Principal's Report

*Mrs Megan Avery*

**Partnerships in Education**

Thank you to all our families who attended the teacher and parent information sessions. Teachers were thrilled to share their programs with you and enjoyed all the feedback they received.

The second part of our *Partnerships in Education* program is for parents, students and teachers to meet at mutually agreeable times and develop shared goals. This process will allow all teachers to continue to develop personalised learning programs for every single student in the school! Our aim is for 100% of our parents to attend – we know that this is achievable 😊
Fitter and Faster

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the school cross country today. The morning was very successful with everyone finishing the course and enjoying the challenge. Thank you to Mr Eagleton for organising such a great event!

Our Zone Representatives

Congratulations to all our zone representatives! It is wonderful to see so many students who will be representing Paxton!
Friends ??

Our school Facebook account is active. Search for ‘paxtonpps’ and get connected. This will be a wonderful tool to further the communication between our school and community.

Books in Homes Assembly

A reminder that tomorrow during assembly, all children will receive their Books in Homes books. Student leaders will also receive their badges and Year 1/2 will be presenting an item. Please join us at 9:00am.

You are awesome!

A very big thank you to Daniel and Chantelle for marking the soccer field for us. The children are thoroughly enjoying having a specially demarcated area to play on.

We Care

Our school gardens are continuing to be cared for and developed. Students are participating in this during lunch time and love the opportunity to get involved.

A big thank you to Trish and Williams Fruit Produce for donating plants, mulch and soil. The children are thrilled!

School Photos

Envelopes have gone home with your children today for photos on Tuesday.
Paint The Town REaD

On Wed, April 10th all Year 1, 2 students and student leaders will be joining the other 14 public schools in a walk in Cessnock to promote literacy.

All students attending will need to wear a red shirt!

Please see attached flyer for further information.

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Our Year 3 and 4 students have been very busy. During Visual Arts lessons they have focused on self portraits and were very proud to show me the work that they have achieved. Great work everyone!

Easter Hat Parade – 28th March

A reminder that our school will be holding an Easter hat parade and we would love all of our families to join us for an afternoon of fun!

Where: At our school, under the COLA.

Time: 1pm – picnic lunch with your children.
2pm – Easter hat parade and performance.
2:30pm – Raffles drawn

All students will get the opportunity to make a hat during class time with their teachers leading up to the parade.
Calendar - Upcoming Events  
**Term 1**

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**Assembly Dates**

- 22nd March
- 5th April

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**Donations of Kids Bandaids**

Thank you to the many families who have sent in colourful children’s band aids in support of the Oncology Ward at the Royal Children’s Hospital and the many children who undergo treatment. A simple thing like a fancy band aid helps to distract from the pain of numerous blood tests and cannula removals.

We would like to thank Trish Dawes for organising this fundraiser. All band aids will be posted off before the end of term, so please, keep sending them in.

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**P & C News**

**Canteen Roster**

- 22nd March: Stephen & Tracey
- 29th March: **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 5th April: Amanda & Nathalie
- 12th April: Stephen & Tracey

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held next this afternoon at 3.15pm in the school library. All positions became vacant and current financial members are able to vote.

**Easter Raffle**

Please send in your donations of Easter Eggs for our Raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 28th March. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets are only $1 each and have been sent home with the children today. All tickets are due back Thursday, 28th March.

**Le Rêve Charity Foundation**

Just a reminder – order forms are due back **tomorrow** for the Le Rêve perfumes. By purchasing these fragrances you are supporting either Breast Cancer Australia or World Vision.

The perfumes cost only $5.00 each with $1 from each sale going to your chosen charity and also $1 towards Paxton Public School.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Paint the Town READ

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) will launch "Paint the Town READ" in the Cessnock Community on the 10th April. Students from grades 1 and 2 as well as school leaders from the fourteen local Public school will march through the main street of Cessnock wearing red shirts and carrying red balloons in a joint demonstration of our Public Schools' commitment to the engagement of the whole community in promoting early literacy skills.

"Paint the Town READ" is an early literacy community scheme that encourages the whole community to read, talk, sing and rhyme with children from birth, so that they will be ready for reading and writing at school.

Research shows that the early literacy skills developed before starting school are the foundation and therefore vital for attaining competency in reading and writing at school – and future success and happiness in life - something we all want for our children!

A highlight of this significant Cessnock event will be the attendance of Australian children's author, Krysten Walker Cox (Didgeridoo Dreaming), who will read to the students as they gather in the grounds of Cessnock TAFE. We also hope to have a local didgeridoo artist and Aboriginal dancers attend. A mascot for the initiative will also be introduced on the day.

Local businesses have been highly supportive and have agreed to assist CCGPS with the promotion of early literacy skills by incorporating specifically designed book-boxes into their shops/business fronts. These red boxes will contain books for children to read when they visit local services as well as rhymes etc which they can share with their families.

The launch event for this initiative will begin at 11am and conclude at 12:30pm on the 10th April. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend, with simultaneous activities for younger children also being provided through Cessnock City Library.