

# Paxton S Class

# Bits AND Pieces PAXTON M CLASS

We have had a lovely and busy start to the new year: enjoying getting to know each other and becoming immersed in our new units. The children have enjoyed helping to set up our classroom, organising the space and having input into the seating and furniture arrangements to make it their own. We think our room is looking great and if you haven't already, feel free to pop in and say hi.



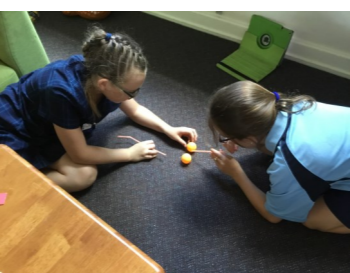
**Paxton M have settled into class. We are all looking forward to 2019. Our new members Noah, Phoenix, Kurtis, Bam and Makayla seem like they have always been here!**

**'We have been working hard, I like the math' Jacob**

**'We have lots of fun learning, it's entertaining' Shayla**

**'I have liked the science experiments that we have been doing' Kaydence**

**In Science we have been learning about different 'Forces'. We have conducted experiments to see these forces in action.**



*Regards, Kylie Mexon*

## Literacy

The children are really enjoying literacy groups and learning different understanding, analysing and evaluating skills to continue to build fluency and confidence in their reading. The children are continuing to develop skills in planning and writing across genres, particularly in persuasive and imaginative writing. We will be recapping basic grammar terminology, clarifying word classes and working to build sentences whilst using correct punctuation.

## Maths

We kick started maths with some work thinking about the four mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), reminding ourselves of all the different terminology associated with them and getting used to thinking mathematically again. The children will continue to develop mental addition/subtraction strategies and they will be learning to apply times table knowledge to real life contexts and also link it with division sums.

## Homework

Spelling and timetable homework will be set each week on a Friday, this will be due in the following Wednesday and all children will be tested on the spelling and timetables on Friday morning.

*Regards, Corrin Shoesmith*



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## Principal's Report

### Welcome back for 2019

As relieving Principal, I would like to officially welcome our students, teachers and families back to Paxton Public School for 2019. We have had a wonderful few weeks and all of our students have settled in to their new classes and are working well. Please enjoy reading about what we have been up to and a few of the lovely photos we have taken. A special thank you to Karen Gibson (Seth and Boyd's Grandmother) for looking after our rose garden in the heat.



### Staffing for Term 1

I will continue in the role of Relieving Principal for Term 1. Mrs Judith Bainbridge will also continue teaching Paxton C (K12) on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Kylie Mexon will continue teaching Paxton M (456) full-time until the end of Week 4. In Week 5, Mrs Mexon will teach Paxton M Mon-Wed and Mrs Tiffany Wing will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. We thank Mrs Mexon for her full-time work on Paxton M and look forward to having her in our school (if only for 3 days a week) and wish her the best in caring for her toddler on the other 2 days. We also welcomed Mr Richard French and Mrs Tiffany Wing into our school as casual teachers.

### Swimming Carnival

Well done to all students who attended the Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Week 1. We were lucky to have a cooler day and the behaviour from our students was respectful and positive. Well done to all! Congratulations to our Zone qualifiers - Isabella Ling (U11 freestyle/backstroke) and Noah Grunsell (U9 freestyle). We will also have a team competing in the PP5 Relay - Isabella Ling, Kaydence Brown, Noah Grunsell and Taylah Orlowski. All the best for the Zone Carnival on Wednesday February 20th.



### Term 1 Welcome Breakfast

Thank you to all of our families who joined us for a lovely welcome breakfast. A special thanks to Mrs Ledbrook for buying all of the fresh food and to Kim Swinburn for cooking our bbq! Our Year 5 and 6 students were wonderful helpers, especially Jacob Ball and Taylah Orlowski, whose help was mentioned by three different teachers. It was a lovely way to kick start a new year!

### Vision and Speech Pathologist Screening

Vision screening was completed by NSW Health on Thursday 7th February for Kindergarten. We had All Areas Speech Pathology visit on Friday to complete the Speech Pathology screening (CCGPS). Thank you to our parents for sending in the consent forms so quickly. The health specialists will be in touch with parents in the coming weeks if there were any concerns.

### Year 6 Sport Leaders

On Tuesday February 5th we held our House Captain elections to determine our Sport Leaders for 2019. The results are in! Congratulations!

### Kookaburras

Captain - Jacob Ball

Vice-Captain - Kaydence Brown

### Magpies

Captain - Taylah Orlowski

Vice-Captain - Izzy Wilson



### Whole School PE and Sport

K-6 have been enjoying whole school PE every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday which is led by our 6 school leaders; Isabella, Tylah, Jacob, Taylah, Kaydence and Izzy. The students are doing a wonderful job and the activities have included, obstacle courses, Just Dance, hoola hoops, handball and basketball. A big thank you to Mr Aaron O'Driscoll for developing a fun whole school cricket program. A reminder that sport is on Fridays.

### Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Our Instruction Leader, Mrs Sue Firth assisted myself in completing the Best Start Assessment for all of Kindergarten on Tuesday February 12th. Mrs Firth supports our teachers and students in Literacy and Numeracy every Tuesday. She also fulfils the same role at Congewai PS on Mondays and teaches Stage 1 at Kitchener PS Wed-Fri. The Best Start Assessment is used to pinpoint exactly where students are, in the development of their literacy and numeracy, and informs the teaching and planning of the classroom teacher.

