Principal's Report

Mrs Megan Avery

London Calling

Mr White and I have been keeping in regular contact and by all accounts both him and Mrs White are having a wonderful time abroad! They are currently waiting to be joined by their children and grandchildren and spending some quality family time with them.

The weather has been particularly cold over in the UK but that hasn’t kept Mr and Mrs White indoors. They have been very busy travelling and enjoying the English countryside, among other things.

Mr White regularly asks about his Paxton students, staff and community and although he is enjoying his time away, misses you all as well.

A special Happy Birthday for tomorrow, Mr White, from all of us 😊

Teamwork

A big thank you to Year 5/6 and the staff who helped spread the soft fall around our new fitness equipment. Many hands make light work!!
Wear BLUE on April 2

April 2 is the United Nations sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day, which sees countries all over the world light up their iconic buildings blue. From the Empire State Building to the Pyramids, famous buildings and landmarks across the globe will all take part in the ‘Light it up Blue’ campaign to shine a light on Autism.

Our school would also like to participate in this significant event and are going to have a blue day on April 2nd.

All students are able to come to school in blue out of uniform clothes. They may have blue hair, blue zinc or anything else that they might choose. Please ensure that they still have covered shoes though.

Paint the Town REaD – 10th April
When is Paint The Town REaD?

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<td>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.</td>
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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!

We are having a craft working bee on Wednesday 3rd April at 9am (alongside the P&C special fundraising meeting😊) in the library. This is to make some merchandise for our Paint The Town REaD day. Banners, balloons, posters etc will need to be made and it would be very much appreciated if you can spare some time to help us make these.

HELP??

Do we have any electricians or plumbers in our community? Please can you contact me if you are available, as there are a few odds and ends that I need advice on. 😊

Year 1/2

All of our classes have been getting into the Easter spirit. Year 1/2 had rotating craft activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in.
Calendar - Upcoming Events

Term 1

29th March  Good Friday
1st April  Easter Monday
2nd April  Autism Awareness Day
4th April  K/1 Family Art Day
10th April  Paint the Town REaD
12th April  Last day of Term 1
29th April  Staff Development Day
30th April  Staff Development Day
1st May  Students return to school

Assembly Dates

5th April
12th April

NSW School Terms 2013

Term 1  Tuesday 29th Jan to Friday, 12th April
Term 2  Monday, 29th April to Friday, 28th June
Term 3  Monday, 15th July to Friday, 20th Sept
Term 4  Tuesday, 8th Oct to Friday, 20th Dec

Donations of Kids Bandaids

Meet Leo. He will be 3 in July 2013. Just over 12 months ago he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma in his bladder, lower abdomen and pelvic area. Since that diagnosis he has had chemo, radio and has had over 39 general anaesthetics and countless tests and scans.

In the course of all these procedures he has needed numerous bandaids as blood is taken and cannulas removed. You know how all kids respond to “kid type” bandaids as it helps distract with the pain. Well the Royal Children’s Hospital doesn’t have a budget for kids’ bandaids and the Oncology ward uses boring old bandaids. It’s a tiny thing but kids love a “fancy” bandaid.

Leo’s mum has made it her mission to supply as many children’s bandaids to the Oncology ward. All she is asking is if you could please buy a pack of kids’ bandaids when you go shopping next and donate them to the hospital.

Would you like to help? Please send your fun kids bandaids to school so together we can help make a difference and put smiles on the faces of many children as they go through their treatment/recovery.

All donations will be posted by the school.
P & C News

Canteen Roster

29th March  GOOD FRIDAY
5th April   Amanda & Nathalie
12th April  Stephen & Tracey

A new roster has been placed in the office for Term 2. Volunteers are urgently needed.

P & C Special Meeting

The P & C will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, 3rd April at 9.15am in the school library to discuss some fundraising ideas. Everyone is most welcome, however, if you are unable to attend and have some suggestions, please feel free to jot down your thoughts and leave at the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Come along and Paint the

Town READ!

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools will launch this significant community initiative on the 10th April and you are invited!

Join us and show your commitment to the development of early literacy skills. Watch as students from across our great Public Schools come together and march down the main street of Cessnock as they “Paint the Town READ”.

Author, Krysten Walker Cox, will read to students from our schools, while Cessnock Library staff cater to the younger audience at the town library.

Show your support...11am – 12:30pm Wednesday 10th April.
**HOT TIPS**

Using a long tooth metal comb is the best way to remove lice eggs from the scalp.

It is usually advised to treat for head lice a week apart to kill any remaining lice eggs that would have hatched.

It is important to be thorough when treating for head lice. Miss one and soon you will have an infestation again!

Never share hats, caps or combs as that encourages the spreading of head lice.

Plaiting or braiding girls’ hair as this can make it difficult for head lice to attach themselves to the bottom of the hair strand.