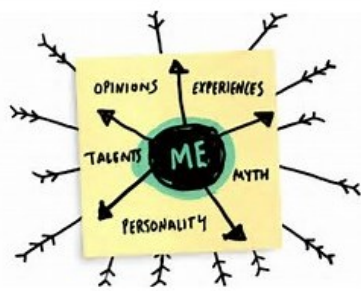


What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

PDHPE—Growth and Development

We started our unit of work looking at our identity and how our families, friends, community and ourselves can have an effect (both positively and sometimes negatively on this. We've also looked at how our identity has changed from when we were young and the ways it could change as we go to high school, get a job and become adults. We've also played a few games where students were asked "What would you do?" to a range of scenarios related to how they treat people, choices and morals. It has been interesting to hear some of the answers and choices.



Year 6 transition to Mount View HS



This week the transition team of Desley Pfeffer (principal) along with the 2018 Year 7 Year Advisor and other staff came to our school and spoke to the students and myself about a range high school topics. Our next activity at the high school is a Maths Fun Day on Tuesday 5th September. Students are encouraged to catch the bus to the high school. Passes are available from our school office.

Woodwork lessons with our lovely GA Kim

Students in 4/5/6 have been participating in woodworking sessions with Kim, the school's General Assistant. So far we've started to make planter boxes that will bring some colour to the office stair area and along the verandah in front of 4/5/6 and 2/3/4. We hope to have them on display in the coming weeks. Thanks Kim—we appreciate you helping us learn to nail, hammer and saw wood.



Regards, Michelle Murphie

SPORTS REPORT

Regional Athletics Carnival

The Regional Athletics Carnival will be held at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale on Friday 1st September. Congratulations to the students who will be representing Paxton on the day. Below are the students who are representing our school.

Paige Armstrong-800m, 1500m and PP5 relay

Nicole Siggins-Shot Putt

Charlie Siggins-PP5 Relay

Dylan Orlowski-PP5 relay

Amy-Sky Cruickshank-PP5 relay

Good luck to all students involved on the day.

Gymnastics

The students have been travelling to Cessnock PCYC for gymnastics this term. It is a fantastic program, and the kids have been thoroughly enjoying learning new skills.



Dance2bfit



Paxton has been very fortunate this term to have a specialist dancer at the school to teach a program called Dance2bfit. The students have been learning dance moves and using drum sticks as part of their routines.

Touchfootball

The in-school Touch Football competition has been completed. The teams played a series of matches on the road to the final. After a long tournament the champion team was Amy-Sky Cruickshank, Hamish Membrey, Cameron Oxenbridge and Noah Grunsell. Well done to everyone who participated in the tournament and for their good sportsmanship. Also well done to Evan Nugent for winning the kicking competition.



Soccer

The students are participating in a soccer competition during recess and lunchtime. There will be several group games and the teams consist of older and younger students to make it fair. One of the games witnessed a brilliant hat trick from Jacob Ball.

Good luck to all teams on the road to glory.



Regards, Mr Wilson



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Principal's Report

Threatened species children's art competition



your achievement!

Last term Miss Alana McGaughey encouraged the students to create amazing artworks of animals. These pieces of student work were submitted into a state wide art competition. We're very happy to announce that Amy-Sky Cruickshank's artwork Dingo has been shortlisted as a finalist.

Congratulations Amy-Sky for

Spelling Bee competition

Earlier this term students from Years 3 – 6 participated in class based spelling competitions. Well done to all the students who participated in the activity and congratulations goes to the following people who made it through to the regional finals that will be held later this term.

Year 3: Makayla Ball

Year 4: Liam Dawes

Year 5: Chloe Piper

Year 6: GB



Year 6 transition to Mount View HS

Last week our Year 6 students spent an exciting morning at Mount View HS as part of their preparation for high school. They made doorstops in woodwork and cooked pancakes with the help of high school students. Have a look in the 4/5/6 class column for information on the next transition event in a few weeks.

LMBR update

Leeanne and I finished our training for the school's software program last week. We're now putting all our learning into practise and it appears to be going well so far. Well done Mrs Ledbrook on your achievements!

RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

Paxton Public School does not tolerate racist behaviour such as name calling, comments or other forms. School procedures will be followed if racist behaviour occurs.

There are no reasons or excuses for racism. It's just wrong.

Racism is ugly. It divides people into "us" and "them", based on where we come from or the colour of our skin. Everyone has the right to think or believe what they want.. But treating people unfairly because of where they come from or the colour of their skin is never okay. If you see racism happening at school, in public or online, stand up to it. A lot of the time, it's against the law. There's lots of safe ways that you can help by telling your teachers and parents straight away so it can be addressed and dealt with.
www.itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au

Trial of new recess and lunch times

Requests have been made for us to trial switching around recess and lunch times. Starting Monday Week 7 until the end of term we will now have :

11:00am-11:15am lunch eating time

11:15am-11:35am lunch play time

1:20pm-1:30pm recess eating time

1:30pm-2:00pm recess play time



NAPLAN results

Last week we handed out the Year 3 & Year 5 NAPLAN results to children in an envelope to take home. The information contained in the NAPLAN results is used by schools along with many other forms of formal and informal assessment during the entire school year to identify areas for development for the child and the school. If you have any questions about your child's results please make a time to talk to their teacher.



