

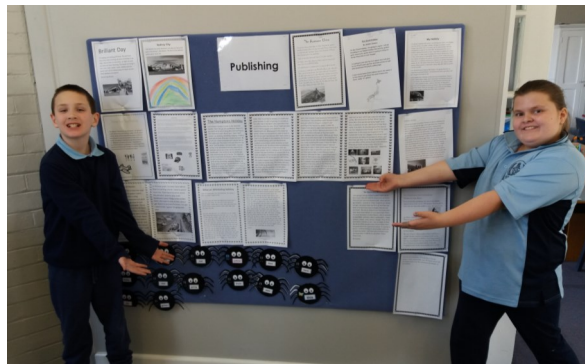
Literacy in 2/3/4

Our classroom is looking lovely and our walls are beginning to look fantastic! We are continuously working through the writing process and students have been enjoying seeing their work on display! See for yourself!

Planning and Composing



Publishing



Word Wall



Warm regards, Teri Clark—2/3/4

What's the Scoop from 4/5/6

Science (Information)

This term we've been investigating the history of communicating information. We looked at communications before the invention of the telephone and how communication occurred during the war. We then looked at a timeline of mobile technologies and how these devices have changed so rapidly. We also learnt basic AUSLAN letters, numbers and words and had lots of fun trying these new skills out on our fellow classmates. In Week 8 and 9 we looked at being responsible digital citizens and what we can do protect ourselves and our devices from viruses, hackers, inappropriate contact and cyberbullying. If you'd like more information on cybersafety, here are some websites.

- * www.education.gov.au/cybersafety-schools
- * www.dec.nsw.gov.au/students/primary/years-3-6/get-cybersmart

Year 6 Maths and Science Fun Day at Mount View HS

Our Year 6 students had a great day making new friends, meeting teachers and completing maths and science based challenges. Not long now!



Year 6 transition to Mount View HS

Next term Mount View HS will be running the *Jump Start* program for students who would benefit from extra transition sessions. I have nominated a few students and if you feel that your child would benefit from these sessions, please chat with me.

Stage 3 camp to Adventure Land

Just a reminder that our Stage 3 Small Schools camp to Adventure Land Forster is from Nov 20-22. Please continue to pay off the balance and we can't wait to have a blast!



Regards, Michelle Murphie



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Principal's Report

Fathers' Day

On Friday 1st September we celebrated Fathers' Day with a number of activities. Our P&C had a stall and many special gifts were purchased by students. Our lovely canteen volunteers cooked a delicious lunch and then we had a number of lively games of bingo. Thanks to Mr Wilson for setting up the sporting activities.



Special mention to Mrs Catherine Dixon who helped us create some amazing bird feeders. We love having you in our school!

Transition program for Kindergarten in 2018

Rocket off into Kindergarten in 2018 at Paxton Public School

Every Wednesday from Week 2 next term our transition program for 2018 will occur. We will welcome our new Kinders for 2018 and help them get to know our teachers and students.

18/10: 9am -11am (parents stay for a chat and morning tea)

25/10: 9am -11am

1/11: 9am -12noon

8/11: 9am -12 noon

15/11: 9am -12 noon

22/11: 9am -3pm

29/11: 9am -3pm

6/12: 9am -3pm

13/12: 9am -3pm (mini fair afternoon)



New recess and lunch times

Following on from our trial of switching lunch and recess times, we've decided to put this into place from Day 1 next term as a permanent arrangement.

The times for lunch and recess will be:

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



We would like to thank parents/carers and students for their effort and consideration in trialling this program with us.

School swimming program

Earlier next term during Week 3 & 4 our students from Years 2-6 will be participating in a 9 day intensive swimming program at Cessnock pool. We have been successful in receiving a sporting grant but this does not fully cover the cost of the transport and pool hire. The cost will be \$20 per student capped at \$40 per family for the 9 lessons.

This is a great program run by the School Sports Unit. Please return the permission note and money by Friday 13th October (Week 1).

End of term message

I can't believe how fast this term has flown by! All our classes have been busy engaging in challenging programs in all areas and especially in Literacy and Numeracy. Thanks to the students and staff for your hard work this term. We're definitely seeing progress in these areas. Enjoy your two weeks off starting this Friday 22nd September. All students and staff return on Monday 9th October as the Staff Development Days occur at the end of term 4.

Kind regards, Michelle Murphie - Principal



Wk	Date	Upcoming Events for Term 4
1	9/10	Students and staff return
	11/10	Boat Safety presentation
2	18/10	Kindergarten Orientation 9am-11am (parents stay for a chat and morning tea provided) Back to school breakfast from 8:30am
	19/10	Yrs 5/6 attend Reach at Kitchener PS
3	23/10 – 3/11	Yrs 2-6 Intensive Swimming Program at Cessnock Pool
	24/10	4/5/6 Discovery Day at Cessnock High
	25/10	Kindergarten Orientation 9am-11am Assembly 2:30pm in 4/5/6
	26/10	Scripture 2:30pm
	27/10	No swimming due to Council Picnic Day

*To our wonderful P&C
We had a great night on
Saturday with the Trivia
Night. We really appreciate
you!!*



Assembly Awards	
K/1	
Cameron Oxenbridge	Being a cooperative and respectful class member
Connor Membrey	Great contributions to our literacy quality talk
Seth Gibson	Excellent progress in reading
Grace Jobson	Always working hard in Science
2/3/4	
Tyler Armstrong	Concentrating well during guided reading
Ella Russell-Crowley	Working hard in number
Noah Grunsell	Contributing well during discussions in Geography
Samantha Oxenbridge	Good understanding of information in Science
4/5/6	
Chloe Piper	Great work in Maths
Nathan Oxenbridge	Great results in spelling
Lilly Watts	Excellent knowledge of the human body
Benjamin Ling	Improvement in reading
Chloe Piper	Outstanding research skills in Geography
Principal's Award	
Benjamin Ling	Always offering assistance
Gold Awards	
Noah Grunsell	Achieving 10 merit awards
Paxton Star Award	
Boyd Gibson	Respect in the classroom
Taylah Orlowski	Achievement at gymnastics
Dominic Peace	Always showing respect
Isabella Ling	Great achievement in Science

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



Trivia Night -

The P&C hosted a Trivia Night on Saturday night at Paxton Bowling Club and it was a packed house! It was hugely successful raising \$1864 and we were asked by countless people on the night to make it a regular thing. A representative from the club said: "It's just so wonderful to see so many people in our club!"

We would like to thank all those who supported the night by attending and or buying raffle tickets, Paxton Bowling Club for providing a great venue and Andrew and Jo in the restaurant for cooking dinner for so many of us. It was delicious!

The winners of the raffle were: 1st Prize Nita North, 2nd Prize Heather Morton and 3rd prize Kelly Harrington.

The trivia game proved close right to the end with only one point separating the 1st and 2nd tables. With 91 points of a possible 100, the winning table was 'Hot & Cold'. Congratulations!



K/1 News

Phonemic Awareness

Before children learn to read print, they need to become more aware of how the sounds in words work. Phonemic awareness is the ability to notice, think about and work with the individual sounds in words. We know that a students skill in phonemic awareness is a good predictor of later reading success or difficulty. Phonemic awareness is important as it improves students' word reading and comprehension and it helps children learn how to spell. In K/1 phonemic awareness is developed through L3 'word work'. Students identify and categorise sounds, blend sounds to form new words, delete or add sounds to make new words and substitute sounds to make new words. Word work occurs daily for each child in our class, during L3 literacy groups.



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