Prinicipal's Report

Mr Graham White

School Start Time

It is important that students do not arrive at school before 8.30am as there is no supervision (indeed, occasionally there may be no staff) before that time. If, occasionally, you need to send your child earlier, please let the teacher or school office know.

Public Speaking Skills

When practising at home, the basic things to concentrate on include:

- Eye contact with audience (learn to raise your head occasionally and look at the audience)
- Speak with a clear voice and vary the tone and volume
- Try to develop an interesting beginning and a definite conclusion eg: “Today I am going to talk about sharks. Do you like sharks? They terrify me! They say that lions are the kings of the jungle but in the oceans sharks are the boss.”
- The language and ideas in the speech should be appropriate to the age of the child
- Palm cards are recommended and for the very young students, they can include drawings to keep the speech on track
- Have fun.

Some topic suggestions:

- Saturday’s are great
- Recess should be longer
- The best pets
- It’s tough being a kid these days
- Fishing
- Motorbikes
- Beach or bush?
- Forster is the best
- Friends are important

Mrs Keir’s Farewell

Mrs Keir said her farewell last Thursday afternoon to the laughs and tears of many. Naomi not only was an asset as a teacher to Paxton School, with her enthusiasm and dedication to her class, but also a well-respected and much loved person.

Thank you to the many parents and students, both past and present, who were able to attend Naomi’s afternoon tea and make it such a remarkable event.

Thank you to all the people who catered for the day. The food, presentation and decorations were fantastic!
Year 6 at MVHS

First we arrived with 2 other schools; Millfield and Laguna Public Schools. We stayed for 2 hours. First we met the Year 7 adviser for next year. All the Year 6’s went first and we went to woodwork for an hour. It was fantastic and so much fun. We made a door stopper and used a sander to smooth and curve the edges. Then we used a peat pen to write a name. I wrote my brother’s name “Mat” then used sandpaper to get the lead marks off. Then we went to geography and did maps and city naming. Geography was surprisingly fun! It was a great experience and I can’t wait to go to Mount View High School.

Aimee

First we arrived at the front office with two other schools; Laguna and Millfield. Then we met one of the teachers who told us what to do and where to go. Then we went to woodwork where we build a doorstop. First we smoother the end out and then we got to write whatever we wanted on them and then burn it out with a heat pen. After woodwork we did geography. We did name symbols to match towns and cities. It was great fun and a good experience.

Brodie

Calendar – Upcoming Events
Term 1

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Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser: www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
Whole school winter breakfast

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

PIE DRIVE
Order forms went home last week with students for this year’s Thompson Pie Drive. All order forms and money are due back to school by Friday 13th June 2014.

Delivery date for pies and cakes will be Monday 23rd June 2014

Excel Hunter Tours - Sydney Shopping Trip

Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th November 2014.

Cost per person $260 which includes-
- Coach travel both days, Muffin and juice on approach to Sydney, Lunch at the Star Garden Buffet, Overnight accommodation at the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour, Full buffet breakfast Sunday morning with late checkout if we decide to check out Paddy’s, wine and cheese on the way home. More detail to come…

Deposit of $50 can be paid at the school office to secure your seat.

Thank you

On behalf of Paxton Public School P&C and the school community, I would like to thank Amanda Pace for all her hard work and dedication as our schools canteen supervisor over the past few years.

Your commitment and time is appreciated.

Save the Date
- 17th October, 2014 -

This year Paxton Public School celebrates its 90th year on this site. And to say Happy Birthday to our wonderful school, we are having a Country Fair.

A meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss further details. If you have any ideas you’d like to share, please come along to the meeting or feel free to talk to one of the P&C committee members. We’d love to hear your thoughts

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HMRI Open Day - July 4th 2014

Looking for some school holiday fun? Discover the world of medical research!

Take part in some kids sciences experiments, make edible 'DNA' models, touch 'n' feel the live expo displays and enjoy a healthy kids training session.

For mums and dads there's also research information sessions about kids health, nutrition, asthma, diabetes and much more.

Open Day Program:
- Open Day begins: 1pm
- Kids Corner: 1:30pm
- Clinical Trials tours 1:40.30pm
- Research Info Sessions: 1:4:30pm
- Q & A: 5:30-6:30
- Cocktail Party: 6:30-8:00pm

Register online at hMRI.com.au

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