



Living World Projects

During the holidays, Paxton C worked very hard on their Science projects, that wrapped up our 'Living World' topic from Term 1. Students presented their projects in class and did a wonderful job! The creativity and uniqueness of the projects was excellent. Well done!



Mrs Clark—Paxton C



Personalised Learning Plans

I'm almost finished finalising the adjusted plans for Term 2 and hope to send them home with students on Monday of Week 4. Please have a look at the plans and let me know of any questions or changes as soon as possible.

Paxton vs Mulbring Small Schools Soccer PSSA

Next Tuesday we will play the first round of the Small Schools Soccer PSSA competition. Mr Aaron O'Driscoll and the students that are interested in playing have been busy practising at lunch times and are looking forward to the match. As this is a knock out competition, we will either progress to the next round or be out of the competition. Student participation in school sporting teams like this one is by choice and students/parents can choose not to participate. Staff will also contact parents/carers if concerns about their child's behaviour could restrict their involvement.



RFF and Principal's release

As I mentioned in the Principal's Report Miss Alana McGaughey will be teaching Paxton M on Thursday and Friday this term for my RFF and Principal release time. During her time on the class Alana will be teaching a range of subjects including:

- Art
- Music
- Geography
- PD/Health (Active Lifestyle)
- Maths (3D, 2D shapes and chance)

Please pop in and say hi if you can!

Weekly public speaking

In preparation for the Public Speaking Finals at the assembly in Week 6 this term, students have been and will continue to write a mini speech each week in class as part of their Literacy rotations. This is a great opportunity to practise writing and delivering their speech, as well as key elements such as eye contact and clear voices.



Regards, Michelle Murphie



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Principal's Report

Staff Development Day Term 2- STEM conference

Last Friday teaching staff attended the Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) conference run by the Cessnock Community of Schools. It was a great opportunity to listen and learn from presenters and teachers and it was also a great opportunity to experiment with a variety of apps, websites and equipment. Thank you to our families for supporting this event and the change in date for the Staff Development Day—much appreciated.



NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 started their NAPLAN tests last Tuesday with the writing component. As our school is participating in the online tests we have a 9 nine day window to complete the four tests. Things have gone well so far and I'm sure it will continue this way for the remainder of the tests.

Personalised Learning Plans

At the beginning of each term teachers will review the goals identified from the previous term and either continue with these goals, modify or identify new goals. Parents/carers are once again asked to read the plan, make comments if you want to and then return them to school. The goals will direct the learning in the classroom and will be reviewed and adjusted again in Term 3. If you have any questions about your child's plan please contact your child's teacher.



Staffing

This term Miss Alana McGaughey will be teaching all classes as the RFF teacher. Alana will be teaching from the Creative and Practical Arts syllabus, with Art and Music as the focus. Alana will also teach Paxton M class while I have my principal release days. If you haven't met Alana or have any questions about her role in our school please chat with her.



Athletics with Paul

We're fortunate again to have Paul Ashton at our school this term to prepare our students for the Athletics Carnival later this term. Paul has been a regular guest in our school over the last few years and all the students look forward to his fun, engaging and heart pumping activities. Welcome Paul, we love having you in our school!

Stage 3 Canberra camp

Permission notes for the Term 3 Small Schools Canberra excursion went home with our Year 5 and 6 students last week. Our students will once again join with Kitchener, Millfield, Congewai and Mulbring students to explore the many sights of our nation's capital city. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by Friday 8th June. Once final numbers and deposits have been received we will send out more information such as pick up times, packing information and spending money. If you have any questions in the meantime please contact the school.



Cooking programs

Our two cooking programs started this term with the Deadly Cooking and Paxton M class programs off to a delicious start. Deadly Cooking is run by Sonia, Carmen and Chloe, Miss Tamara Lampe is running our Paxton M class program. Tamara will be helping the students to create a range of sweet and savoury food using puff pastry. The Nutella triangles were a delicious treat this week and were very popular with the students and staff.



Mother's Day afternoon

Last week we celebrated Mother's Day with a yummy afternoon tea. Miss Lampe helped our Year 6 students cook jam drops and caramel tarts. We then had a great afternoon of bingo with lots of fun and prizes. Make sure you have a look at the photos on the next page.



A big thank you to our staff, students, families for the lovely bunches of flowers, phone calls and get well messages that I received while recovering from my injury. The gestures were greatly appreciated.

Kind regards, Michelle Murphie (Principal)

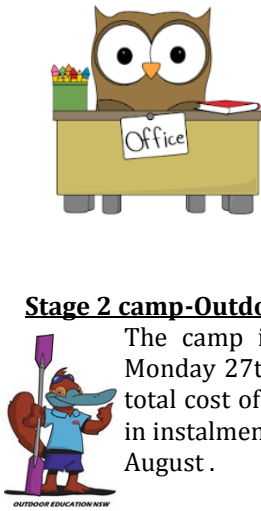
Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.



