Prinicpal's Report

Mr Graham White

Country Fair
Congratulations and a big thank you to all the helpers and supporters who contributed to making our Country Fair such an outstanding day. Even the weather cooperated, after first giving us an early scare with a brief shower of rain as we were setting up.

As you know, the event was to recognise the school’s 90th anniversary of being a part of the Paxton community and it was fitting that the celebration was such a community event.

Lots of people helped with the organisation leading up to the event and on the day. However, I would like to recognise Carol Avery’s efforts and work in the months leading up to last Friday. She did a wonderful job!!

I would also like to recognise the wonderful work of the Lions volunteers on the barbecue. They too, did an outstanding job!!

Lastly, our students must also be recognised for their marvellous behaviour on the day and the level of cooperation leading up to it. Congratulations kids!
Grandparents’ Day

A large number of our students are very excited to be welcoming a grandparent to our school today. All our classes have arranged for an afternoon activity that will allow the children and their grandparents to work together so it should be a wonderful afternoon.

School Assembly

Because of the Country Fair, there was not an assembly last week. The next school assembly will be Week 4, Friday 31st October.

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.

Oz Tag Gala Day

On the 22nd October some students from Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 went to Carmichael Park for Oz Tag. There were two (2) teams of 9 players. They were called Paxton Bulldogs and Paxton Broncos, other schools came as well to play. We all played four games each. It was a lot of fun, everyone enjoyed it.

By Hayley

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kinder orientation program begins next week 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.

Orientation Sessions 2014

1. Wednesday 29/10/14 9.10am
   *Parents stay in K/1 Room

2. Wednesday 5/11/14 9.10am
   *Mr White – Welcome
   *Ms Watson - Office Admin
   *Morning Tea

3. Wednesday 12/11/14 9.10am
   *Carol Avery - P & C
   *Bec & Mandy - Canteen
   *Mrs A - Library
   *Morning Tea

4. Wednesday 19/11/14 9am – 11.30am
   *Sandy Ryan – Cessnock Library
   *Morning Tea
   *Isabelle Ireland – Speech Assessment
   *Mrs Field – K/1 Information Session
Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet?

Career planning for your child
Experts talk about how you can help your child broaden their ideas about work and career paths.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/career-planning-for-your-child

Raising good digital citizens
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills. That is, how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

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

Selective high schools
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open.

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

Calendar - Upcoming Events

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Sydney Shopping Bus Trip

This Saturday

What are you doing this weekend? Fancy a day shopping in Sydney?

Cost = $75.00 per person, (includes morning tea & lunch)

Full payment is required to secure your seat. Please see Leah in the office ASAP

WOW! What a fun, fantastic day…

Congratulations to all students, teachers and families. With your help our Country Fair was a huge success. It was a great way to celebrate our School’s 90th birthday.

Scarecrow Making Contest

= 1st Prizes “Joe” (Lilly, Ebony-Lea, Caelli-Rose)
= 2nd Prize “Super(straw)Man” (Avery Family)

- Pie Eating Contest
Teacher’s = Mr Eagleton
Parent’s = Neil Beresford
Student’s = Dylan Armstrong

- Chook Poo Bingo = Glenys Harris

- Balloon Guessing Contest = Jackson Moxey

- Lolly Guessing Contest = Jye King

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C
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Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Program

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children.

Australian Childhood Foundation: www.childhood.org.au

Venue: Cessnock Family Support
Date: Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov 2014
Time: 10am – 1pm

To express your interest, please contact:
Lesley 4221 5738
Email: Lesley.Asher@newcastle.edu.au
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL


FREE workshop!

Another great workshop from The Family Action Centre

Sculpture in the Vineyards 2014

Picnic Day
Sunday 26th October
11am - 2pm
Wollombi Wines
25 Chantlon 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.

The super scary Halloween Kids Disco!
October 25

2014-2015 NSW Family Energy Rebate

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