Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

An Important Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow marks a very important day in the national calendar: National Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an annual day to provide a focus for everyone to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen the existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

Books In Homes

Also tomorrow, we will be holding a special presentation to the children when they receive their selection of books from Books In Homes. Parents are invited for lunch with the children at 1.15pm with the P & C cooking a fabulous sausage sizzle. At 2pm we will gather under the COLA as the children receive their books. This is always an exciting time for the children as they selected their books some weeks ago.

After the book presentation, the children will be able to move to their family / friendship groups to show and share their books, or maybe some quiet time to read. At 2.30pm, the school will hold our whole school assembly, which we hope you are able to stay for.
Expressions of Interest forms

We are currently waiting on a couple of high school forms from Year 6 students. This provides the high school with important information during their enrolment process and allows for planning in upcoming Orientation days. Please remember to return your form tomorrow.

Calendar – Upcoming Events

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Magazine Donations

Thank you for the many donations of magazines that have come in during the week. The children use magazines during art and craft lessons and will now have a supply for many months.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more:

Sushi train

Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child's preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish.

Find out more:

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app

Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Find out more:
The adult navy school shirt will be ready for pick up from tomorrow afternoon.

The cost of each shirt is $30 - payment can be made at the school office (cash only)

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**Sausage Sizzle**

Tomorrow’s sausage sizzle Meal Deal is $5 which includes a sausage on a roll, drink and iceblock. If you want only the sausage on a roll – the cost is $3.00 each and can be added to your child’s order. The only drinks available will be flavoured milk and juice.

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**Books In Homes**

The first book giving assembly for 2014 will take place tomorrow afternoon.

The canteen is cooking a BBQ lunch and families are most welcome to join your child/children at lunch time (1.15pm)

We hope you can come along and share in the student’s excitement.

~ **Parent Support Shirts** ~

We had some fantastic feedback regarding our new Paxton school parent support shirts from the staff at Hope Estate.

All parent support shirts that were ordered are in the office and ready for collection. Payment for all shirts are now due so the account can be finalised. Thank you 😊

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I am delighted to confirm that the team of volunteers who worked at the Bruce Springteen concert at Hope Estate raised a massive $700 for our school’s P&C. What a Great effort!

Thank you to Natalie, Amanda, Allarna, Carol & Melanie for your time and dedication.

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**Fundraising**

**Easter Raffle**

The P&C are currently seeking donations of chocolate eggs, gifts and baskets for our annual Easter Raffle.

Thank you to the Paxton School families who have already sent in Easter donations.

The raffle prizes will be drawn 08.04.14 at the conclusion of this year’s Easter Hat Parade.

All donations are gratefully received and can be left at the front office.

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**Easter BBQ Lunch**

As part of this year’s Easter celebrations, the P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch the same day as the Easter hat parade (Tues 08.04.14)

- All Family members and friends are welcome to attend.
- Pre-order lunch forms will be sent home with students closer to the date.
Ten cybersafety tips every parent should know

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.

2. Set a technology curfew.

3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.

4. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.

5. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.

6. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.

7. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.

8. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.

9. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.