Prinicipal's Report

Mrs Debbie Asquith

We are a proud member of the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS)

The 16 public schools across Cessnock work together co-operatively to deliver quality academic and wellbeing outcomes for over 4000 students in this community. The schools of CCGPS collaborate to develop and implement a range of initiatives that benefit all students and families within the Cessnock community. Using shared ideas and resources, schools have been able to pool together funds and expertise to implement a range of programs benefitting students in our schools and the wider community.

In 2015 I will represent Paxton School on 2 committees: The wellbeing team and the community involvement team. I will be excited to report back to you on the CCGPS initiatives for 2015 Some of the groups initiatives that have previously benefited Paxton are:

- Kindergarten speech pathology screening for all students and programs for those at risk.
- Over several years we have been represented in CCGPS choir.
- High Quality Professional learning for staff
- Sharing of information between schools, providing a wealth of knowledge in all areas.
- The CCGPS organize the schools in the Anzac March.
- Promoting our schools to the greater community. Remember Paint the town Red initiative and in 2015 our Kindergarten orientation brochures and maps

While visiting the office please view our new Kindergarten orientation brochure, 10 of which will be provide to the 10 preschools in the area and a Paxton School page will be included in a map booklet of local schools to the Cessnock real estates and preschools.

Great School Need Great Volunteers

This week Paxton School Staff appreciate our P&C. The P&C Association strives to build a community Paxton Spirit we can be proud of. In partnership with the school, the P&C Association are involved in decision making, coordinate a number of events to further develop the link between home and school and of course are the main source of community funds used to enhance our learning environment. We appreciate the 2014 P&C committee for their commitment to the school and its children and sincerely welcome the new committee for 2015. Looking forward to working with you to further develop an engaging, supportive learning environment for all children.

The current P & C committee is:
President – Neale Beresford
Vice President – Allarna Young
Secretary – Catherine Dixon
Treasurer – Tracey Harrington
Canteen supervisor – Emma Burke

OZ tag by Students

Last Wednesday selected students went on a trial for Oz Tag to play at the Basin representing Paxton School, building teamwork and friendships (it's not always about winning).

We interviewed people from K – 6 and asked the following question to Teagan: Would you like to play football? She answered – No, it's a boy's game.

Mr Eagleton was asked a variety of questions, including:
How hard was it to select the oz tag team? “Very hard because we only have one team and the class has 29 people.”
What were you looking for in the team? “Teamwork and people that are interested and have the appropriate skills.”
Will the Paxton Oz Tag team be called:
A  Paxton Knights
B  Paxton Rabbitohs
C  Paxton Panthers

Treat Tuesday for Week 6

Mr Eagleton was the recipient of Treat Tuesday. He was delighted with his treat of not having to do two playground duties. The school community appreciates Mr Eagleton, as much as I do, for his Paxton Star values in all that he does and in all his communications. Mr Eagleton is definitely a Paxton Star team player.

Did you know?

If your child misses as little as eight days in each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.
You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day.
If your child has to be away from school, due to illness, religious or family circumstances please tell Leah or send a signed note explaining the reason for their absence as soon as possible.
If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

Appreciation

It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences. Audre Lorde

This fortnight, in PBL, all children will be given the possibility to discuss our similarities and differences and recognize and celebrate reasons why children appreciate other children. The Paxton Star (PBL) creates a supportive atmosphere where all students feel accepted, valued, and comfortable expressing their ideas and feelings.

Mount view letter for Monday

An information night will be held at Mount View High School next Monday at 5.30pm for 2016 Year 7 students. Notes were sent home with Year 6 students this week.

Clean Up Australia

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Schools Clean Up Day. This year was a huge year with more than 434,588 students from over 2,324 schools Australia wide taking part in the event. Your school’s results are counted along with the 526,268 volunteers who removed 13,563 tonnes of rubbish at 6,165 sites right across the country over the weekend - what an amazing effort!

Books in Homes

2015 School Photos

School photos are Tuesday next week. Envelopes have been sent home with children today.
Congratulations to our new P&C committee for 2015

• President - Neale Beresford
• Vice President - Allarna Young
• Secretary - Catherine Dixon
• Treasurer - Tracey Harrington
• Canteen Supervisor - Emma Burke

Thank you to the outgoing committee for their hard work throughout 2014
We appreciated you!

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This week’s canteen volunteers are-

**Jill & Emma**

Thank you for your time – we appreciate you!
(Spare lunch order forms are kept in the office)

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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.

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...Fresh Fruit

Every Friday fresh fruit is prepared by the canteen volunteers for all students to enjoy.
The fruit is funded by the P&C and it is available to students at the second half of lunch each Friday.

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Thank you for supporting Paxton Public School P&C
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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 29th March 2015
9am—2pm
Congewai Public School
605 Congewai Rd, CONGEWAI
*Band *Pie Bake Off
*Funky Junk Flea Markets
*Fabulous stalls filled with unique arts
*Jumping Castle

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BELLBIRD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2015 Registrations 2015 Registrations ARE NOW OPEN

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

When - Sunday 8th March, Bellbird
Where - Concord oval, Bellbird
Time - 8 A.M. until 2 P.M.

1. Complete online registration at www.myfootballclub.com.au
2. All players must attend one of our registration days to complete registration paperwork, payment of fees and ordering of merchandise

Meet and Greet and Registration Day

New Players require birth certificate or passport - copy only
Players from 4 years of age (must be turning 5 before 31st December 2015)
5-7 years $80 8-11 years $95
12-18 years $110 10- seniors $200

NEW PLAYERS RECEIVE FREE SHORTS, SOCKS AND CLUB POLO SHIRT.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR CASH / CHEQUE ON DAY

Further details are on our website www.bellbirdjuniorfootballclub.com

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