & 1-2pm Sausage sizzle lunch 1.15pm-2pm Book parade & assembly 2-3pm



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students.

K/1	
Riley Young	Improved effort and application to class tasks
Emily Burgess	Trying hard in writing activities
Maximus Smith	Trying hard in guided reading activities
2/3/4	
Reide Blyton	Fitting in well at Paxton PS
Taylah Orlowski	Focusing well during Maths
Emi-Jay Brown	Excellent work in guided reading
4/5/6	
Charly Siggins	Demonstrating a high level of effort and determination
Kaydence Brown	Great work in Maths
Hayley Ball	Improvement in Maths
Principal's Award	
Grace Jobson	Displaying an enthusiastic approach to reading and writing activities
Cameron Oxenbridge	Being a respectful and helpful class member
Liam Sellick	Trying hard in Mathematics
Caleb Martin	Working hard to make improvements in Literacy
Isabella Ling	Working extremely hard in Literacy
Noah Grunsell	Achievement in Numeracy
Lillianah Watts	Trying hard in all areas
Benjamin Ling	Always trying his best
Dominic Peace	Improvement in Maths
Gold Awards	
Samantha Oxenbrige	10 Merit Awards
Paxton Star Awards	
Ruby Strevens	Achievement in reading
Isabella Ling	Showing respect at all times
Liam Dixon	Safety- right place, right time
RFF Chloe Piper	Teamwork in sport

Home Reading	
120 Nights	Ella Russell-Crowley and Samantha Oxenbridge
80 Nights	Evan Nugent and Benjamin Ling
60 Nights	Seth Gibson, Boyd Gibson, Chaise Grunsell and Ruby Strevens
40 Nights	Maximus Smith, Deklan Martin, William Brown, Makayla Ball and Isabella Ling
20 Nights	Ricky Smith, Alex Cruickshank, Tyler Armstrong, Jacob Ball, Emi-Jay Brown, Aidan Dawes, Liam Dawes, Caleb Martin, Paige Armstrong and Kaydence Brown



- Fathers’ Day Stall -

The P&C will host a Fathers’ Day Stall on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. An assortment of gifts will be available ranging in cost from \$1 to \$5. Those families wishing to donate items for the stall may leave items at the school office. All donations will be greatly appreciated.



That’s right! The P&C are hosting a Trivia Night! Please keep Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> free to join us at the newly refurbished Paxton Bowling Club, for an evening of fun.

We are currently fundraising to offer financial assistance to purchase new furniture and resources for Mrs Clark’s 2/3/4 classroom and to support our long term goal of installing an all-weather walkway between the main school building and the office.

K/1 News

K/1 have made a great start to Term 3. K/1 is working to consolidate and extend the skills which the children have built over the past two terms. As the children expand their base of known facts, they are given the opportunity to work with increased independence in applying these to complete tasks and explore ideas.

This term the K/1 children are working to develop classroom routines and good work habits. There is a strong emphasis on active listening, looking at the person talking, thinking about what is being said and being able to contribute comments to class discussions. We are trying to work neatly and write carefully on lines.



PBL

The PBL matrix identifies behaviours which makes us safe, respectful and allow us to learn in a variety of places around the school. Class expectations and behaviours in K/1 are drawn from this matrix. In our class this has been incorporated into a reward system which focuses on recognition of positive behaviours, and identifying alternatives to non-productive behaviours.

Reading activities

In L3 reading groups, we continue to focus on getting the children to work with words, rather than write them by rote. This technique deepens understanding and encourages recall. Children who are consolidating reading knowledge benefit from a range of tasks drawn from: reading by themselves, reading to peers, listening to accomplished readers, writing to allow them to use the words they are learning to read, word work-building their vocabulary and understanding of words.

Drama

In creative arts K/1 have been learning about using imagination and the elements of drama in imaginative play and dramatic situations. The students used costumes to develop dramatic situations, in the drama forms of improvisation, movement, mime and storytelling.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith & Lauren Trappel

The Buzz in 2/3/4

We are enjoying the freshly painted walls in 2/3/4 and are looking forward to designing a classroom with ‘walls that teach’. We have been enjoying having Mr O’Driscoll (SLSO) to help us with our literacy and numeracy.

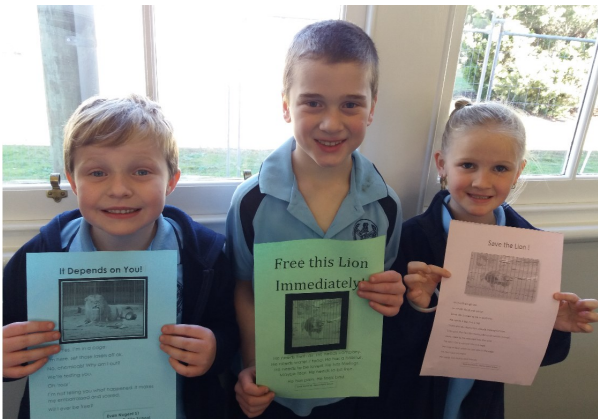
Mathematics

We are currently studying fractions during mathematics and have been making investigations about how wholes can be made up of different sized fractions. Have a look at our ‘fraction art’ below. They’re very colourful! Next we will be learning how to add and subtract fractions and further investigate equivalent fractions.



Literacy

During Literacy, we have been looking at the topic of ‘animal rights’ and have been discussing, and writing and their welfare. We have been working on planning our writing to ensure it is thoughtful and well set out. Below are some of our pieces about whether a lion should or should not live in a cage.



Education Week

Congratulations to all of the students in 2/3/4 that had work samples chosen to be on display at Mount View High School! Well done to all of the members of the class for presenting at the special Education Week Assembly!

Teri Clark – 2/3/4