

PAXTON C CLASS

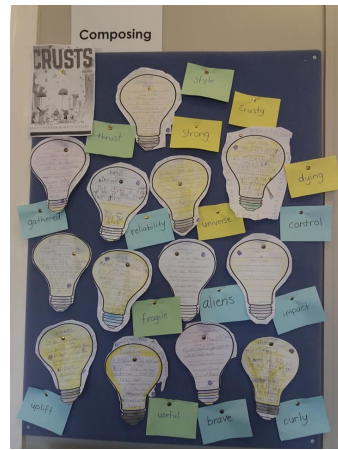
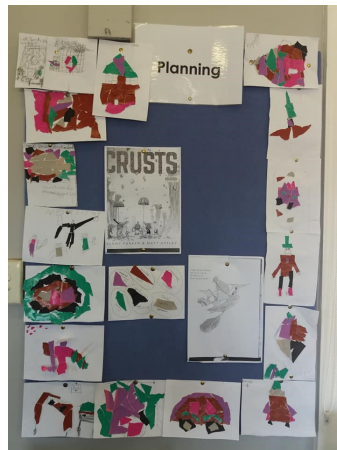
Thanking Miss Kennedy

Paxton C have been very lucky to have Miss Sarah Kennedy from the University of Newcastle as an intern on our class for the last 5 weeks. There were lots of tears when she finished up, but it's a 'see you soon', not a goodbye! Miss Kennedy is almost finished her degree and will hopefully visit us in the future for relief teaching. Definitely a crowd favourite!



Creative Writing

Earlier this term, students completed the writing process on a book called 'Crusts' by Danny Parker. Crusts is a story about a boy who will not eat his crusts and instead, builds a spacecraft to transport pesty creatures back to Mars. Paxton C enjoyed planning and designing their own creations and then writing about using creative devices. Keep your eye out in the office foyer for their designs and writing samples: Well done!



Mathematics

Paxton C have just finished a 5 week block on Measurement and Geometry. They enjoyed lots of hands on activities and made many connections to the real world. A big congratulations goes to both Riley Young and Phoenix Dening who both achieved 100% in the Measurement Assessment Task for their stages.



A big thank you to our Paxton C Book Week promotional team!

Regards, Teri Clark

Bits and Pieces PAXTON M CLASS

Mount View HS visit

On Monday of this week staff and students from Mount View HS came out to talk to our students about what they'll experience next year in high school. It was lovely to see one of our Yr 6 students from last year (Liam Dixon) again as part of the student group who came out. The students received an information booklet and will have their next transition to high school activity in two weeks at the STEAM Day.

Coding - STEM

As part of our STEM program in class I attended a professional learning course on using Microbits in the classroom. It was a valuable course and the students have started to play with the circuits and start to code. A big thanks to the Department of Education's Rural and Distance Education Team for running this session and for providing the free set of class Microbits—much appreciated!



Term 3 project - Earth and Space

Just a reminder that students were asked to complete a project based on our current Science topic *Earth and Space*. The project could be in the form of a poster, PowerPoint presentation, speech, 3D model, etc.. Students will present their projects during Week 7. Thanks to our families for their support in helping their child to complete this task.

Stage 3 Small Schools Canberra Excursion

We had a great 3 days with our small school friends last week with our trip to Canberra. We visited lots of places including Parliament House, Questacon, Australian Institute of Sport and Australian Mint. All students demonstrated excellent behaviour and Ms Orr and I had a great time with the students.



Regards, Michelle Murphie



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Principal's Report

Book Week

Last week we had our annual Book Week activities of a book fair, character parade and colouring competition. A big thanks to Tamara Lampe who organised and ran our amazing book fair. We sold \$1039 worth of books within our school community and we're blown away by this amount! The book fair is part of our fundraising activities for our school and we were able to get \$259.75 worth of free books as a result. So thank you to our families for their support!



Education Week awards

This year we celebrated the achievements and contributions to our school at the Education Week Awards ceremony held at Cessnock High School on Wednesday 8th August. Congratulations to;

Nicole Siggins (Student): Recognising her effort to improve her results in Literacy and Numeracy

Kate Walker (Community): Recognising her contributions to our school through the P&C.

Bobbie Orr (Non-teaching staff): Recognising her many contributions to school programs to improve student outcomes.



School recognition boards

We've been updating our office area and this includes displaying our student achievement and success boards. School leaders, Sport captains, Academic Achievement and Public Speaking.



PACER

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs.

Regional Athletics Carnival

This Friday our students travelled to Glendale Sports Centre to participate in the Regional Athletics Carnival. Well done to: Nicole Siggins (Snr Discuss) and Dylan Armstrong, Hayley Ball, Chloe Piper and Shayla Gibson (PP5 Relay).

