Principal's Report

Mrs Megan Avery

It is wonderful to see our students settling into their classroom routines and adjusting to some changes that a new school year brings. The teachers have been implementing quality teaching and learning programs and are catering to each child's individual needs. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning program please feel free to make an appointment with their teacher.

Student Safety
Thank you to everyone for parking their cars on either side of the orange cones when collecting their children. This is allowing the students better vision when crossing the road and provides a clearer walk way for all pedestrians.

Swimming Success!
Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival. Paxton spirit was certainly evident as children were eager to participate, encouraged each other and showed great sportsmanship. Well done everyone!

Quality Programs
This term we are very lucky to have a specialist dance teacher at Paxton, who will be here on Friday afternoons to teach the students Hip Hop. All students will have the opportunity to improve their skills in dance while also developing and enhancing their coordination and rhythmic skills. The cost of this program will be $15 per student, for the term. Thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising this for us!
Calendar - Upcoming Events

Term 1

6th March Year 3-6 Oz Tag Day
26th March School Photos
29th March Good Friday
1st April Easter Monday
3rd April Paxton Olympics

Assembly Dates

8 February
22 February
8 March
22 March
5 April

NSW School Terms 2013

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2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more:

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Find our more:

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more:

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more:
**Canteen Roster**

8th Feb  
Barbara & Amanda

15th Feb  
Amanda & Margie

22nd Feb  
Amanda & Nathalie

8th March  
Amanda & Stephen

15th March  
Amanda & Stephen

22nd March  
GOOD FRIDAY

29th March  
Amanda & Nathalie

5th April  
Amanda & Nathalie

12th April  
Stephen

Volunteers for Canteen are urgently needed.

Please add your name to the current roster located in the office.

**Year 6 Senior Shirts**

It was decided at a P & C meeting last year to continue with the Year 6 students wearing the darker colour school shirts with their names embroidered on them.

This year the P & C will again be purchasing one shirt per student and additional shirts will be available for you to purchase if you wish.

We are currently looking into pricing and the design of the shirt. As soon as we have this information, an order form will be sent home for you to fill out.
PARENTING TOOLBOX

Additive Free Pantry

Tanya Winifield is a mother of three who created Additive Free Pantry to inspire change throughout Australia. Having a child with Asthma motivated Tanya to look at what type of foods were going into her young son’s body. Shocked at the number of chemicals added to the food he was consuming, Tanya cleaned her pantry out and never looked back.

Come along and learn real life, easy and practical time-saving ideas on how to give the best health to your family.

February 25th 2013 at 6.30pm
At Coonina, Cessnock Public School
Cost: Free
Bookings are essential as there are some goodies!

Call 4990 9054 or call in to Koorda Public School

Cessnock Basketball are now taking nominations from teams for competitions starting in 2013.

**COMPETITIONS IN 2013:**
- **ROOKIES COMPETITION:** age 6 or under 3 Divisions
- **JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 7-8 3 Divisions
- **MID JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 9-10 3 Divisions
- **INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION:** age 11-12 3 Divisions
- **YOUTH COMPETITION:** age 13-14 3 Divisions

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**
All high school comp (can be mixed - no requirements)

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**
From 4:30pm - 5:30pm - Bookings are essential as there are some goodies. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date.

**MARCH 16th:**
- **JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 7-8 3 Divisions
- **MID JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 9-10 3 Divisions
- **INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION:** age 11-12 3 Divisions
- **YOUTH COMPETITION:** age 13-14 3 Divisions

**APRIL 6th:**
- **JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 7-8 3 Divisions
- **MID JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 9-10 3 Divisions
- **INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION:** age 11-12 3 Divisions
- **YOUTH COMPETITION:** age 13-14 3 Divisions

**MAY 4th:**
- **JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 7-8 3 Divisions
- **MID JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 9-10 3 Divisions
- **INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION:** age 11-12 3 Divisions
- **YOUTH COMPETITION:** age 13-14 3 Divisions

**JUNE 1st:**
- **JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 7-8 3 Divisions
- **MID JUNIORS COMPETITION:** age 9-10 3 Divisions
- **INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION:** age 11-12 3 Divisions
- **YOUTH COMPETITION:** age 13-14 3 Divisions

**BELLBIRD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Do you want to play Soccer?**
Registration: 16th & 17th February, 10am-3pm Bellbird Workers Club

All players must register online, details on website
Players from 4 years of age (must be turning 5 in 2013)
New players need copy of Birth Certificate
New players receive free shorts and socks/Family discounts available

www.bellbirdjuniorfootballclub.com
For further information contact: Kirsty: 0409844790 or Belinda: 0412971479

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Cessnock United Football Club
Registration days - Baddeley Park Cessnock.

Sat 9th/2013
Sun 10th/2013
Sat 16th/2013
10-12pm each day.

All new players must provide a copy of birth certificate.

Shorts $18
Socks $12
5-7yrs = $67
8-11yrs = $92
12-15yrs = $96
Seniors = $159

WE ARE ENTERING AN ALL GIRL SIDE IN UNDER 6 THIS YEAR FOR THE GIRLS THAT DON’T WANT TO PLAY WITH THE BOYS. THEY WILL PLAY IN AN ALL GIRL COMP.

Contact Ann for further information on 0416091979
Pre-register at www.myfootballclub.com.au