Prinicipal’s Report

Mr Graham White

Projector Upgrade

In 2007, Paxton Public School installed Smartboards in the four teaching areas of the school (3 classrooms and the library), becoming the first school in the Hunter area to be so well equipped. The cost of that initial purchase was a little over $30,000 and it was made possible because of a wonderful donation to school funds of $10,000 by our P & C.

A recent donation to the school of $3,000 by our current P & C means that we are able to replace the last two of the original projectors with new ultra short throw models. This means that there is no shadow on the Smartboard and the picture is much sharper and brighter. We will then have five up-to-date Smartboards (four classrooms and the library).

The continuing support of our P & C is much appreciated and on behalf of all the students and staff I acknowledge the hard work that goes into the raising of funds for the school. Thank you.

Wear Your Beanie Day

Paxton School will be participating in a current fundraiser for the Mark Hughes Foundation to raise money to help researchers at Hunter Medical Research Institute find a cure for Brain Cancer.

All you have to do is wear a beanie for the day and bring a gold coin donation for the Mark Hughes Foundation. Donations over $2 will be provided with a receipt from the foundation if requested.

By raising funds for this wonderful cause, the school will be in the running to win a Rugby League Coaching Clinic with Mark Hughes and Danny Buderus as well as a 2014 Newcastle Knights signed jersey.

As our school supports the “no hat – no play” rule, children are still required to wear their school hats during recess and lunch times, so remember to bring your hat also.

Multicultural Day

I am pleased to write that, as part of Education Week, Paxton School is again celebrating with our popular Multicultural Day on Thursday, 7th August, increasing awareness of other cultures. As usual, parents and family are invited to attend our celebrations as the children go on a “tour of the world” – visiting five countries or cultures in one day!

The touring will commence at 10am and conclude at 3pm with each session lasting 40 minutes. Parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with the children from 1.30 – 2.10pm. As with previous years, children are encouraged to dress representing another country. Please do not go to any expense – be creative with things you have at home. It could be as simple as dressing in the colours of your country’s flag.
NAIDOC Day

On Friday, Paxton School went to Wollombi to experience the culture of Aboriginal people. On arrival at Wollombi School we planted some seedlings. We got to paint a boomerang and we found out that boomerangs are an Aboriginal weapon. We planted some bush Tucker. The plants smell like perfume. We also made some Aboriginal animals out of clay. It was very exciting and educational.

Aidan H

On Friday, Paxton Public School went to Wollombi Public School to learn about the Aboriginal culture for NAIDOC Day. As we arrived we got sorted into our groups with other schools. There were 6 rotations including games, clay modelling, dancing, gardening, cooking and boomerang making. We all had a terrific time.

Daniel

When Paxton Public School went to Wollombi School to learn Aboriginal culture everyone had a fantastic time. We learnt how Aboriginals hunt. We also got to paint boomerangs, play games and watch people play drums. We learnt an Aboriginal dance and we all had fun.

Nelson

Calendar – Upcoming Events

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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

Don’t Miss Out!
Invite a friend to join you for a fun weekend away shopping….  
- Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th Nov 2014.
- Cost per person $260
- Deposit of $50 can be paid at the office to secure your seat.

Price 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.

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

Canteen news

The School Canteen is open this Friday. Order forms have been sent home, if your child didn’t receive one, there are always extra kept in the office. Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers.

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.
- We have various demonstrations and displays lined up to entertain the whole family.
- ABC Jumping castles have been booked to set up a variety of rides for kids of all ages. (Arm bands will be available for purchase towards the end of term three)
- Stall holders wanted!! If you know someone who may like to hold a stall at our fair, please invite them to come along. Information sheets are available from the school office.
- We will be asking each classroom for donations to help set up their own stall. That stall will be run by the class teacher, students and their parents throughout the afternoon. Your generous donations are always appreciated and will help make each stall a huge success.

(more information will be sent home soon)

If you have any ideas you’d like to share, please feel free to talk to one of the P&C committee members.

We’d love to hear your thoughts

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Paxton Public School P&C Notice Board

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
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www.girlguides-nswact.org.au