Principal’s Report

Mrs Debbie Asquith

As I have visited the classrooms this week I have been impressed with our students and teachers. The teachers have been implementing quality teaching and learning programs and the children have been engaged learners. A sign of excellence in education!

This term I would like to imbed the value of appreciation into classrooms, the school and the community. Explicit lessons on teaching what appreciation sounds like, looks like and feels like will take place in our whole school Positive Behaviour and Learning (PBL) lesson once a week. The value of appreciation will be woven into each of our Paxton Star behaviours: Safety, Teamwork, Achievement and Respect.

An appreciation star trophy will be present to a student, a class, a staff member or a parent at each assembly.

Our First TREAT TUESDAYS recipients are: Corey Jobson, Bella Young and Gabriella Cooney who were treated with 20 minutes free computer time because Mrs Asquith appreciated how they valued and demonstrated the Paxton Star behaviours in every setting.

School Assembly

Our first assembly for the year will be tomorrow, 6th February at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome! The senior class will proudly display their artwork with a modern twist. Merit awards, a PBL and a principal award will be presented. Senior shirts will be presented and we will have a chance to show our appreciation for yet another way that our wonderful P & C help us. There will also be a visual production of the 2014 presentation night.

Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival

This carnival is always a good day and will be held this year on Tuesday, 10th February.

All notes went out this week. Please return to office promptly with payment.

Please note it is a whole school activity (for students in Year 3 to 6 and students in Year 2 who are 8 and can swim 100metres). There will be normal classes at school for the younger grades.

2015 School Contributions - $20 per child / $30 per family

Many schools ask students to pay for a range of expensive textbooks that are used in the classroom. Our school does not use textbooks as we feel they do not cater to each individual learner.

This fee helps us cover cost of providing resources for our students. The contribution is a small price to pay for the quality education your child receives. Thank you to those parents who have already paid this contribution.

School Uniform

Paxton School benefits from strong community support in the wearing of school uniforms. Congratulations parents and students. We proudly wear and present our school to the community to strengthen the values of Teamwork and Respect.

School Student Banking

Banking day remains on Friday’s and students drop their banking wallets into the office.
Best thing about school so far:
Paxton kindergarten children have settled into school routine really well.

What’s the best thing about school?
Lawson: Playing with my sisters
Payton: Playing on the play equipment
Max: PE
Oliver: Playing soccer
Eathan: Getting Dojo points
Noah: Getting Dojo points
Chaise: Playing on the play equipment
Hazelle: PE
Maggie: Doing computers

CLASSROOM NEWS

Improving Fundamental Motor Skills

In whole school PE lessons in terms 1 and 2 we are focusing on developing students’ Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS). Proficiency in the set of twelve FMS skills will allow students to participate in and enjoy a variety of games and sports throughout their life. Each fortnight we will focus on a new skill. Our week 2 and 3 focus is ‘sprint run.’

Skill Components
1. Lands on the ball of the foot
2. Head and trunk stable and eyes forward
3. Non-support knee bends at least 90 degrees
4. High knee lift
5. Elbows bent at 90 degrees
6. Arms drive forward and back in opposition to the legs

Evacuation Drill

The school implemented their first evacuation drill for the year. The children should be complimented on the way they always carry out these drills with calmness and seriousness. The difference with this fire drill was it involved all the community members attending the P & C meeting. All parents should be made aware if you are in the school for any length of time you must sign in and be aware a long bell sound means to evacuate to the front of the school where names on rolls and in the visitor book are recorded. A lockdown drill is signalled by several short blasts on the bell.

Books in Homes

Books in Homes is a wonderful program in our school where every student will receive nine books of their choice during the year as well as about 150 books to the school library. This program is a combined endeavour by the school and our P & C with the costs shared.

We genuinely appreciate this support to all our students by our P & C.

The children will choose books from our first order this week and will be presented when the school receives the books.

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Calendar - Upcoming Events

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Canteen news

Canteen will be tomorrow for recess and lunch. Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers—

*Rebecca, Margo & Jill*
(Spare lunch order forms are kept in the office)

Parents, carers & grandparents wishing to join the team of volunteers that help operate our schools canteen are invited to place their name on the roster in the office. The lovely ladies in the canteen would be more than happy to show you everything you need to know

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A.G.M
(Annual General Meeting)

The A.G.M will take place on
**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.

A general P&C meeting will be held straight after the AGM.

~ Everyone is welcome to attend ~

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**Paxton Public School Tunic**

Families wishing to purchase a Paxton Public School tunic can do so by collecting an order form from Leah in the office and returning it to Flanagan’s Menswear in Vincent Street, Cessnock. Cost is $39.95 each and will take about two weeks to be made.

The tunics have made a welcomed addition to our schools uniform.

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**Book in Homes**

The P&C is delighted to be involved in the Books in Homes program again this year funding $3300 towards this wonderful program.

This program allows each student to receive nine books throughout the year. These books are chosen by the students and are theirs to keep.

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Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C

~ Together we can make a difference ~
GIRL GUIDES

The new MILLFIELD UNIT meets every Monday at 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
Email: cessnockguides@bigpond.com
www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

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