Staff carpark and Emergency Vehicle Access

As part of our WHS requirements we need to enforce a few parking procedures to ensure student safety is adhered to. A reminder that parents are not permitted to park in the school carpark before, during and after school hours. In the school carpark we also have an Emergency Vehicle Entry that is used for ambulances, police and fire if the need arises. This space is directly in front of the double green gates and is meant to be kept free at all times.



Thanks Miss Sarah Kennedy

Paxton C said a very teary farewell to their intern teacher, Miss Sarah Kennedy last Friday. Sarah spent a wonderful five weeks in our school getting to know our students and improving her teaching skills. We will miss Sarah's friendly manner and would like to wish her all the best for the future.



Kindergarten in 2019

Our transition program for our Kindergarten students starting in 2019 starts on the first Wednesday of Term 4. If you have a child (or know of a child) who is ready to start school in 2019 please pass the following information of dates onto them and get in contact with our school.

Rocket off into Kindergarten in 2019 at Paxton Public School

Is your child ready to start school in 2019? Join us for our kindy orientation sessions that are starting this October.

17th October 8:30am - 11am (Join us for our Back to School Breakfast at 8:30am. Parents/carers then stay for a chat and morning tea from 9am-11am)

24th October 9am - 11am

31st October 9am - 11am

7th November 9am - 12noon

14th November 9am - 12noon

21st November 9am - 12noon

28th November 9am - 3pm

5th December 9am - 3pm

12th December 9am - 3pm (Mini Fair afternoon)

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CESSNOCK COMMUNITY

Kind regards,
Michelle Murphie

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.



Paxton S class	
Halie Armstrong	A settled approach to all classroom activities
Seth Gibson	Writing complex sentences
Connor Membrey	Creating a wonderful artwork depicting plastic in our oceans
Paxton C class	
Phoenix Dening	100% in the Measurement Assessment Task
Taleana Gibson	Beautiful fluency when reading
Kurtis Orr	Entertaining the class during Drama
Paxton M class	
Tylah Shoesmith	Demonstrating an understanding of coding Micro-bits
Isabella Ling	Improvement in reading
Dylan Armstrong	Demonstrating strong skills in Numeracy
Principal's Awards	
Chaise Grunsell	Outstanding leadership skills
Paxton Star Awards	
William Brown	Achievement in writing
Riley Young	100% in Measurement Assessment Task and general improvement in all areas
Aidan Dawes	Achievement: independent skills during Stage 3 Canberra trip
Gold Awards	
Ella Russell-Crowley	Achieving 10 Merit Awards
Reading Awards	
25 Nights	Hayley Ball, William Brown, Benjamin Ling and Emi-Jay Brown
75 Nights	Tyler Boorman and Makayla Ball
150 Nights	Ella Russell-Crowley and Jeremy Dafter

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
8	Tue 11/9	Yr 6 STEAM Day at Mount View High School
	Thu 13/9	Scripture 2.30pm
	Fri 14/9	Stage 3 Cricket
9	Wed 19/9	Jackie French author visit at Millfield Public School
	Fri 21/9	Assembly 2.30pm
10	Tue 25/9	Library pizza lunch
	Wed 26/9	Books for holidays School Disco 5.30pm-7pm
	Thu 27/9	Hunter Valley Zoo excursion
	Fri 28/9	PBL reward Last day of term



Would you believe we are halfway through Term 3? This year is flying.

Fund Raising

The P&C would like to announce that after last year's extremely successful fund raiser, we are running another Trivia Night. It is not until Term 4 but we wanted to give our school community a bit of advanced notice so please keep November 3rd free and start recruiting your team members. We will be running a raffle in conjunction with the Trivia Night so any donations of prizes will be very welcome.

General P&C Meeting

Our next general meeting will be held on Friday September 7th from 9.10am in the school staff room All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Canteen

The school canteen operates every Friday and is run by volunteers. If you would like to assist in the canteen please feel free to contact the school office. Helpers are always



Online Payment

Payment for excursions and events can be made via the school's website. On the home page click the **Make a payment tab** which will then take you to the payment details. All you need to do is fill out the information and follow the instructions. Once payment has been processed an email is sent to the school advising us of this payment.

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.



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.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 orders are due back on Friday 14th September.



Sight words and high frequency words

In Paxton S we are focusing on increasing our writing vocabulary. We are working on building a large bank of known sight words and high frequency words. Sight words are words that cannot be easily sounded out and need to be recognised on sight. High frequency words are words that occur very often in reading and writing. Both need to be recognised quickly for reading and writing to become fluent. Knowing these words gives a beginning reader many of the words they need for reading. Parents can assist by practising the words that are sent home, with the children.

Earth and Space

As part of our Earth and Space work we created ocean artworks using rubbish similar to the rubbish that is in our oceans and washed ashore on our beaches everyday. We learnt about the effects of plastic pollution in our oceans to marine animals and the serious global threat to all marine life caused by micro plastics. We hope our art can inspire action to help stop plastic pollution!



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith