Principal’s Update  
Week 5, Term 4

I can’t keep starting every update by saying how busy the week has been, but my head is spinning with the pace of term 4. It’s hard to believe that we are almost half way through, and there is a lot happening in the second half of the term. We always aim to communicate about events as early as possible. Please keep a close eye on our newsletters and check our Facebook page regularly for updates.

Snake Tails

We had a wonderful time at the Snake Tails show on Wednesday. We learnt about how to keep ourselves safe around reptiles, and we had some ‘myth busting’ information provided. The staff have recently reviewed our snake bite response and we have two snake bite kits readily accessible in the school. My fingers are crossed that we never need them, but it is important that we keep talking to our students about safe behaviour if they do spot a snake.

Grounds Committee

Our newly formed grounds committee met on Wednesday for a brainstorming session. Some wonderful creative ideas have been discussed and we are forming a plan for improvement and updating our school environment in both the short and long term. One of the strategies that we would like to explore is using the skills of our community wherever possible. Please detach and return the slip at the end of the newsletter if you can provide some professional expertise.

Kids in the Community

I love hearing about the achievements of our students in their lives outside school. Sometimes we are lucky enough to share in their excitement when they bring trophies or news about success in sport, dancing, horse riding, and other areas. We will have a section in the newsletter called ‘Kids in the Community’ which will allow us to celebrate Paterson kids. Feel free to let us know about the great things your children are doing.

What I love about PPS

Human beings are very strange creatures and often, we only communicate the things that we don’t like about life. There are about a million things that I love about this school and it occurred to me that I almost never tell anyone. This week I will start a ‘What I love about PPS’ piece in the newsletter. If you have anything that you want to share with our community through the newsletter, feel free to drop in to the office and let Mrs Compton know.

Responsible Pet Ownership

On Tuesday K-2 had a visit from Vicki and her furry friend Zac to teach us about how to be responsible and safe around pets, especially dogs. Zac was very well behaved and tolerant, and we were able to practise how to be introduced to an unknown dog when we are out and about. Thank you to Miss Potter for organising the visit.

Remembrance Day

Please feel free to join us for our Remembrance Day commemoration on Tuesday, 11th November at 10.30am in the school hall. We are very pleased that a member of our own community, Major Robert Tremethick, will be a special guest at the commemoration and will address the students. In the past childrens have brought in flowers to be put on the Cenotaph, and this would be much appreciated.

Newsletter Feedback

If there is anything that you would like to see feature in our newsletter, please feel free to let us know.
**What I love about Paterson Public School**
I love the fact that our students love learning. They are always ready to try something new, to reflect on how they are learning and work to improve.

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**Football Star**
Congratulations to our rising football star Josh Gorman for his selection into the Hunter Hawks team, and for being selected for the state Futsal team.

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**Kids in the Community**
Congratulations to Charli Jackson who was recently awarded a special trophy from East Maitland Academy of Dance for her achievements in jazz.
Charli was very proud to share her two trophies and medallion with us at school.

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**Iona Horse Sports News**
Well done to Elena Norley who represented us at the Iona Horse Sports day on Wednesday. Ellie came fourth in figure of eight and bending.

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**Young Teen Talk**
On Thursday Year 6 participated in the Young Teen Talk seminar. The Year 6 students demonstrated maturity as they spoke about the changes that take place as you move into the teen years.
They were engaged and performed a role play on giving birth. Year 6 enjoyed the discussions that took place during the day.
Well done Year 6.

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**Problem Solvers**
This week, 5/6 have been solving problems in Maths. They have worked very well in groups to solve some challenging problems. Below are some photos of them working cooperatively on their tasks.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**
The library will begin its stocktake next Friday, 14 November, so can ALL books be returned prior to this date to enable stocktake to occur.
Thanking you.
Mrs Halliday
Hello Year 6,
I have enjoyed meeting you all during my visit to your school. I thought that I would provide you with some regular information about what’s happening at Dungog High and what you have to look forward to in 2015. Remember that if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school on 49923022.

This year we have had many successes in the sporting arena, including students representing the school at zone, regional and even state levels in swimming, cross county and athletics. We have also had many teams participating in the Combined High Schools Knockout competitions. School sport is held on Thursday afternoons, with many different activities to choose from such as yoga, football, cricket, fishing, table tennis, swimming, ten-pin bowling and many more. Year 7 will participate in Peer Support during sport time in Term 1 and then you will be able to choose your own sport from Term 2 onwards.

I am sure that if you are interested in participating in sporting activities, there will be something for you, whether it is for fun, fitness, health, competition or all of these!

Mrs Judd
Sydney Bus Trip to Birkenhead Point
Outlet Shopping
& Lunch @ Napoli In Bocca Restaurant Haberfield (food only)
on
23rd November 2014
$85-00 per person
Full payment required on booking
20 seats available
Depart: Paterson Friendly Grocer 7:30am Return: 6pm
Contact Rachel Homan Rachel@panoptic.com.au or 49385091 to book your seat.
All money to be paid with the attached receipt by cash or cheque to the Clubs PO Box as above.

Amber Lawrence
Superheroes Album Tour
with special guests Kaylens Rain
Paterson School of Arts
Saturday 8 November 2014 7.30pm
Tickets available online @ www.amberlawrence.com.au
Adults $20 Child (U/15) $10
($3 fee applies to online tickets)
From Paterson Post Office or by contacting 49385570 or 49385128
Part of the proceeds will be donated to Paterson Red Cross

Doug the Reading Bug says
“ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”
Read a book today!!
Books with pictures and age-appropriate words hold a young child’s attention, and adding sound effects of funny voices can make reading time even more special.

Experience The Magic Of Hosting
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose the right student for your family and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home!

Nine (15) from Thailand enjoys playing basketball, golf, swimming, camping, reading Japanese manga, drawing and playing the piano. He is excited to learn all about Australian lifestyles and to meet new people.

Giulio (17) from Italy loves music! He plays both the electric and acoustic guitar. As well as this, Giulio is extremely athletic and previously played basketball, soccer and volleyball. He currently enjoys going to the gym and also does acrobatic gymnastics.

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact me today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.
- Sylvia Kelly, Inbound Program Manager

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in January 2015
Request student profiles now to find out more!
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