Paxton S class	
Kaitlyn Ball	On task in literacy groups
Halie Armstrong	Attentive listening
Boyd Gibson	Effort in spelling
Haile Armstrong (Miss McGaughey)	Doing her best and listening to feedback
Paxton C class	
Phoenix Dening	A wonderful effort in his Science Living World project
Reide Blyton	A fantastic presentation for the Science Living World project
Ella Russell-Crowley	Using excellent vocabulary in her Science Living World project
Emi-Jay Brown (Miss McGaughey)	Listening to and applying constructive feedback
Paxton M class	
Jacob Ball	Super work in fractions
Isabella Ling	Working well in Maths
Izaiah Wilson	Working well in Maths
Benjamin Ling (Miss McGaughey)	Demonstrating enthusiasm for every task
Principal's Awards	
Chloe Piper	Great contributions to the cooking program
Paxton Star Awards	
Connor Membrey	Achievement in Maths
Kurtis Orr	Being a very respectful team player in class cricket last term
Dominic Peace	Achievement in Maths
Reading Awards	
25 Nights	Hayley Ball and Emi-Jay Brown
50 Nights	Tyler Boorman
75 Nights	Ella Russell-Crowley and Jeremy Dafter

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
4	Tue 22/5	PSSA soccer, Carmichael Park 9.30-11am
	Wed 23/5	Cooking programs
	Thu 24/5	Athletics activities 9-11am
	Fri 25/5	School Leaders to meet special guest speaker Lauren Parker (Olympian) @ Congewai Public School
5	Mon 28/5	ICAS Science test
	Tue 29/5	Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ Turner Park
	Wed 30/5	Cooking Programs Starstruck rehearsal @ Newcastle Entertainment Centre
	Thu 31/5	Athletics activities 9-11am
	Fri 1/6	Yr 6 fundraising lunch-Italian Feast
6	Mon 4/6	Start Smart banking program
	Wed 5/6	Cooking programs Assembly & public speaking finals 2pm
	Thu 7/6	Athletics activities 9-11am Yr 6 mini lessons @ Mount View High School 11am-3pm



Stage 2 camp-Outdoor Education Camp, Morisset

The camp is being held in Term 3, Week 6 on Monday 27th August to Tuesday 28th August. The total cost of the camp is \$181.50 which can be paid in instalments. Full payment is due by Tuesday 14th August.

Medication practices

In line with the Department of Education's policy and practices relating to the administration of medication parents/carers need to fill out a form for every time our staff give medication to students. This involves long term administration as well as a one off. Please see Leanne for more information and the required forms that need to be filled in before we can administer any medication.

Attendance practices and procedures

Parents/carers are reminded that they must provide a reason for their child's absence within 7 days or a notification of an 'unexplained absence' will be recorded against their child's attendance information. Thank you to parents/carers who have provided this information either in person, over the phone, by a text or in writing. Also when arriving late to school or picking your child/children up early you must let the office know first so that the roll can be adjusted.



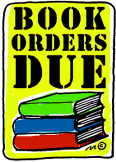
Student banking

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



Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back on Monday 28th May.



Lost property

Please label everything so items can easily be returned to the correct owners when they are misplaced.



Fruit & vegetable break

Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to eat each day at 10am. This aims to keep students energy levels up and allows them to concentrate on their school work.



Paxton S class

Welcome back to Term 2. The K/1 children are continuing to work hard and are making pleasing progress with their learning. Listed below are some the subjects and topics that will be taught this term.

English

This term we are continuing to implement the Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) program for Kindergarten students. L3 focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to encourage all children to become successful readers and writers. During the literacy session your child will be taught in small groups of two or three students. While each group is being taught short, explicit lessons in reading and writing, the rest of the class will participate in a range of engaging activities to consolidate and further develop their literacy learning. Literacy based learning will continue to include daily opportunities for reading, writing, talking & listening and will be integrated with other Key Learning Areas. Reading will include phonics, sight words, comprehension and exposure to quality literature, oral reading, modelled reading, guided reading and independent reading.

Maths

Students will participate in differentiated activities both independently and in small groups using a guided and modelled approach. Students will learn about number concepts through the use of hands on materials such as dice, cards and dominoes. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their mathematical understanding during whole class discussions.



History & Geography

This term our History and Geography units will focus on personal and family histories in the present and the past and people and places. The children will communicate stories of their own family heritage, the heritage of others and how family life has changed from the past to the present. They will develop and understanding of the importance of places to people.

Athletics

Paxton S has started Athletics on Thursdays. The children need a hat and are encouraged to wear their sports shoes on this day.



Library

Lessons have commenced for Term 2. Children will be able to borrow and return books every Tuesday.

Regards, Corrin Shoesmith