

Bits and Pieces PAXTON M CLASS

Science: Living World

This term Mr Wilson will be teaching the students about all things related to *Living World*. Earlier this week Mr Ben Durie and some students from Millfield introduced us to world of bees. Mr Durie has his own collection of bees and it was great to hear some first hand information on how he cares for them.



Thanks Mr Durie and Millfield PS.

Safer Internet Day webinar

On Thursday of last week our class watched a webinar that had information for our students on how to be safe and responsible when using the internet and mobiles phones. The webinar was run by Aurora College a Department of Education virtual selective high school. For more information on how you can help you child with safe internet practices visit www.esafety.gov.au.



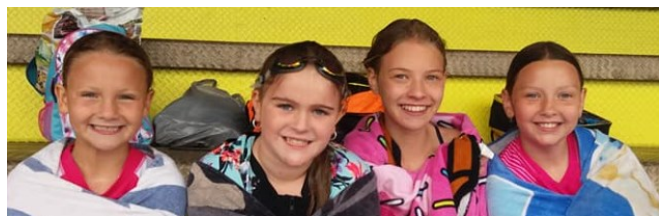
Writing

This term we're focusing on improving our writing and using quality texts based on living things to expand our vocabulary and to be creative. Mr Wilson is encouraging our students to be creative through poetry and he's already heard some great poems. Reading a wide range of books is a great way to increase your child's vocabulary and creative ability. Our school library and Cessnock City Library have a great range of resources that can be borrowed free of charge.



Regards, Michelle Murphie

Our Swimming Carnival



The swimming carnival was a great day and well done to everyone involved. The students were given the opportunity to participate in the novelty events at the start of the day in which they thoroughly enjoyed. I am so proud of every student that participated in the events on the day. All students gave 100 % and did Paxton Public School proud. The behaviour of the students was excellent and it was an enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Regards, Mark Wilson
Sports Coordinator



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Principal's Report

Welcome back

A big welcome back to all our students and families for the 2018 school year. Our new kindergarten students have settled in nicely and are really enjoying being at school. Our school leaders, Chaise and Hayley, have started to undertake a few of their school leader roles such as ringing the bell, selling ice blocks with other Year 6 students and assisting in a few jobs around the school. Well done girls, I'm sure you'll do a great job in your leader roles.



Our Back to School Breakfast on Wednesday of Week 1 was a great opportunity for our families to join us in a delicious breakfast. Thanks again to Kim, our General Assistant, and everyone else who attended and helped during the morning.



Class structure

Our class names this year enable us to be flexible for the needs of our students.

Paxton S class: Mrs Corrin Shoesmith

Paxton C class: Mrs Teri Clark

Paxton M class: Mrs Michelle Murphie

RFF and principal release: Mr Mark Wilson

School Learning Support Officers: Miss Tamara Lampe, Ms Bobbie Orr and Mr Aaron O'Driscoll

Sun safety and hydration during the heat

During the summer months, it is important that students have a school hat for play in the sun. We have shade options for children during break and sport times but sometimes children still wish to play in the sun. Our school sun safe practices include **No hat no sun** and staff will ask students to play in the shade if they don't have a hat.



During the hot weather it's also important for students to keep hydrated and drinking water is the best way to do this. Students may bring a **bottle of water** into classrooms during learning time and will need to keep other drinks such as juice and cordial to eating times.



Attendance practices and procedures

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring children attend school on a regular basis. When this is not the case the school has responsibilities to report and act on this behaviour. Here is what is required to ensure our students get the full benefit of their education by attending school everyday.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
Everyday. On-time.

Parents should: *Ensure their child has regular attendance and is on time everyday

*Inform the school when their child is absent by a note, phone call or conversation with staff.

Staff will: *Request reasons for leave through SMS and notes home

*Make phone calls to parents/carers when students have 2 days of absence with no notification to the school

*Regularly review our attendance data and make contact with families when children have absent rates at or below 85% (approx. 8 days absent each term).

School office hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:30am-3:30pm

(Closed Tuesdays)

Administration Manager: Leeanne Ledbrook

Kind regards, Michelle Murphie (Principal)

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.



