

PAXTON 2/3

In class, we read the book called 'a boy and a ball' written by Phil Cummings. It is a compassionate tale of a family's search for a safe place to call home. We decided to write a personal diary entry documenting the boy's emotional journey. We were asked to use pronouns, adjectives and smiles.

11th November 2020

We live in a war zone. Nukes and sky rockets as loud as blue whales light up the night sky. My brother and I are scared. Dad tells us that we have to move.

We left at night. We quietly snuck to the boat. I was on that boat for days, weeks and months.

I arrived at a refugee camp. It had a tall fence and green grass. I got a new soccer ball.

Jeremy

11th November 2020

We left at the crack of dawn. We went to the ship quickly. I was scared when we made it to the ship. The ship took off. We will be safe finally. We was on the ship for days, weeks, months.

We made it to an Australian refugee camp. We will be safe here. The fences are as tall as skyscrapers. I have a brand new soccer ball and lots of new friends. We all play soccer together and we all next door neighbours.

Grace

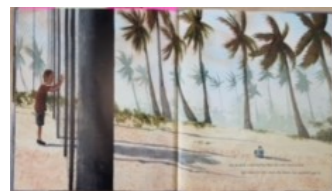
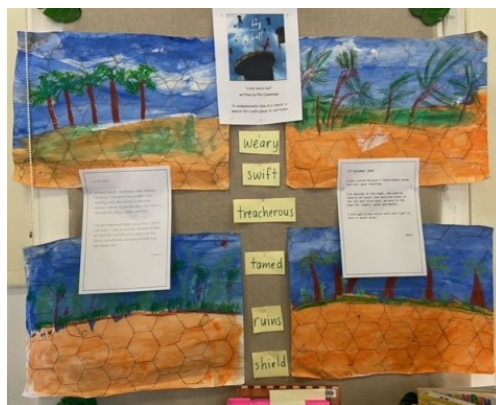
11th November 2020

We left in the middle of the night. I was afraid of getting shot. I had to be quiet.

We made it to the old rotted out boat. It was overcrowded with families seeking safety...just like mine. The boat sailed for days, weeks and months. The journey was rocky. I was constantly sick of being scared and hungry.

We arrived at the safe place. There was high fences, canvas tents and buildings. I finally got to play soccer on green grass.

Sonny



Artworks inspired by the text.

4/5/6

We have some super exciting things happening this term. Year 6 were finally able to attend their first 'Taster lessons' at Mount View High School last week and from all reports it was a great afternoon! Despite some nerves, the students prepared themselves well and made the most of the experience.

The selection process for our 2021 school leaders has begun with our current Year 5 students being asked to express their interest in the role. There is certainly some outstanding candidates and we wish our classmates the best of luck! Regardless of who gets picked, the school will have strong student leaders in 2021!

We have plenty of sport coming up over the next few weeks. We are attending a basketball gala day on Friday, Week 6, and a soccer gala day on Wednesday, Week 7. As well as this, we are continuing with our Taekwondo program each Friday.

4/5/6 had plenty of fun participating in our NAIDOC Week activities. We played a modified version of a traditional Indigenous Australian game called 'Buroinjin'. This game was played by the Kabi Kabi of southern Queensland. It is basically a combination of basketball, soccer and touch football and was originally played with a ball made from Kangaroo skin. We just used a soccer ball... for obvious reasons!

See below a image that may give you a rough idea of how Buroinjin works.

Mr O'Driscoll & 4/5/6



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Term 4-Week 6 Friday 20th November 2020

Principal's Report—Teri Clark (Relieving)

We've been unusually busy the last few weeks which has been a nice change from the year we've had in 2020! Our students and staff enjoyed the first K-6 excursion for the year - The Australian Reptile Park. It was so lovely to be out and about! Our Year 6 students have been visiting Mount View High School and our 19 Kindy students for 2021 have been enjoying visiting our lovely school. 4/5/6 students will be participating in a Basketball competition this week as well as the Small Schools Soccer Gala Day next week. We're busy preparing for the end of year celebrations and party days and our teachers are currently writing their reports.

