

Paxton S Class



Ant Study

Paxton S has been studying ants. The students have been writing daily observations about the ants' habitat and behaviours. The children were responsible for building the ant farm, researching what materials were needed, such as sand and dirt, and what to feed the ants. The students had lots of fun.



Regards, Corrin Shoesmith

Paxton M

Noah's wonderful writing piece that along with the rest of Paxton M's letters resulted in the Mayor visiting the school in Week 8. Congratulations boys and girls on all your hard work.

WE NEED A SUN SHADE

DEAR MR PYNSENT,

I am writing to you as I would like to make a proposal of improvement at Paxton Park. I think we need a sun shade over the park to improve sun safety, help the equipment be cooler and a place for the community to meet. Please put a sunshade over the park.

You need to put a cover over Paxton Park so people won't get melanoma, sun cancer and sun burn. In Australia in 2018 there were 8653 males and 5667 females diagnosed with melanoma and if you put that together that is 14320 people. Cessnock City Council can help with that by installing a sun shade over Paxton Park.

Secondly the equipment will be way cooler and you won't burn yourself. It will be spectacular if you did put in a sun shade, you won't burn yourself all the time. It appears to me that Paxton Park will be a better place with a sun shade.

Thirdly everyone knows it will be better for the community to meet and if you do you will be helping the whole community. I believe that is will help people meet up if you put a sun shade over the park. It is obvious that we need a sun shade.

Overall I strongly believe that the majority of Paxton people will definitely agree that it is important to put a sun shade over Paxton Park. If you want the community to be safe you have to put a sun shade over the park it will be magical if the melanoma statistics can go down. It is easy to put a sun shade over the park. Please do it ASAP.

By Noah Grunsell

In Science we are currently investigating Rube Goldberg style inventions. We are aiming to make our own that will have a simple objective but a very complicated way of achieving it. For example, pouring water into a cup by getting a series of dominoes to fall. The class have learnt that their inventions will need refining and will not necessarily run perfectly the first time. Stay tuned for the next newsletter which will have pictures of our invention.

Regards, Kylie Mexon and Tiffany Wing



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Principal's Report

It is with great excitement that I announce I will be continuing in the role of Relieving Principal for 2019. I thank you for your ongoing support of Paxton Public School. Mrs Kylie Mexon and Mrs Tiffany Wing will continue to share the teaching of Paxton M (456) and Mrs Judith Bainbridge will continue on Paxton C (K12) on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mayor Visit

Paxton M (456) were lucky enough to have the Cessnock City Mayor, Bob Pynsent, visit their classroom on Harmony Day. The occasion was in response to letters they had written trying to persuade him to put a sun shade over Paxton Park. They were informed that this would happen in the next financial year. What a wonderful result after some fantastic writing! Thank you to Mrs Mexon for inspiring our students to write for a purpose.



Harmony Day

On Harmony Day, we celebrated Australia's cultural diversity by wearing something orange to school. One colour represents inclusiveness, cultural respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The students joined together for a whole school picnic lunch and decorated cupcakes, (in bright orange) baked with love by Paxton M and Miss Orr. The students had a wonderful time celebrating Australian multiculturalism and diversity.



PBL—Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our PBL focus for this term has been safety while at school, focusing mainly on our time in the playground. During their lesson, the students modelled safety in the following areas; playground, lining up, crossing the road, playing on the equipment, playing sport, walking in and leaving school. A reminder to students that they are not to leave the school gate before a staff member is on the gate. Students cannot leave the school grounds without a parent signing them out in the office (before 3pm). Let's keep everyone safe!



Zone Soccer Trials

A big congratulations to the 5 students who tried out for the Zone PSSA Soccer Team. The trial was extremely competitive and unfortunately we didn't make it in this time, however, the students are commended on their wonderful efforts and sportsmanship. Thank you Hamish Membrey, Tyler Armstrong, Isabella Ling, Kaydence Brown and Noah Grunsell for representing our school with pride. Thank you to Honor Grunsell and Mr O'Driscoll for assisting with transport on the day.



National Day of Action Against Bullying

To recognise 'Bullying No Way!' Day (NDA) our students created an artwork that represented a safe and respectful community. Links were made between our PBL STAR values and the School Community Charter. (Collaborative, respectful communication).



Aboriginal Education Team

Thank you Reide Blyton, and Bam and Tylah Shoesmith for representing our school at the Junior AECG & AET Leadership/Networking Day at Cessnock High School.



Kind regards, Teri Clark (Relieving Principal)

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.



