Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

Education Week Awards

The Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools’ annual Education Week Ceremony was held yesterday in the hall at Cessnock High School. As usual it was very well attended and a wonderful showcase of public education in the Cessnock area.

Paxton Public School was recognised for our Read Smart program and the award was accepted by Debbie Asquith, Jo Pearson and Sonya Wood who, along with Belinda Jobson, are responsible for the program’s refinement and delivery.

Brodie Selby received our Student Achievement Award for consistently displaying and promoting the school’s core values of Safety, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect.

The Community Member award was presented to Catherine Dixon in recognition of her assistance in the classrooms, particularly with art and craft activities which are enjoyed by all our students.

Louise Shearer was presented with the Non-Teaching Member of Staff award for her ongoing support for Paxton students in many roles over many years. This was particularly fitting as 2014 is Louise’s twentieth year of working in similar roles in several schools.

The Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Beth Thompson in recognition of her contribution to Paxton students with engaging classroom activities.

Much to my surprise, I received an award for Education Leadership, which is a great honour and I thank whoever nominated me for it.

Wear Your Beanie Day

It was fun seeing the kids in class wearing beanies today. The day was a fundraiser for the Mark Hughes Foundation to assist research towards a cure for brain cancer. Participating schools are also in the running to win a clinic with Mark Hughes and Danny Buderus and other prizes.

We will be forwarding $100 to the Mark Hughes Foundation as a result of the day.
Multicultural Day
Don’t forget our Multicultural Day next Thursday. This has been a regular day at Paxton for many years and all parents/carers/grandparents are invited for all or part of the day. Hopefully, all children will come to school dressed to represent another country. This may be a full costume or simply in the colours of the nation’s flag.

The children will begin the day with a shortened literacy session and the Multicultural day activities will commence at 10 am. As usual, the students will move between five areas, each representing another country, and learn something of that country’s culture.

Athletics and Public Speaking
Several of our students will be representing our school over the next few days in zone competitions and on behalf of the school community I congratulate them on that achievement and wish them well.

Tomorrow is the Zone Athletics Carnival and the following students are part of the Small Schools team:

Nelson
Charly
Sampson
Paige
Aidan H.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the Zone Public Speaking finals will be held at Nulkaba Public School and Paxton will be represented by:

Ellen
Ava
Chaise
Lucy
Nelson
Samantha S.
Ethan
Kirrilly

Enjoy the experience kids and good luck.

A Sick SAM!
Our wonderful School Administration Manager (SAM), Leah, has been away sick this week and I thank you for your understanding. Hopefully, things will be back to normal very soon.

Calendar – Upcoming Events
Term 3

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Jump Rope for Heart

Please remember to return your sponsorship forms and any funds raised.

Jump Rope for Heart was held on the last day of last term and a fun day was had by all. It is very important that all sponsorship forms are returned to the school as they are required to be sent back to the National Heart Foundation. There are still numerous forms outstanding – if you have lost your form, please notify the school.
Excel Hunter Tours Sydney Shopping Trip

Visit Sydney’s best factory outlets with savings of up to 90% off retail prices.

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PAXTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

8th & 9th November 2014

A weekend of fun and shopping at some of Sydney’s best factory outlets with massive savings.

Price includes:
- Fully escorted 5 Star Coach
- Breakfast (Muffin and Juice) on board the coach - Day 1
- Lunch at The Star Garden Buffet - Day 1
- 4 Star accommodation at the Holiday Inn at Darling Harbour
- Full Buffet Breakfast - Day 2

Contact: PPS Office - 4958 1278
Cost: $260 per person twin/triple share

Please note deposits are non-refundable.

Thursday, 31 July 2014

Excel Hunter Tours Sydney Shopping Trip

Bookings now available for our annual Sydney Shopping Tour!!! 2 days of fun and great food, while we experience the best factory outlet shopping Sydney has to offer. Save money on gifts for family and friends or spoil yourself, while helping our wonderful school. Your $50 deposit will secure your seat, but book soon to avoid disappointment…. Hope you can join us...

COUNTRY FAIR

Friday 17th October, 2014 -

Plans are under way to make this year’s Country Fair a wonderful day for everyone.

- The fair will start at 1pm and continue into the evening finishing at 6pm.

Scarecrow making contest

As part of our Country Fair celebrations, the P&C will be hosting a scarecrow making contest. You can either enter as a group, family, school or individually. You also need to come up with an awesome name for your scarecrow. It’s free to enter (one entry per family). The contest will be judged on the same day as the Country Fair by a mystery judge. Great prizes to be won. More details will be sent home soon.....

Lots of fun for everyone...

ABC Jumping Castle Hire has been booked for our Country Fair. Wrist bands allowing your child unlimited rides will be available to purchase later this term. Cost of each wrist bands will be $10.00 if purchased prior to the day and $15.00 if purchased on the day of the Country Fair. More detail to come.....

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~
GIRL GUIDES

The new MILLFIELD UNIT commenced on Monday, 21st July, 4.30pm
St Luke’s Church Hall

Our Program is for girls of all ages, but our groups are structured so that you can hang out with girls your own age, in a safe, nurturing and caring environment:

- Make new friends
- Learn new skills
- Have fun
- Be the best that you can be

Girl Guides is a non-denominational organisation, welcoming Girls from all cultures, faiths and traditions, and we are honoured that the community of St Luke’s has offered us the use of their hall for our unit meetings.

Your first two (2) visits are FREE so come try us out...

Unit Meetings are every Monday afternoon at 4.30-6.00pm, during school term, St Luke’s Church Hall

To find out more, Call Kylie on 0410 323 627

Email: cessnockguides@bigpond.com
www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

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Johnny presents for August:
Maitland (9th - 10th), Gosford (16th - 17th),
Tamworth (23rd - 24th) & Orange (30th - 31st) Weekend Cartoon Camps:

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Classes $20 per session

Woo Hoo!