Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

Sickness

Our school, along with many others in the area, are currently suffering from flu-like symptoms, ie: fevers, coughing, runny noses. At times like these, it is very important to balance the need to send your child to school and the need for a child to be well enough to be sent to school.

Book Week

You are aware of the importance we place on reading in our school and as part of our commitment to promote reading and celebrating books we will be holding some exciting activities during Book Week on Thursday, 28th August.

Parents are invited to join us for lunch at 1.15pm. Please bring along some food and a blanket and enjoy a picnic lunch.

Our famous spectacular character parade will begin at about 2pm. Children will be given the opportunity to dress at about 1/45pm.

Finally, we urge you to visit our Book Fair. This year the books are once again supplied by Central Books, Gosford. This book company has supplied us with books of outstanding value for many years with our school benefiting from the sales by obtaining extra resources for your children. Share the magic of choosing new books with your child or perhaps consider Christmas presents.
**Book Week Visit from Cessnock Library**

Today K/1 and 1/2 enjoyed a special visit from Sandy and Karen, our local librarians. Sandy and Karen shared many of this year’s short-listed books with the classes, using a variety of fun props.

I’d love to encourage all families to make use of our fabulous local library, which offers a great range of FREE services!

Mrs Field

**Calendar – Upcoming Events Term 3**

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**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**Canberra Excursion**

A reminder to parents / carers: Students in Year 5/6 are going to Canberra in just over 4 weeks’ time. If you would like to make a payment, please remember that the school now has EFTPOS facilities.

**Enrolments for 2015**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are now being taken. If you have a child starting school next year, or you are aware of someone, please see Leah in the office for an enrolment form.
The next P&C committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} August, 2014 at 9:15am in the staffroom.

\textit{~ Everyone is welcome to attend \~}

School uniform – girls dress

At our next P&C meeting we are hoping to have available samples of a dress pattern and swatches of possible material that may be used to update the dress/tunic as part of our school’s girls uniform. If you would like to view samples of pattern/colours/material, please come along to the meeting which has been scheduled for 20\textsuperscript{th} August, 2014.

Father’s Day stall

This year’s Father’s day celebrations will be held on 5\textsuperscript{th} September, 2014. A Father’s day stall for students to purchase a gift for someone special will be held during the morning session. All gifts will be $5.00. The P&C will also be holding a picnic lunch between 1:15pm – 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join your child/children for lunch.

Pie Eating Contest

I am delighted to advise Thompson’s Pies have kindly sponsored the pie eating contest at our Country Fair in October. Contestants can be nominated for the pie eating contest on the day of the fair. We plan to have three heats - teachers, parents and students.

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 band 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

\textit{~ Together we can make a difference \~}
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Let’s get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!