Principal’s Report

Mrs Debbie Asquith

Last week the children discussed the meaning of appreciation. Appreciation is to value something highly and show gratitude. “The word appreciation means really seeing something for what it is an awareness of how special, how lucky, how unique, how blessed, how big, wonderful or awesome something is.”

This week the staff and I appreciated:

- The excellent display of Paxton Star behaviours at the swimming carnival.
- The parental support at the swimming pool.
- Carol Avery’s photographs.
- The quality of work students are presenting.

The most powerful way of teaching appreciation is by showing and receiving appreciation.

Our TREAT TUESDAY recipient is Leah Watson our wonderful office administrator. Leah does much more than helps maintain the school finances and administrative functions. She greets those who walk into the school office, answer phone calls, maintains office equipment, take messages and sort mail. She types and sends out school documents and maintains attendance records for students and staff. Leah is our first aide officer and what is more she does all of this professionally with patience and a smile on her face. Thank you Leah. Paxton school community appreciates you.

Fantastic efforts at Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students that participated in this week’s Small School’s swimming carnival at Cessnock Pool. It was great to see students so enthusiastic and we received very positive feedback from parents. Safety was valued by all students and all students enthusiastically participated in the full range of events schedules and showed everyone at the pool how to demonstrate Paxton Star encouragement and Teamwork. Achievement was evident in every child achieving their personal best. Nelson King, Olive Martin and Jye King excelled in freestyle events and eagerly await results which may lead to participating in the zone carnival. The Junior relay team, (Noah, Jay, Olive and Nelson) made everyone proud with a first ribbon. Respect was reflected in everyone’s behaviour all day.

School Assembly Week 2

Congratulations students, staff and parents on our first formal function for the year. A special mention goes to the excellent formal manners displayed by our new kindergartens and to our captains Courtney Goody and Conner Archer for their professional presentation skills. Awards this week went to:

K/1: Eathan Greentree, Payton Burke & William Slade
2/3: Nathan Avery, Bella Young & Cooper Orr
4/5/6: Daniel Avery, Amy-Sky Cruickshank & Courtney Goody
Principal Award: Courtney Goody
Appreciation Trophy: Chaise Grunsell
Gold Star Award: Nathan Oxenbridge
Zone Swimming

Congratulations, Nelson King and our Relay team, Nelson, Noah Beresford, Jye King and Olive Martin, for qualifying for Zone Swimming. These are fantastic results which sees them competing on 18th February.

Anaphylaxis (Severe Allergic Reaction) Awareness

Paxton Public School has a student who is anaphylactic. This is a serious life threatening reaction to specific food products. To directly support this student our school does not stock peanut products in the canteen and asks for your support by asking all parents and carers not to provide their children with peanuts or peanut products e.g. peanut butter or nutella sandwiches, nut bars etc. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Rotations

Our CAPA rotations will continue on Wednesday’s this year for all children. A variety of dance styles, drama and music skills and performances will be provided for all students.

Choir

For many years we have been famous for our whole school choir. In 2015 choir session is Thursday before lunch and we are currently practicing a song called Respect which we will proudly present to you at Easter.

K/1 – All students enjoyed their first music lesson for 2015.

2/3 – Appreciation Award from Mrs Thompson goes to parents who returned Parent Surveys promptly. Almost all have been returned.

4/5/6 – Keep up the quality book work that you are producing!

Best Start

Mrs Field and Miss Sadler will be holding parent interviews with all Kindergarten parents on Monday, 16th February. The purpose of the interviews is to obtain additional information about the children, communicate the Best Start results and to give suggestions for supporting learning at home.

Please return your interviews forms as soon as possible.

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.

Calendar - Upcoming Events

Term 1

Wed, 18th Feb
Zone Swimming

Tues, 10th March
School Photos
As Easter is fast approaching the P&C are seeking donations to go towards this year’s Easter raffle. Items may include - chocolate eggs, gift baskets & bags, soft bunny toys, boxed chocolates, lollies, Easter gifts or toys. All donations are most appreciated and can be left at the office.

A.G.M
(Annual General Meeting)
The A.G.M will take place on Wednesday 4th March, 2015. 9.30am – 10am at 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 ~

Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C
~ Together we can make a difference ~
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:
Lesley 4921 5750
Email: Lesley.Asher@newcastle.edu.au
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL


CMRL REGO 2015

If your child is turning 5 or above this year and wants to play league why not join the Goannas?

It’s time to REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
Go to the CMRL webpage (CMRL.net.au) and click on the “REGISTER NOW” button or follow us on Facebook and click the link.

• New Players in under 6’s - $60
• Returning Players under 6’s to under 16’s - $100
• Under 17’s - $130

All fees include club fees - so no weekly payments
New Players - Club Shirt, Shorts, Socks
All players will receive their playing jersey at the end of the season.

We will be holding a payment afternoon on Thursday 12th February in the Clubhouse at the Basin from 4pm to 7pm - Clothing will also be available for purchase.

For registration problems call
Tam Avery on 0402 697 417.
For general inquiries call
Chris Amos (Secretary) on 0428 633 314

For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the desk, or ring Sandy byas at 49934884 for the Cessnock sessions
or Karen breck on 49971448 for the Kurri Kurri sessions