Prinicipal's Report

Mrs Debbie Asquith

Welcome Back

The 2015 School Year is here and on behalf of the staff we extend a warm greeting to students and parents. We hope you had a fun filled and safe holiday.

We also extend a big welcome to new families and students. I am positive it will be the beginning of a positive and engaging relationship.

It was great to see all our smiling children back in the playground yesterday. All students have settled back into their school routine quickly.

On a personal note I am excited about leading Paxton School this term. As stated in my introductory letter sent home earlier this week, I welcome and encourage parents to see me with any concerns, successes or your visions for our school in 2015.

Our teachers are also always happy to discuss your children's progress or any concerns. Please check at the office for a suitable time for an interview if needed.

Classes for 2015

Students have been placed into the following classes for 2014:

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Literacy will no longer run in the mornings. Students will instead remain in the same class all day. Students will instead remain in the same class all day. To foster the cooperative family culture of our school whole-school groupings will be used consistently. They will be the base of: peer tutoring, Creative Arts and PE – Fundamental Movement Skills.

School Leaders

Welcome and congratulations once again to our new school leaders: School Captains Courtney Goody and Conner Archer and School leaders Ethan Harrington, Max Bolsover and Corey Jobson. Throughout the year these students will be encouraged and given the opportunities to lead the school, their class and groups of children across grades.

Mr White's Farewell

We wish Graham and Christine all the best in their retirement.

Mr White will forever remain a Paxton Star!

Courtney and Connor – School Captains
Absences

Students not at school do not have the opportunity to learn. All student absences must be followed by a note when the student returns. Parents can email the school at paxton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone the school on 4998 1278.

Students arriving late must come to the office accompanied by an adult and sign in before going to the classroom. Parents collecting students early must come to the office before proceeding to the classroom.

New Australian Curriculum

2014 has seen the introduction of the first of our new Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum - English Syllabus. Implementation of the new syllabuses in Maths and Science and Technology will take place in 2015. History will be implemented in 2016.

School Website

Copies of our newsletters, notes, etc. can be found on our school website www.paxton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Homework

All classes will be given homework and the teachers will set the day for its return. Homework sometimes is the subject of debate but this school supports the concept strongly. Even if the only value is helping to form good study habits and acceptance of personal responsibility, it is very worthwhile.

Sun Safe

Paxton Public School has a “no hat, no play in the sun” policy as an important element of our approach to safety in the sun. This is obviously very important this term.

Library Changes

Library Borrowing will take place for K/1 and 4/5/6 students on Thursdays and Year 2/3 will borrow on Mondays. Junior class students require a book bag to protect their books.

Calendar - Upcoming Events

Term 1

- Tues, 10th Feb: Swimming Carnival
- Tues, 10th March: School Photos

Swimming Carnival –February

Our annual small school’s swimming carnival is on at Cessnock Pool on Tuesday, 10th February. This carnival joins with our other small schools and acts as both a fun day in the water, as well as selection trials for the Zone Swimming Carnival. All students turning 8yrs and above are expected to attend as it involves activities for all swimming levels.
Christmas Raffle - 2014

Congratulations to all of our prize winners in last year’s Christmas Raffle
• 1st - Connor Archer
• 2nd - Lesley Moncrieff
• 3rd - Christine White
• 4th - Maggie Young
• 5th - Avery Family
• 6th - Avery Family
• 7th - M. Shearer
• 8th - Robyn. W
• 9th - Corey Jobson

Student Incentive Raffle - 2014

Winners of the student incentive raffle went to……
• 1st prizes - Ethan Harrington
• 2nd prizes - Ellen Beckett

A.G.M
(Annual General Meeting)

The A.G.M has been rescheduled for Wednesday 4th March, 2015.
9.30am @ the school.

All positions become vacant at the A.G.M and a new committee will be nominated and voted in.

Everyone is welcome to attend however only financial P&C members are able to vote. You may pay your membership fee on or before our next general meeting on 4th February, 2015 to be eligible to vote.

Thank you to all P&C members for their wonderful dedication during 2014.

Your time and effort is most appreciated by all students, parents and staff of Paxton Public School.

Meeting

The first general P&C meeting for 2015 has been scheduled for

Wednesday 4th February, 2015.
9:30am at the school

~ Everyone is welcome to attend ~
Presented by The Hunter Outreach Program, Family Action Centre and Cessnock Family Support Service

Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Program

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children.

Australian Childhood Foundation: www.childhood.org.au

Venue: Cessnock East Public School
Date: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March 2015
Time: 10am – 1pm

To express your interest, please contact:
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL


Topics covered include:
- Messages from the Past
- The Message Centre
- Giving and receiving messages
- The Message Behaviour
- Messages about me
- Passing on messages

Morning tea will be provided