Prinicipal's Report

Mr Graham White
Paxton Olympics

Congratulations to all the students for their very positive attitude and participation in the carnival yesterday. It was a really wonderful day and enjoyed by all. James Eagleton organised it extremely well, possibly even to arranging the perfect weather, and it all ran very smoothly. Alex Hussein provided the commentary and kept things ticking over well.

The day provided a good mix of competition and fun and, from the results a school team will be selected for the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, which is coming up soon (20th May).

To cap off a great day, the team competition was very close with honours for the day going to the Magpies with 660 points over the Kookaburras, who earned 619 points.

Also on athletics, good luck to Paige and Nelson, our cross country representatives at the regional carnival, which will be held at Broadmeadow Racecourse tomorrow.
Best Wishes, Jo.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to Jo, our popular school cleaner, who has to take extended sick leave because of illness. Get well quickly Jo and we hope to see you soon.

Very Interesting and good advice!

Kids, social media and privacy

Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

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.

Stewart House

Stewart House provides programs and opportunities to children who are in need of a break from their everyday life.

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. The envelopes, which were distributed recently, are to be returned to school by Friday, 9th May to be included in the draw.

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Term 1

Fri, 9th May Regional Cross Country
Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you Lunch

Tues, 13th May NAPLAN

Wed, 14th May NAPLAN

Thurs, 15th May NAPLAN

Tues, 20th May Small Schools’ Athletics

Fri, 23rd May Walk Safely to School Day

Wed, 4th June Winter Breakfast

Mon, 9th June Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Fri, 27th June Last day Term 2

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

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. 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.

Garage Sale

Where: 5 Northcote Avenue
PAXTON

When: Saturday 10th May
Starting at 8am

Items: Baby Items, Toys, Bric a Brac

Lost Cat

Lost White Persian Cat has been missing for 3 weeks in the Millfield area. Reward offered.
Phone: 49981063
Mother’s day celebrations - TOMORROW
- A Mother’s day stall will be open between 10am – 11am. Each child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall with their class teacher.
- All gifts will be $5.00 each.
- Students are welcome to invite someone special to join them for a Thank you picnic lunch tomorrow to celebrate Mother’s day.
- Bring your own picnic lunch or order a chicken & gravy roll from the canteen.
- Café de Paxton will be open during lunch.
- Mother’s day raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the picnic lunch – approx. 2pm
- Additional raffle ticket books are available from the school office if you would like to sell or purchase more.

Hope you can join us for a great afternoon

Meeting
The first P&C committee meeting for term two has been rescheduled for Monday 12th May 2014 at 9:30am in the staff room
~ Everyone is welcome to attend ~

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

Whole school winter breakfast
The P&C will be providing a FREE hot winter breakfast for the whole school on Wednesday 4th June 2014. Breakfast will be served at 8.30am under the school COLA.
It is a great to start the day!

Just a quick reminder
Please pay for all P&C fundraisers and canteen lunch orders with cash only.
The EFTPOS machine is unfortunately for office use only
Sorry for any inconvenience

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*