Kind regards, Michelle Murphie – Principal

Assembly Awards

K/1	
William Brown	Trying hard in reading
Ricky Smith	Trying hard to write interesting sentences
Emily Burgess	Always completing set tasks
2/3/4	
Samantha Oxenbridge	Taking feedback on board when writing
Liam Dawes	Being a fabulous speller
Jacob Ball	Great reasoning skills in maths
4/5/6	
Chaise Grunsell	Working well in maths
GB	Great results in spelling
Nicole Siggins	Improvement in maths
Principal's Award	
Makayla Ball	Yr 3 spelling award
Liam Dawes	Yr 4 spelling award
Chloe Piper	Yr 5 spelling award
GB	Yr 6 spelling award
Mrs Leeanne Ledbrook	Learning a new school software program
Gold Awards	
Benjamin Ling	Achieving 10 merit awards
Paxton Star Award	
Seth Gibson	Achievement in class
Makayla Ball	Achievement in class
Chloe Piper	Respectful to students and staff
Kaydence Brown	Achievement-excellent research skills in geography

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

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
7	30/8	Yr 6 Enrichment test Mount View HS
	1/9	Regional Athletics Carnival
		Fathers’ Day stall
8	5/9	MVHS Yr 6 Maths and Science Fun Day
9	12/9	Science Fair 2pm
	15/9	Milo Cricket Day



- Fathers’ Day Stall -

The P&C will host a Fathers’ Day stall on Friday September 1st. 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.

Paxton Public School P&C

Triv? a Night

Great Prizes to be Won!

Saturday September 16th - 7pm for 7.30 start
Paxton Bowling Club

\$10 per person - maximum 10 per table

Call 02 4998 1278 for bookings

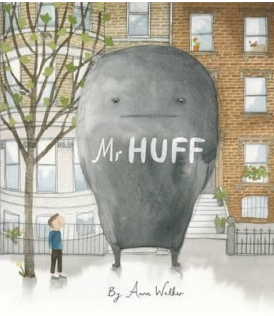
Payments may be made in cash at Paxton Public School office or via direct deposit

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Learning in K/1

English

K/1 students have been working extremely hard on their reading and writing. Students have enjoyed reading various ‘big books’ with Mrs Shoesmith and doing reading and writing activities based on these books. Students have enjoyed listening to a story called ‘Twig’ about a girl called Heidi who looks like a twig. When she goes to a new school with other students – bugs and insects – no one notices her because she resembles a twig and camouflages with the natural environment. Students also created a wonderful art work based on the characters and illustrations in the book. We also enjoyed reading a book called ‘Mr Huff’ about a little boy who wakes up in a bad mood and has a character called Mr Huff follow him around all day. This book helped us learn that if you wake up and choose a positive attitude good things can happen. Students enjoyed writing about the things that they do to shake them out of a ‘bad mood.’

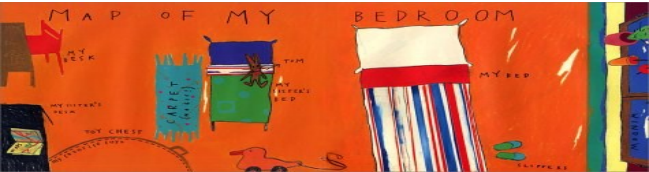


Mathematics

In Mathematics students have been doing some great work in number. Last week we started learning about volume and capacity and how different sizes of containers can hold different amounts of water. Students really enjoyed experimenting with pouring water into different cup sizes and seeing how many cups of water would fill up various containers.

Geography

This term we have started learning about geography and have been learning about maps: what a map is, what its purpose is, why we need maps and how a map is made. We have been looking at the book ‘My Map Book’ by Sara Fanelli to help us with our learning. We have talked about a ‘bird’s eye view’ and have had a turn at creating our own maps of our bedrooms and classroom from a bird’s eye view. We have also talked about ways of caring for our classroom and important places in our school. We are looking forward to learning more about the places within our school and community and why these places are important.



Kind regards,
Mrs Shoesmith and Mrs Trappel – K/1 Teachers

Fun Journey In 2/3/4

Geography



In Geography this term, 2/3/4 have been learning about ‘People and Places’. We started the topic a few weeks ago, by looking at a photo of Vincent St, Cessnock. Students had to look at the photo and imagine themselves going to a place that was near or far, somewhere they have or haven’t been before and if it was for a personal reason, or for a holiday. They had to think about what they would need to take with them and the obstacles that might get in the way. Students have been developing a wonderful piece of writing on this and have enjoyed the process of sharing, researching and collaborating with peers. Some of the places that the students explored were: Japan, China, Bunnings, family trips, the Maldives, Fiji, Vanuatu, Greenland, QLD and Victoria. Well done 2/3/4!



Mathematics

Last week, we finished our work on fractions and it was wonderful to see the knowledge that was demonstrated during our lessons. To celebrate this, we made a beautiful garden of ‘fraction flowers’, which will go on our brand new display boards in the classroom—just in time for spring!

Spelling

Well done to all students for participating in our class Spelling Bee. Congratulations to students who are progressing to the Regional Finals at Rutherford, later this term from 2/3/4. A special congratulations to our Stage 1 winner Evan Nugent.

Warm regards, Teri Clark—2/3/4