Principal's Update
Week 7, Term 4

Bus News
We have recently been informed that the RMS has approved a new bus service for PPS to start at the beginning of next year. The bus will come from Gresford, go up Horn's Crossing Road, through Hilldale, through Martins Creek, turn around and comes back along Dungog Road and drop off to school at approximately 8.40. The return journey will pick up here at 3pm, go to Vacy PS, pick up Vacy school kids and then do the morning run in reverse. This will allow our families who wish to use the After School Care service at Vacy PS a much easier option as the students will be there at around 3.15pm, and it will allow our families who live in that area to have access to a bus service. More details about bus stops and times will be provided as soon as it is available.

2015 Leaders Assembly
Next Thursday at 9am, our candidates for student leadership for 2015 will speak to the community at an assembly about the skills and abilities they possess which would make them a great school leader next year. Please feel free to join us to hear their ideas. Voting will take place immediately after and on Friday for any students who are absent on Thursday.

Week 8 Assembly
Due to swim school, our week 8 assembly will have a slightly later start, at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 26th November.

PSSA Sport for 2015
Mr Lowrey will undertake the role of sport co-ordinator in 2015. He has prepared a note asking for students to express interest in competitive sports for next year, and asking for parent and community expertise in coaching. This will be sent home early next week. Our goal is to give every student the best possible opportunity to develop and excel in their chosen sports but with a small staff it can be challenging to be involved in the full range of sport. If you know of anyone who can contribute to our program with coaching expertise or other support, please let us know.

Facebook
I recently had a thought provoking letter from a family expressing concern over the use of a school Facebook site. The family is concerned that it is an inappropriate forum to use for a small country school and may provide access to our children and community in an inappropriate way. Our goal is always to consult with our community on decisions that affect the school, and the note made me reflect that perhaps I had not considered the wishes of our community closely enough. I would appreciate it if you could complete the slip below and return it to the office ASAP to indicate your thoughts on the use of a Paterson Public School Facebook site.

Many thanks.
Sarah-Jane Hazell

Please cut off and return to school. Thank you.

What I love about Paterson Public School
What I love about Paterson Public School is being able to play all sorts of sports. I also love the friendly kids and teachers.

By Elena Williams
**Kids in the Community**

In the cattle judging at Dungog Show Dylan came 3rd in the Junior Paraders and Kieran 4th. Dylan was leading Josephine and Kieran Leading King Kong. See pictures below.

At Bulladelah show there were 24 paraders up to the age of 15 years old split into 2 heats. Kieran came second with King Kong and Dylan came 4th in heat 1 with DJ, then Kieran went in the final against 8 other kids and got 4th place and then the Judge offered him a job leading his cattle at shows that he will be at.

Next year Paterson School would like to start a cattle Judging team. If your child is interested please ring Mark Watts on 4938 5380.

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**Food Drive**

The SRC is holding its annual food drive for the Samaritans. A basket has been placed in the school foyer for students and families to donate non-perishable items of food to create hampers for people in the community.

Thankyou SRC

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**Our SES visitors**

On Wednesday 12th November we had the SES visit our school and speak to us about their jobs. Pictures below are of our wonderful SES volunteers.