Principal's Report

Mr Graham White

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results were distributed this week and, as usual, there was a wide range of scores with some excitement and some disappointment. It is important to remember that the tests reflect the kids’ performance on one day over four months ago and while they form part of an overall assessment, they do not always show where a child is now.

Of course, if you have any concerns or questions about the NAPLAN process or your child’s results, please see me or the classroom teacher.

Hello Stranger!

It was lovely to see Alex Hussein and baby Aria yesterday when they visited the school. Alex visited all the classrooms to see the kids and several staff members and a couple of lucky parents had their “baby fix”.

Canberra Excursion

Class 5/6 students will be joining the students from a couple of nearby schools on an exciting trip to Canberra next week. We leave early Tuesday morning and we're due back at approximately 5.30pm on Thursday evening.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
Kids Report on Macca’s Night

On Tuesday night between 6pm – 7pm a huge group of students from Paxton School came together for a big fun night at Cessnock McDonald’s.

After everyone settled down Mrs Avery judged the winners of the colouring contest and welcomed everyone for being there to support Paxton School.

Mrs Avery announced the winners as she placed the ribbons on the colourings which were Sawyer, Montanna, Samantha S and Hayley.

All students enjoyed the fun night at Cessnock McDonald’s.

Samantha S and Daniel

My favourite part was: Winning the contest (Samantha) and the meal (Daniel).

Calendar – Upcoming Events

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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.

September homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The September 2014 homework and study calendar includes key dates, school holidays and the number of each week in the term. You can print it out this month’s calendar here: http://bit.ly/1pkC3fK

Getting ready for school camp

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it’s also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/Zsl9Wg

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How much screen time?

‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.


When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7IoJD

NSW School Terms 2014

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Father's day celebrations

Thank you to the wonderful friends and family members who were able to join us for the Father's Day thank you picnic last Friday. It was so great to see you all there. Congratulations to the winners of our Father's Day raffle,

~ 1st prize, Lilly Watts.
~ 2nd prize, Oxenbridge family.
~ 3rd prize, Field family.
~ 4th prize, Field family.
~ 5th prize, Bronlyn Davis.

Thank you to the generous local businesses that kindly donated towards this year's Father's Day raffle.

Thank you to every student who entered. All the entries will remain on display at Cessnock McDonald’s until this Friday (12.09.14)

Country Fair

- Friday 17th October, 2014.
  - Starts @ 1pm - 6pm

Unlimited rides wrist bands

On Sale Now!
- Cost = $10.00 each
- Pick up an order form from the office today.

EFTPOS is now available to purchase your child’s wrist band.

Colouring-in Contest

Congratulations to the winners of our Country Fair colouring-in contest.

• Hayley - 5/6
• Samantha - 3/4
• Montanna - 1/2
• Sawyer - K/1

Thank you to every student who entered. All the entries will remain on display at Cessnock McDonald’s until this Friday (12.09.14)

Maccas Fun Night

We had a great show of support from the families of Paxton Public School at Cessnock McDonald’s on Tuesday for our fun night.

With your help we raised $216.00
~ Thank you for your support ~
Pop-up Playgroup

WHERE: Millfield Public School

WHEN: September 17, 2014

Time: 9–10.30

This is a playgroup for all families who would like to come along, enjoy & learn more with their children.

Call or text June to confirm your spot

At Kooworah 0428 263 854

CESSNOCK LITTLE ATHLETICS
FAMILY, FUN, FITNESS

- Athletics is run every Friday night September through March for all ages 3–75
- Affordable – one off annual registration, no weekly fees
- Fantastic way to meet new friends
- Parents encouraged to be involved
- Opportunity to compete at zone, regional and state
- Variety of events each week, 2 track and 2 field
- Friendly advice from coaches and parents

REGISTRATION DAYS
FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 5.00PM – 7.00PM – TURNER PARK
FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 5.00PM – 7.00PM – TURNER PARK

(BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR NEW MEMBERS)
ASK ABOUT ATHLETE TRAIL
FAMILY DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR 3 OR MORE ATHLETES

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:
1. REGISTER ONLINE
2. REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE
3. REGISTER AND PAY AT REGISTRATION DAYS AS ABOVE (CASH ONLY)

FOR QUERIES CONTACT:
Tabatha Parkinson 0427 530 669
Renae Bickett 0412 459 469
Karen King 0417 679 658

FREE ENTRY!!!

Captain Kid the pirate
Jellybean the Clown

KIDS DISCO AND KARAOKE
GREAT FUN GAMES AND BALLOONS
FREE LUCKY DOOR TICKETS AND PRIZES

BIRTHDAY PARTIES CAN ALSO BE HELD
FOR $10 A CHILD (Min. 6 children)
Captain Kid provides the Birthday child a free gift from the Treasure Chest!!!

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