Paxton C class	
Olivia Jobson	Excellent writing
William Brown	Excellent effort with homework
Noah Blyton	Innovative ideas in STEM
Paxton S class	
Boyd Gibson	For settled classroom behaviour
Evan Nugent	For a thoughtful piece of writing about refugees
Connor Membrey	For participation and effort in Science-Ant farms
Paxton M class	
Izaiah Wilson	For his passion for writing
Phoenix Denning	For showing dedication and resilience with STEM
Makayla Ball	For always going out of her way to help others
Principal's Awards	
Tylah Shoesmith	Taking initiative and demonstrating excellent leadership skills at the AECG training day
Paxton Star Awards	
Tyler Boorman	Teamwork
Ricky Smith	Achievement
Noah Grunsell	Respect

Ice Blocks!

Ice Blocks are sold everyday at second break for people who may want to purchase one.

We sell Zooper Doopers for 20 cents each. We also sell various ice creams as well as ice blocks for 70 cents. All profits are part of the Year 6 fundraising effort.



Wk	Date	Upcoming Events
10	Wed 3/4	Cooking Program AET Meeting 9am
	Thu 4/4	Yrs 3-4 Writer's Festival at Bellbird Public School
11	Tue 9/4	Cross Country 9.15am
	Wed 10/4	Cooking Program Enrichment Day -CWPS
	Thu 11/4	Easter Hat Parade 2pm P&C Easter raffle drawn
	Fri 12/4	Last day of Term
Term 2		
1	Mon 29/4	Staff Development Day
	Tue 30/4	Students return
	Wed 1/5	Back to school breakfast
	Fri 3/5	Zone Cross Country



I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of first term, it has gone by so fast.

Easter Raffle Thursday 11th April
Tickets for the Easter Egg raffle have gone home so if you missed out or want some more please see the school office. Money and tickets are due back on the day of the raffle draw. Thank you to all who have already gotten stubs and money back. We have received some Easter Egg donations and we are very grateful to those who could help out. We are still accepting donations and they can be left at the office.

Mother's Day Stall
The P&C will be running a Mother's Day stall on Thursday 9th of May which is the 2nd week of next term. If you would like to make donations or assist in any way it would be most welcome. Reminders will be sent out in the following weeks.

Canteen
Thanks to all who have assisted in the canteen over this first term. The canteen runs on a volunteer basis and cannot open without the help of the wonderful people donating their time. Also a big thanks to everyone who answered our call for helpers, it is very appreciated by us and the children. Look out for new faces in the canteen on Fridays.



Woolworths Earn and Learn
Paxton Public School has registered to participate in the Woolworths Earn and Learn for 2019. It will run from the 1st of May to 25th of June. For every \$10.00 you spend at Woolworths you will receive an Earn and Learn sticker. After the promotion ends the stickers can then be redeemed for valuable education equipment and resources for the school. More information will follow in Term 2.



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.



Captain's Corner

Aboriginal Education Day
In week 7 Bam Shoesmith, Reide Blyton and myself visited Cessnock High school for an Aboriginal Education Day! It was a lot of fun to connect to our culture and do very enjoyable activities. We even got the opportunity to create an Aboriginal based app with a funny teacher named Miss Mango. Thank you very much to Mrs Clark for taking us to the event. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Shoesmith, for organising the day! By Tylah

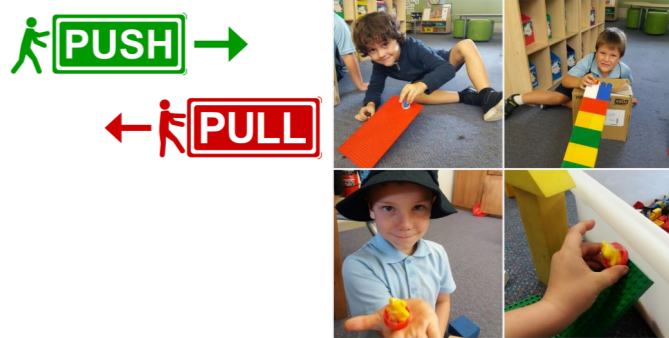
Mayor Visit
On Thursday 21st March we had a visit from the mayor, after we wrote letters to him, and he talked to us about the sunshade in Paxton Park. He said that the sunshade will be here next summer. Then he went to meet the other classes and then he left and we ate Harmony Day cupcakes.

PBL
We were split into groups and each group focused on a different subject. For example my group did safety lining up, one group did safety when in the canteen, another did safety on playground and safety in school grounds.

Seth "I liked PBL. I did safety when coming to and from school. I learnt a lot"
Jaxen "I did safe lining up. I learnt lots" By Isabella

PAXTON C CLASS STEM

K12 have been enjoying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) based lessons in class. In Week 8, students spent time on the slippery slide investigating how gravity and forces impact people and objects. We collected observations of how the playground slide is used when playing! Students had to design a slide for a 'Stikeez' or a little bear and discuss the terms push, pull, force and gravity. The creations were very creative and students had a lot of fun testing the different designs. On the Term 2 Staff Development Day, all teachers will be going to a prestigious STEM conference to further enhance their knowledge. We hope you enjoy our clever designs!



Mrs Clark and Paxton C