2021 Teachers and classes

Mrs Michelle Murphie (our substantive principal) will be on leave for 2021 as she continues enjoying her career, travel and the cooler weather in Tasmania. I will continue to relieve for her. As the town of Paxton continues to grow, as does our school! We're getting very close to 4 classes for next year, but we won't know until after the holidays once we're ready to get started again. We're happy to confirm that Mr O, Miss Avery, Mrs Dow, Mrs Shoesmith and myself will share the teaching for 2021. We appreciate your patience while we work out the best structure. Thank you to our lovely families for the ongoing support of our small school.

Taekwondo

Our students have really been enjoying their weekly sessions with Philippa from Taekwondo Australia. We're so proud of how serious our students are taking it and how they understand when and where to use the techniques. Well done!



Kindergarten Transition

Mrs Dow and her team of buddies have been enjoying getting to know our 18 Kindergarten students. Our transition program runs every week on Monday mornings and we're currently half way through the program.

Remembrance Day

In my absence (emergency trip to the dentist), Mr O hosted a beautiful Remembrance Day service. Thank you to Sierra Mercer for her beautiful acknowledgement and to all of our students who were respectful. I was very proud!



Presentation Day

We have scheduled our Presentation Day Assembly for Tuesday December 8th at 9:30am. As you are aware, COVID-19 restrictions are still in place and we are very limited on the number of adults who are able to attend. We have made the decision to invite our Year 6 parents only. This will allow us to comply with the 4m2 rule for staff, students and parents under our COLA. We understand this will be upsetting for our families (I will miss Masani and Vinnie's presentation too), but all we can do is hope 2021 is a better year for everyone! We thought it was fair for our Year 6 students to have their family members attend as it's their final presentation day at Paxton PS! All awards, singing and dancing will be recorded and shared shortly after via YouTube links. We also hope to livestream our event. Watch this space!



Australian Reptile Park Excursion

We all had a wonderful time exploring the critters, creatures, reptiles and native animals at the Reptile Park. We were very lucky to have a nice day and a smooth run on the bus! Maximus, Sharvaneer and Mr O were 'lucky' enough to hold the reptiles during the show! Congratulations to all of our students on their exemplary behaviour. A perfect day!

NAIDOC Week - Always Was, Always Will Be

Our teachers planned beautiful activities for NAIDOC week including traditional Aboriginal games, Aboriginal languages and arts and craft. Our students dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, which made for a beautiful rainbow day last Thursday.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.



Class K/1	
Bentley Horder	For his thoughtful contributions to whole class discussions
Dominick	His beautiful illustrations in writing tasks
Nixon Rheinberger	For his enthusiasm in dance
Class 2/3	
Abbi-Jade Burkett-Parkes	Persistence in Mathematics
Eric Morgan	Improved application in classroom learning tasks
Jake Dow	Trying hard in Literacy
Class 4/5/6	
Ruby Strevens	For her consistent positive behaviour and effort in class
Reide Blyton	For his much improved behaviour and focus
Makayla Ball	For always being a helpful member of our school
Miss Avery's Awards	
Liara Cashmere	Her efforts in discussing concepts of the living world
Coralee Huolohan	Always working quietly and getting her work done
Noah Grunsell	Always putting heaps of effort into Science and Language
Paxton Star Awards	
Ellie Everson	Following the rules and being safe
Saxon Rheinberger	Being a wonderful role model to other students
Sierra Mercer	Making more positive choices at school
Special Awards	
Principal Award Bentley Horder	Playing really well with others in the playground and being inclusive.
Smile Award Eric Morgan	Helping us navigate around the Reptile Park.
Smile Award River Buchanan	Being safe and responsible at the Reptile Park.

Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
7	Mon 23/11	Kindy Transition 10am-12pm
	Tue 24/11	Scripture 2.30pm
	Wed 25/11	Soccer Gala Day Yrs 4-6
	Fri 27/11	Taekwondo Canteen
	Mon 30/11	Kindy Transition 10am-12pm
8	Fri 4/12	Taekwondo & Canteen
	Mon 7/12	Kindy Transition 10am-12pm
9	Tue 8/12	Presentation Day 9.30am
	Wed 9/12	PBL Reward Day
	Thu 10/12	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
	Fri 11/12	Canteen
10	Mon 14/12	Year 6 Fun Day - Class parties Mon, Tues or Wed. (Teachers to confirm)
	Wed 16/12	Last day of Term for Students

Reading Awards	
25 nights	Hayley Lamplough, Skye Hackett, Emma Dow, Clancy Andrews, Sonny Andrews, Jake Dow, Noah Grunsell and Ava Folbigg
50 nights	Tyler Boorman, Bentley Horder, Thomas Price, Alana Lamplough and River Buchanan
75 nights	Olivia Jobson, Jeremy Dafter, Reef and Forest Dunkin
150 nights	Connor Ross
200 nights	Makayla Ball and Coralie Rossington
250 nights	Eli Townsend
275 nights	Heath Saxby and Layla McNamara

Office Messages

Bandanna Day

Thank you to all the families who purchased Bandannas and made a donation. We raised \$ 380.00.



Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Notes for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner which is being held on Thursday 10th December at Paxton Bowling Club were sent home on Tuesday 17th November. Orders and payment need to be returned by Thursday 3rd December due to catering purposes. This year due to COVID restrictions the Farewell Dinner is for the Year 6 students and their families only. The P&C will be supplying the decorations for the Farewell Dinner. If you are able to help set up the decorations could you please let the office know.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 orders are due back on Friday 27th November.



School uniform

Uniform items can be purchased via our online system or at the school office. Listed below are the cost of uniforms items for sale:

School Polo Shirts \$24.00
School Jackets \$38.50
Bucket Hats/Caps \$13.00



If you wish to purchase a school tunic for your child please collect an order form from the office which you can then take to Flanagans and order directly through them.

Early Pickup or Late Arrival

Due to social distancing rules if you need to pick your child up early from school could you please ring the school and a staff member will collect your child from the classroom and meet you at the gate. Also when dropping off items for your child throughout the day could you please ring the Office so that we can meet you at the gate. When your child is arriving late to school you need to send a note with them or ring the school to explain why they are late.



Regards Leanne Ledbrook
School Administrative Manager

K/I News

Literacy

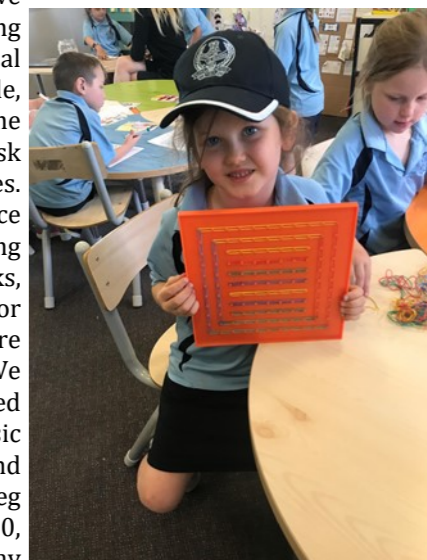
This week we have revising 'bossy e' words with a long I sound, such as like and time. We looked at the way that, at the end of words, 'y' can also make a long I sound, such as in my and cry.

We also looked at exceptions to this rule and we discussed words like rye, bye and thai.

In year 1 we are focusing on irregular plurals in groups and discussion. We looked at words that are even more complex than just adding 's' or even than 'change the y into i and add es'. Some examples are leaf-leaves, man-men, elf-elves. Or words in which the plural and singular form are the same, like sheep and deer.

Maths

In Mathematics, we are revisiting finding area using informal units. For example, we measured the area of our desk using paper squares. You could practice these skills using units eg blocks, pieces of paper or shoes to measure areas at home. We have also continued to practice basic addition and subtraction facts eg Friends of 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50. Each day during maths we play a different Ten activity that helps to consolidate the children's learning of these concepts.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith