Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

Big Day Tomorrow!

Let's hope the weather is kind to us tomorrow and we get a great response to our 90th anniversary Country Fair.

A big thank you to everybody who has helped in the organisation to date and to everybody who has supported the preparation of the event.

It should be a wonderful day.

Intensive Swimming Program

Our school will once again be involved in intensive swimming this year. We have been able to secure the pool in Week 6 of this term:

When: 10th – 14th November

Where: Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre

Cost: $25.00 per child. Second or more children at $15 each.

Lessons are conducted by trained instructors and cater for all students – from non-swimmers to very competent swimmers.

We had this program last year and some great improvement was reported by many parents.

The cost is only $25 for the first child in each family and $15 for each child thereafter. This is only $5 per day which includes pool entry, small group lessons and bus travel to and from Kurri pool.

This is a whole school activity and supported greatly by school funds.

Grandparents’ Day

To celebrate Grandparents’ Day, next Thursday, 23rd October, all grandparents of our students are invited to come to school and have lunch with their grandkids and then join in a class activity in the afternoon.

We hope to see as many grandparents as possible. Naturally, the invitation extends to those special older friends that many families have – the many sort of “unofficial grandparents” that lots of children adore.

Oz Tag Gala Day

Next Wednesday students from Years 3/4/5/6 will represent Paxton at the NRL Oz Tag Gala Day. The day will be held at Carmichael Park, Bellbird where Paxton will have two teams participating in the day. Both teams will play 4 games throughout the day against other schools in the Cessnock area.

Good luck to the students who are representing Paxton on this great day!

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kinder orientation program begins on 29th October and will include a variety of class and playground experiences for the new students. The program also includes a variety of information sessions for parents.

If you are aware of any local children beginning school next year please encourage their parents to visit the school and obtain an enrolment package before the orientation program begins.
Tricks for encouraging kids to read

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need?

Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

Team sports – more than health benefits

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO

Motivating “laid-back” children

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z's Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/qsfDOE

Public speaking made easier

Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it's an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

**NSW School Terms 2014**

Term 1: Tuesday 29th Jan to Friday, 11th April
Term 2: Monday, 28th April to Friday, 27th June
Term 3: Monday, 14th July to Friday, 19th Sept
Term 4: Tuesday, 7th Oct to Friday, 19th Dec
- Tomorrow is out of uniform day -

Students are asked to come dressed in their favourite country outfit next Friday ready to celebrate our schools 90th birthday at the Country Fair.

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Thank you to all families who have donated items towards the classroom stalls for the Country Fair. Your generosity is most appreciated.

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Volunteers Wanted

If you have the morning free tomorrow and would like to offer your time to help set up for our Country Fair, we would sure appreciate it.

We are setting up from 9am. There will be a to-do list on the canteen door for anyone willing to lend a hand.

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Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

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Sculpture in the Vineyards 2014

Picnic Day

Sunday 26th October
11am - 2pm
Wollombi Wines
25 Charlton St, Wollombi

Live Music
Milli Casey & Deanna Rose

A day of fun in the vineyards for the whole family!
Guided tours, free sculpture making activities for kids, and a sausage sizzle.