Prinicipal's Report

Mr Graham White

Book Week and Book Parade

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 the following activities during Book Week on Thursday, 28th August.

Parents are invited to join us for lunch. It will be at 1.15. Please bring along food and a blanket and enjoy the picnic.

Our famous spectacular character parade will begin at about 2.00 O'clock. Children will be given the opportunity to dress at about 1.45pm.

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. Share the magic of choosing new books with your child or perhaps consider Christmas presents. Our school will benefit from sales and obtain extra resources for your children.

Book Fair will be open after the parade on Wednesday. The children and staff are looking forward to seeing you all at the school on Thursday, 28th August.

Canberra Excursion

The excursion for Years 5/6 to Canberra is fast approaching and the children appear to be quite excited. This week further information has been sent home which included:

- Student Permission and Medical Information
- Itinerary
- General information (Leaving/Departure times, behaviour, packing list, etc)

If you have not received this information, please contact the school to organise a copy.

As you are aware, the children will be leaving in a little over 3 weeks. Please take advantage of the payment system that we are offering as students will only be able to participate in this excursion if full payment has been made by the 5th September 2014.

AFL Comes to Paxton

Over the past 2 weeks, Years 3/4 and 5/6 have participated in an AFL coaching clinic. The development coach, Josh, has been running this 3 week clinic every Friday morning with the primary students of Paxton. Students have been learning and developing their skills in AFL as well as learning some of the basic terminology and rules to the game of AFL. There has been a high level of participation by the students during the training clinic with all students having a great time learning the sport of AFL.
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.

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.
- Father’s Day Celebrations – 05.09.13
10:00 am - FATHER’S DAY GIFT STALL
- All gifts will be priced - $5.00
- Stall will be held during class time
1:15 pm - THANK YOU PICNIC LUNCH
- Students can invite someone special to join them for lunch – 1:15pm
- Lunch orders available for visitors or please feel free to bring along a picnic lunch
  (order forms will go home closer to the day)
2:00 pm - FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
- Tickets for the Father’s day raffle will be available to purchase during lunch
  $1.00 each (raffle books going home soon)
- Father’s day raffle will be drawn at the end of lunch – 2pm

Everyone is welcome to attend

Book Week Parade
Café de Paxton will be open on 28th August during lunch to help celebrate Book Week

Excel Hunter Tours- change of date!
Our Sydney bus trip has now been changed to a one day shopping tour. If you are interested in joining us for a fun filled day of shopping, please let Leah in the office know and she can give you more information.

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25th October 2014
A day of fun and shopping at some of Sydney’s best factory outlets with massive savings.

Price includes:
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* Breakfast (Muffin and Juice) on board the Coach
* Lunch at The Intersection Tavern

Contact: PPS Office - 4998 1278
Cost: $75 per person

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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!