Principal’s Update
Week 1, Term 4

Here I am again - just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water..... I am very excited to reintroduce myself as the Principal, and this time I’m sticking around. It has been a wonderful week and I would like to thank the community for the warm welcome you have offered. I am looking forward to sharing my vision for the future of Paterson Public School, and working with this wonderful staff and outstanding students to make our school the best it can be.

Availability

My administration day will be on Friday each week. I am happy to make a time to speak to you before or after school on any day, or on Friday, or I can ring you at home after hours. Mrs Compton will soon have access to my diary and can make a time to see me if you think you will need a longer appointment.

5P Planning Sessions

This year marks the end of the school’s three year plan and a new one needs to be prepared for the 2015-2017 management period. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to contribute to a shared vision for our school. The Department has introduced a new planning model and a key feature is extensive consultation with staff, parents, and students. Two face to face planning sessions will be held in week three, on Thursday 23rd October from 7pm – 8pm, and on Friday 24th October from 9am – 10am. I hope that you can attend one of the sessions to share your ideas about the direction for our school in the next three year period. If you are not able to attend either session, please let me know and I am happy to hold another one.

Year 6 Farewell

This week I held a discussion with the stage 3 class and Mr Lowrey about holding a year six farewell. I have a strong belief that the contribution of our year six students should be recognised at a formal occasion. The students were very positive about the idea and we have tentatively chosen the evening of Friday, 12th December for the event. Year five and six students will be invited to attend with their parents, and there will be a cost to cover catering. It is still in the very early stages of planning and if any parents of stage three students are interested in joining a planning committee please let Mrs Compton know as soon as possible.

Bus Behaviour

A meeting with all students who travel on the school bus was held today, and we discussed safe behaviour when travelling and school expectations of behaviour on the bus. A contract will be sent home to all students who travel on the bus next week and it would be appreciated if you could read and discuss it with your child. I will be working with senior students to monitor behaviour and ensure that no matter where we are, Paterson Public School students represent our school appropriately.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our kindergarten orientation program starts next Wednesday. If you know of any families with students who are due to start kindergarten next year, please let them know that we would welcome enrolment enquiries. Word of mouth about our wonderful school is the best advertisement that we can offer - it would be great if you could recommend us to someone.

School Facebook Site

I am in the process of setting up a school Facebook site and will let you know as soon as it is ready for public viewing. This site is for keeping you up to date about school events, celebrating school successes, and promoting ourselves to the wider community. It is a wonderful way for family living far away to keep up with our school. I know that all families will use it in a positive way. No images of students will be used on the site until we have specific permission for publication from a note to come home next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Sarah-Jane Hazell

Kinder 2015

Do you know anyone with children who are going to start school next year? If so Paterson Public School is now enrolling and would love to hear from them on 49385114. If they are not sure about enrolling as yet, you may even wish to let them know our first kinder orientation day is Wednesday 15th October at 9:00am.
Select High Schools Information

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. An information booklet will arrive at school in the near future. If you are interested in making an application for your child, please speak to Mrs Compton.

Year 6 show off their new shirts.

Representing Paterson Public School at the State Athletics Carnival

Next Wednesday and Thursday Jarrod will be competing at the State Athletics Carnival at Olympic Park in Sydney.

He will be competing in both shotput and discus. Jarrod had a Personal best of 26.37m in discus and 10.38m in shotput.

He will be competing against children from all over N.S.W.

Good Luck Jarrod!
Glen William Public School is proud to host:

Le Tour de Glen William

Sunday, October 19th, 2014
8am—2pm
(Bike rides at 10am)
717 Glen William Road, Glen William

Features include:

- A 27km group bike ride;
- An 8km bike riding option with recovery stop;
- Market stalls;
- Fabulous country food;

For more information or to book a market stall at a cost of just $5, please telephone the school on 49965507
Paterson Swimming Club Registrations
Registration for Paterson Swimming Club will be held at Tocal Pool Saturday on 11th October between 11am - 12midday. First Swim Club commences on Tuesday 21st October at 5:00pm. To be able to compete on Tuesday night all membership forms must be completed, paid and received by 8.00pm Sunday 19th October. Forms can be dropped off to 11 Wallaby Close, Duns Creek. For further information please contact Jenny 49385918.

Paterson PSSST... copies are available at the school if you require one.

Experience The Magic Of Hosting

In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son has grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon's parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in January 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!
www.wep.org.au  1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $67 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

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