### Library

All students have started Library for 2019. Please remember to send in any books from 2018 and have children bring their pouches on their borrowing day. Paxton C/S is Friday and Paxton M is Wednesday.

### Assembly

Thank you to our captains Isabella and Tylah for hosting our first assembly and to Paxton C for presenting. Our next assembly will be on Wednesday March 6th at 2:30pm.

**Kind regards, Teri Clark (Relieving Principal)**



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.



| Paxton C class     |  |
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| Thomas Price       | Working very hard when writing letters, numbers and his name         |
| Bentley Horder     | Having a great try at writing words from our stories                 |
| Maximus Smith      | Demonstrating excellent behaviour and being a great role model       |
| Paxton S class     |  |
| Emi-Jay Brown      | Great classroom helper   |
| Ricky Smith        | Great work in creative writing                                       |
| Sophie Parkes      | Coming to class organised and ready to learn                         |
| Paxton M class     |  |
| Kaydence Brown     | For settling into her work quickly and been a reliable class member  |
| Hamish Membrey     | For working quietly through all set tasks                            |
| Shayla Gibson      | For having a growth mindset and always trying to extend her learning |
| Principal's Awards |  |
| Reef Dunkin        | Always being a respectful, responsible and safe learning             |
| Paxton Star Awards |  |
| Halie Armstrong    | Teamwork in the classroom  |
| Sophie Parkes      | Respect in the classroom   |
| Kaydence Brown     | Achievement in the classroom   |



| Wk | Date     | Upcoming Events                           |
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| 4  | Wed 20/2 | Zone Swimming Carnival<br>Cooking Program |
|    | Fri 22/2 | NRL Cyber Safety Talk<br>Canteen          |
| 5  | Thu 28/2 | Scripture 2.30pm<br>P&C Meeting 9:15am    |
|    | Fri 1/3  | Canteen                                   |
| 6  | Fri 8/3  | Canteen                                   |



Welcome back to everyone for 2019. Hope everyone had a great holiday.

P&C AGM

The AGM was held at the end of last year and I would like to introduce the P&C committee for 2019:  
Kate Walker – President  
Catherine Dixon – Vice President  
Donna Bridge – Treasurer  
Sian Membrey – Secretary  
Unfortunately the position of canteen supervisor is unfilled. We will be trying to keep the canteen open but this vacant position makes it difficult. If anyone would like to volunteer please see one of the committee members or the office.

General Meeting

The first general meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the school from 9:15am. All welcome.

Easter Raffle

We will be running an Easter egg raffle at the end of this term, to raise funds. Donations of Easter eggs toward the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Please leave eggs with a committee member or at the office.

Canteen

Our school canteen is open every Friday and is completely staffed by volunteers. If you would like to assist in the canteen please see a committee member or leave your name with 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.



**When picking your child up early from school or dropping them off late to school you must report to the office first before going to the classroom, as the roll needs to be adjusted accordingly.**

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.



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.



Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back on Monday 22nd February.



Office Hours

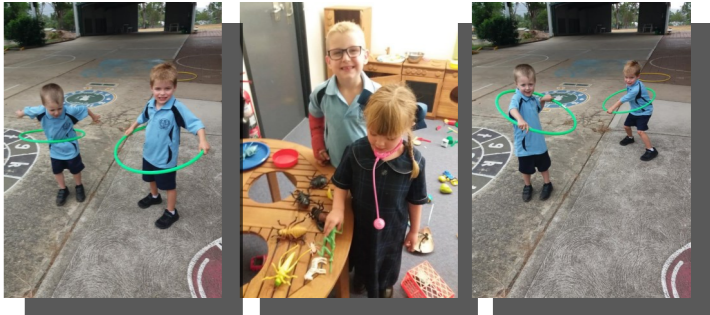
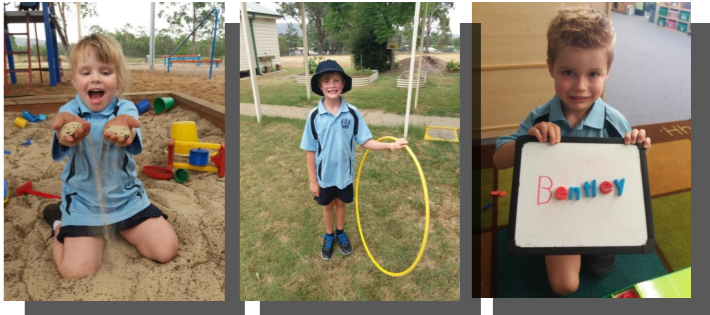
The office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday it is open from 8.30am to 12.00pm.

PAXTON C CLASS

Our year has started off very productively in Paxton C (K12). Our students have been practising their 6Ls and learning to line up sensibly and walk safely. We have been sharing lots of quality texts (picture books with deeper meaning) to expand our vocabulary. Year 1 and 2 have been continuing to write quality pieces of writing and kindergarten are enjoying Jollyphonics.

6Ls—Looking, Listening, Laps, Legs, Lips and Learning

On Thursdays and Fridays, Mrs Bainbridge has been teaching Interpersonal Relationships in PDH and Measurement in Mathematics as well as continuing on with the literacy from Mon-Wed. In number we have been revising our counting skills, ordering numbers and practising writing and forming numbers. The class have enjoyed learning about relaxation through 'Cosmic Yoga' and being creative during 'Directed Drawing' in Visual Arts.



**Well done Paxton C for such a wonderful start to 2019! —Mrs Clark**