Paxton S class	
Olivia Jobson	Neat handwriting
Connor Membrey	Science, Living World
Halie Armstrong	Great listening
Liam Sellick	Showing great signs of improvement in tennis
Paxton C class	
Ricky Smith	Using his familiar read book to help him during independent writing
Makayla Ball	Showing leadership at all times in the classroom
Emi-Jay Brown	Working very hard during guided reading
Noah Grunsell	Outstanding technique when striking the ball in tennis
Paxton M class	
Samantha Oxenbridge	A great narrative about the beach
Dylan Armstrong	A great poem
Chloe Piper	A great narrative about the beach
Dylan Armstrong	Demonstrated excellent technique when striking in tennis
Principal's Awards	
Benjamin Ling	Contributing to our school community
Paxton Star Awards	
Ella Russell-Crowley	Demonstrating a mature approach to her learning and trying very (Achievement)
Jaxzen Ling	Respect
Shayla Gibson	Achievement : Maths

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.



Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
4	Wed 21/2	Zone Swimming
5	Fri 2/3	Tour de Cure visit—gold Coin donation
6	Mon 5/3	K-6 PE Starts 1-1.20pm
	Wed 7/3	Assembly 2.30pm
	Fri 9/3	Newsletter
7	Thu 15/3	Kitchen Garden program starts for Paxton M class



The P&C would like to welcome all new and returning students and their families, for another exciting year at Paxton PS in 2018!

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and made lots of great memories with family and friends?

- P&C General Meeting -
Our first General Meeting for the year will be held on Thursday March 1st at 2pm.

Items to be discussed:
Easter celebrations
Mothers' Day stall
Mothers' Day morning / afternoon tea
Date for AGM.

If you have anything you'd like to discuss, have ideas for community involvement, fundraising suggestions, or you'd just like to stay informed, please join us.
We'd love to see you there!

- Canteen -
The school canteen is open on Fridays and offers a delicious variety of healthy food options.

It is run as part of the P&C, by volunteers. If you would enjoy to assist in the canteen, please add your name to the roster in the school office, or see Trudy, our lovely Canteen Manager. Thanks!

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C
~ Together we can make a difference ~

Paxton S Class

Kindergarten

Our new Kinders are settling into big school life nicely. We have been busy establishing routines within the classroom and playground. Year One has given Kindergarten a warm welcome to our class and have helped them in their transition to school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!



Maths

In measurement we have been learning about tall and short. The children organised themselves from tallest to shortest and Year 1 measured and recorded our heights in metres and centimetres.



A Big Congratulations

This term Liam Sellick and his family welcomed a new baby into the world. Liam is a very proud big brother to Sienna and we were lucky enough to meet her when she was only four days old! Paxton S would like to send a big congratulations to Liam and his family on the birth of their beautiful baby girl.



Paxton C Class

Welcome to Paxton C!

We are delighted to have had a wonderful start to the year in our lovely classroom. We now have beautiful and brightly coloured tables and work stations. These are particularly good for our Literacy and Numeracy groups. Feel free to visit our renovated classroom! Our Guided Reading and Writing Groups are in full swing and Mathematics has been very productive in the afternoon session.

Science—Living World

We have been learning about life cycles in our Living World topic in Science. So far, we have learnt about worms and butterflies as a class, as well as completing individual projects during our Literacy Rotations. Did you know that a worm's typical day involves eating, pooping and wiggling forward? In the photo below, students had to listen to a description of a butterfly and draw it as best they could. Great listening!



Creative and Performing Arts

We are studying Visual Arts this term in CAPA and our focus is on 'famous artists of all time'. Our first artist is Pablo Picasso, who we have learnt, was a very interesting character! We have designed some exceptional artworks in his abstract style, based on the story 'Schumann the Shoeman'. Students were asked to design a shoe that would have the WOW factor! Have a look at the designs from Phoenix (left) and Kurtis (right). Well done!



Regards, Mrs Shoesmith

Regards, Mrs Clark—Paxton C