Principal's Report

Mrs Megan Avery

Celebrating Easter together

What a wonderful environment our school was throughout our Easter parade on Friday. So many laughing children and adults and squeals of delight as chocolate eggs were past around by the funniest Easter Bunny ever! Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the picnic and for being such good sports in cheering for your children! I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Autism Awareness

Our whole school joined together on Tuesday 2nd to read some stories and gain some understanding about autism. The students were all very engaged in the topic! Paxton may be a small, semi-rural school but we are still very much connected to world wide initiatives!
NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The tests will be conducted for all Year 3 and 5 students from 14th-16th May 2013.

If you would like to find out more information about this national testing, please feel free to come and see me or you could navigate the web and find information at:

When is Paint The Town REaD?

When: Wed 10th April
Who: Year 1, 2 and 6
Where: Starting at Cessnock Plaza
What: Children will deliver red boxes of books to businesses that are supporting our initiative. We will then meet with our other local public schools for a book reading, Aboriginal dance and a didgeridoo player in the TAFE grounds.

There is no cost associated with this but all children need to wear red shirts!

The small schools are travelling together by bus and meeting the other 14 schools in Cessnock. This is a HUGE initiative from our learning community and there will be a heavy media presence.

Families are most welcome to attend and it would be very much appreciated if you could all wear red too!
**ANZAC Day – 25th April**

Our school will once again participate in the ANZAC day march this year. This will be on 25th April, which is during the school holidays, but it would be wonderful to see all of our children and community there.

More information will be given in next week’s newsletter.

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**NSW School Terms 2013**

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**Donations of Kids Bandaids**

As you can see, we have had a huge response to the Bandaid donation drive which is 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 bandaid helps to distract from the pain of numerous blood tests and cannual removals.

All bandaids will be posted off before the end of term, so please, keep sending them in.

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**April school holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


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**Parent-teacher interviews**

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


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**School calendar**

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.


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**Buying an e-reader or tablet**

E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go.

P & C News

Canteen Roster

5th April  Amanda & Nathalie
12th April  Stephen & Tracey

Next P & C Meeting

The next meeting of the P & C has been scheduled for Wednesday, 1st May at 9.15am in the school library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21st March. All positions have been elected and filled with the current roles being:

President – Carol Avery
Vice President – Allarna Young
Secretary – Catherine Dixon
Treasurer – Tracey Harrington

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members who did a wonderful job with the many fundraisers and support of the school and our children.

Easter Raffle

By working together, Paxton Public School raised $327.00 from this year’s Easter raffle.

Congratulations if you were lucky enough to go home with one of the 11 great prizes we were able to put together thanks to the kind donations we received.

Pizza Day

A BIG thank you to all students and their families who enjoyed pizza for lunch last Thursday at the Easter hat parade.

We consumed 36 pizzas between us and raised $73.55.

Mother’s Day Stall

As Mother’s Day is fast approaching (12th May 2013) we are seeking donations from families to go towards our yearly Mother’s Day Stall.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall for their mother, grandmother, carer, etc.

If you have any unused, unwanted Christmas/birthday presents hiding in the back of your cupboards you would like to re-gift or if you see something you would like to purchase for the Mother’s day stall, all donations would be gratefully received. They can be left at the front office with Leah.

Some ideas for donations are:

- Candles
- Face washers
- Pens
- Note pads
- Plants
- Mugs
- Lollies
- Hand creams
- Coat hangers
- Key rings
- Soaps
- Fridge magnets

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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0407359105 or 49546723

The service operates every Monday and Friday during school terms.

Our hours are 9:30am to 3:00pm

Enrollment for 2013 has been waived, so come along and invest in your child’s education today!
April holiday activities @ your library
No phone bookings, no refunds, tickets on sale from March. Numbers strictly limited.

**Baby Rhymetime** - ages 0-2
Monday April 15 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.30 FREE
Monday April 22 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.30 FREE
Lyrical sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and a story – come and join the fun!

**Outer Space Storytime** - ages 2-8
Tuesday April 16 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Stories, songs and craft about Outer Space!

**Dinosaur Storytime** - ages 2-8
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Stories, songs and craft about dinosaurs!

**Outer Space Rhymetime/Storytime** - ages 0-8
Wednesday April 17 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by a story and craft about Outer Space!

**Dinosaur Rhymetime/Storytime** - ages 0-8
Wednesday April 24 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by a story and craft about Dinosaurs!

**Movie & Craft Afternoon – Wall-E** - ages 5-12
Monday April 15 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Wednesday April 17 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then create a robot from space junk!

**Mad Scientist Afternoon** - ages 8+
Tuesday April 16 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Wednesday April 24 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Warning – science experiments can be very messy! Wear old clothes to this hands-on kitchen science workshop, and take home your own bag of goop!

**Gift Making Workshop** - ages 8+
Monday April 22 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Make some beautiful handmade gifts – decorate a magnetic picture frame for the fridge, make a teatlight candle holder and a decoupage soap in a box.

**Pizza, Wii and Games** - ages 9+
Tuesday April 16 Kurri Kurri Library 6.00 – 8.30 $5.00
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock Library 5.00 – 8.30 $5.00

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 594399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Childrens Services Officer
49 594364
Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

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**Mother’s Day at the Sebel**
Afternoon Tea Soiree in Manor Garden*
Sunday 12 May 2013

- From 12noon to 3pm
- High Tea style buffet
- Candy buffet
- Gift for all Mums
- Adults $55.00
- Teenagers (13-17 years) $30.00
- Children (5-12 years) $20.00
- Children 4 and under FREE

* Gardan location subject to weather conditions

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Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Families NSW is offering Triple P to all families with children aged 3-8 years.

Please note that bookings ARE ESSENTIAL so that we can keep course sizes manageable.

To find out more or to book into a course please contact

Cessnock Family Support Service
499 04507

For more information visit www.families.nsw.gov.au

Course: Triple P Group

6 week group with 5 face to face sessions & 1 individual phone call.

Commencing Tuesday 7th May 2013 to Tuesday 11th June 2013

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Where: 5 Hall St
Cessnock 2325

Junior Creative Writing
@ Cessnock Library

PROGRAMME

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5 PM
(except during school holidays, which we'll work around)

February 27: DRAW A STORY
March 27: MAP IT!
May 1: TREASURE BAG
May 27: NEWSPAPER
June 26: WHO WORE THAT?
July 31: MY LIBRARY RULES!
August 28: FRACTURED FAIRYTALES
September 18: HARRIS BURDICK
October 30: POETRY
November 27: PUBLISH!

For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the desk, or ring Sandy Ryan on 49934384