Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

NAPLAN Assessments

The annual round of National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place in Week 3 on 13th, 14th and 15th May and will involve students in Years 3 and 5.

Official notification letters have been sent home with all students involved but if you have any queries please see me or your child’s classroom teacher.

Paxton Olympics

The annual Paxton Olympics will be held in school grounds on Wednesday, 7th May. Events will start at 9.30am and conclude at approximately 2.30pm. All families and friends are encouraged to attend if possible for the whole or part of the day. House colours are red for Magpies and blue for Kookaburras and children are to wear their house colours if possible.

Regional Cross Country

Following last term’s Zone cross country, Paxton School will have two representatives at Regional’s on 9th May to be held at Broadmeadow Racecourse. Congratulations, Paige and Nelson!

Year 5/6 Excursion 16-18 September

This is the second year of the combined small schools’ program of annual excursions and the destination this year is the big one: Canberra.

The proposed excursion is for two nights away and included Canberra features such as Questacon, Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, National Museum, Parliament House and Dinosaur Museum.

All transport, accommodation, meals and admissions are included in the price of $300 per student. Leah will accept weekly payments towards the cost and the trip is about 22 weeks away.

A full itinerary and further information will be distributed shortly.

ANZAC DAY
Stewart House

Stewart House provides programs and opportunities to children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT and are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school with all others costs associated with the children’s stay being met from charitable donations.

Your $2 coin donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House and makes you eligible to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Envelopes are to be returned to school by Friday, 9th May to be included in the draw.

Calendar – Upcoming Events

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Opportunity Class Applications for Year 5 for 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form.

Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/high-performance/opportunity-class-placement
This year’s Easter raffle raised $675.00. What a fantastic outcome! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and kindly donated towards the raffle. ~Your generosity is greatly appreciated~

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**Meeting**

The first P&C committee meeting for term two is scheduled for **7th May 2014** at 9:30am in the school library

~ Everyone is welcome to attend ~

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**Afternoon tea with Alex**

Alex would warmly like to invite you to come and join her for afternoon tea before heading off on maternity leave.

- **16th May 2014**
- from 12:30pm
- In the school library.

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**School Canteen**

School Canteen will be open this Friday If you haven’t receive an order form and would like to order your child’s lunch, extra order forms are kept at the office.

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**Mother’s day celebrations - 9th May 2014**

- A Mother’s day stall for students to purchase a gift will be held during class time with their class teacher
- All gifts will be $5.00 each
- Thank you picnic lunch - students are able to invite someone special to join them for lunch (bring your own picnic lunch or order from the canteen) from 1:15pm
- Mother’s day raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the picnic lunch
- Additional raffle ticket books are available from the school office if you would like to sell or purchase more

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

~ Together we can make a difference ~
2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

- A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A $137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

- ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
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* eligibility criteria apply