Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

Books In Homes

We had a wonderful afternoon last Friday when a large number of parents and friends joined the students for the Books in Homes presentation.

All the children enjoyed sharing the excitement of receiving their first lot of books for 2014 with family and friends. As you know, the Books in Home program is continuing in our school because of a commitment by our wonderful P & C to share the cost with the school. The wonderful response on Friday confirms that this was a fantastic decision and much appreciated.

Congratulations to the student readers of the Paxton tale and many thanks to the parent author who wrote it.
**Cross Country**

Our annual cross country carnival is on tomorrow from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Parents are invited to watch and some helpers will probably be greatly appreciated. The forecast is not ideal but if it is not raining at the time and an inspection says that the track is safe, then the run will go ahead.

A team will be selected to compete in the zone carnival from tomorrow’s results.

**World Autism Awareness Day**

World Autism Day is a United Nations sanctioned day where people across the world raise awareness of Autism and celebrate the potential of people with Autism.

‘Light it up blue’ is a global campaign that sees thousands of iconic landmarks (Opera House), cities and towns around the world turn blue on April 2 to recognise World Autism Awareness Day.

Help us ‘Light it up blue’ next Wednesday, 2nd April by wearing out of uniform (anything blue would be good) for a gold coin donation - your contributions will directly assist the efforts in raising awareness and providing support for all Australians with autism and the families who love them.

During school we will have an Autism awareness activity involving listening to and discussion of an appropriate book.

**Calendar – Upcoming Events Term 1**

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<td>Autism Awareness Day</td>
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<td>Mon, 21st April</td>
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<td>Mon, 28th April</td>
<td>Staff Development Day</td>
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<td>Tues, 29th April</td>
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**NSW School Terms 2014**

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**Dad and son time**

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship.


**Motivating lazy children**

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.


**Homework for little kids**

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.


**Helping your child to become a good speller**

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.


**Week 8 Assembly Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly:

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We are kindly asking families for donations to go towards this year’s Easter raffle.

We have received some fantastic items so far.....

~ Thank you ~

Your generous gift can be left at the office.

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**LUNCH WALLETS**

New lunch wallet name slips went home to students who moved up a classroom this year.

If I have missed your child please let me know and I will happily print them one.

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I am delighted to confirm the P&C earnt a massive **$700** by working at the Bruce Springteen concert at Hope Estate in February.

Thank you to the team of volunteers who gave up their time for our wonderful school. Great effort!

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- Raffle tickets due back to school = 8th April
- Easter BBQ lunch = 8th April
- Easter raffle drawn = 8th April
- Mother’s day stall = 9th May
- Thank you picnic lunch = 9th May
- Mother’s day raffle drawn = 9th May
- Whole school winter breakfast = 4th June
- Thompson pie drive = June (date to be confirmed)

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**Easter Raffle Tickets**

- Raffle tickets went home to families on Monday.
- Extra raffle ticket books available in the office.
- Easter raffle drawn 08.04.14 at the Easter Hat Parade.
- Thank you to families who have sent in donations.

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

**Easter BBQ Lunch**

As part of this year’s Easter celebrations, the P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch. Order forms will be going home next week.

- All family members and friends are welcome to attend.
- Extra order forms are available at the office.

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**Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C**

~ Together we can make a difference ~
Easter holiday activities @ your library
Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.
Tickets on sale late March.

Racy Rhythmtime – ages 0-2
Monday April 14  Cessnock Library  10.00 – 10.30  FREE
Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and a story – come and join the fun!

Easter Storytime – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 15  Cessnock Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Bounce up to this special Easter storytime – stories, songs and craft.

Autumn Storytime – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 22  Cessnock Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Autumn stories, songs and craft

Easter Rhythmtime/Storytime – ages 0-2
Wednesday April 16  Kurri Kurri Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by Easter stories and craft.

Autumn Rhythmtime/Storytime – ages 0-2
Wednesday April 23  Kurri Kurri Library  10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by stories and craft.

Easter Craft – ages 5-12
Tuesday April 15  Cessnock Library  2.00 – 3.00  FREE
Wednesday April 16  Kurri Kurri Library  1.00 – 2.00  FREE
Come along to this free Easter craft workshop – create a special Easter bunny basket, and learn how to transform a face cloth into an Easter gift.

Movie & Craft Afternoon – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory – ages 5-12
Tuesday April 22  Kurri Kurri Library  2.00 – 4.00  FREE
Wednesday April 23  Cessnock Library  2.00 – 4.00  FREE
Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then create your own arrowroot biscuit masterpieces!

Kitchen Scientist Afternoon – ages 8+
Monday April 14  Cessnock Library  3.00 – 4.00  FREE
Wednesday April 16  Kurri Kurri Library  4.00 – 5.00  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 goo!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+
Tuesday April 15  Kurri Kurri Library  5.00 – 6.30  $5.00
Tuesday April 22  Cessnock Library  5.00 – 6.30  $5.00

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 534300 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371630 to enquire.

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