**Year 2 News**

This term, year 2 had a big challenge – they had to get used to a brand new teacher! We spent the first week getting to know one another and it wasn’t long before Ms Hazell discovered a well kept secret: this group of small people is the best class in the entire world. They are hard working, kind, fun, willing to have a go at anything, and very patient. We have had a lot of fun.

We have enjoyed improving our fluency and comprehension through reading a fantastic book by Roald Dahl, ‘The Magic Finger’. We also worked on the book ‘Where the Wild Things Are’, and we hope you enjoyed our dramatisation of the story at assembly. Our performance skills were improved through our drama unit, even though nobody has so far managed to beat Ms Hazell at our drama game ‘Straight Face’. Everyone in the class now knows that not using capitals or full stops in the right place makes steam come out of their teacher’s ears and they have tried very hard to make sure this doesn’t happen very often. We love maths and have worked hard in a mixture of hands on activities, written work, and Mathletics to consolidate our high level skills.

We also discovered some basketball stars in PE, and everyone can now dribble, pass, and shoot basketball style almost as well as Lauren Jackson. In science we investigated mixtures, and have completed some experiments on mixtures we use in our everyday life, what we use them for, and whether some substances mix well with each other or not. We also managed to stink out the classroom with one of our mixtures that was left for just a little too long.....

We are now starting to reflect on the year that has passed and think about our goals for year 3. In the next couple of weeks each student will present a speech on their best memories of the year at school and their hopes for next year.

Thank you year two, for being the best class in the world!

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**What I love about Paterson Public School**

I love Paterson Public School because I get to play handball. I also love that I can play soccer on the flat grass area.

By Hayden Merchant
Swimming School
Week one of swimming school is over and we have some very weary students at school. I must thank the teachers who take the students each day. It is a large group to organise and supervise, and they only get a very short break through the day. The weather has been very mixed but as always, our students are getting in there and having a go.

2015 Leaders
Yesterday we heard from our leadership candidates for next year. Every one of them did a wonderful job of speaking in front of a large group of people and informing the school community of their personal qualities and ideas for the school. Each one of the students has a well deserved place on the leadership team next year. All classes have now voted and the captains and vice captains for next year will be announced at presentation night on Tuesday.

Grounds Committee
The grounds committee met on Wednesday, and we have now tamed some of our wilder ideas into a more specific plan. Next week, a map of the school will be on display and we have divided it into ‘zones’ for development. Please check the noticeboard when you are in next week. We welcome comments or feedback on the plan as it is very much in draft form at the moment.

Year Six Farewell
Many apologies for the deafening silence on the year six farewell. It will definitely go ahead on Friday, 12th December from 6pm until approximately 8.30pm in the school hall. Time got away with us a little, and I apologise for the delay in finalising plans. Thank you very much to the patient organising committee. A detailed note will be sent home early next week.

School Strategic Plan
Based on the feedback from the school community, our staff have worked hard to write a first draft of our school strategic plan for 2015-2017. One of the important aspects of the plan is a school vision statement. This is a statement that captures the values of our school and our aspirations for the future. Below is our first attempt at taking all of the feedback from the parent, student and staff planning sessions and putting it together in a paragraph. I would love to hear your comments, particularly if you feel we have missed something that is unique to Paterson Public School.

**School Vision Statement for Paterson Public School**

At Paterson Public School we believe in fostering the potential of every student through the provision of an innovative, inclusive and differentiated education in a small school environment. We embrace the individuality of our students and are committed to providing them with opportunities to pursue their interests and reach their potential within a safe, supportive, and creative learning environment. Our staff work as a cohesive team, providing quality teaching and learning for every child and promoting personal growth and high expectations in the classroom and beyond. We value our strong connections with our families and the local community and welcome opportunities to work in partnership with them to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

New Bus Run
Children who live in the Vacy, Hilldale, Martin's Creek and Gresford Road areas will have a new bus run in 2015. This service will be provided by the LINQ bus company.

Application forms have been sent home today for all children who are eligible. We ask that you complete this form for each child and return it to school by **Friday 5th December, 2014**.

Details relating to the bus timetable will be sent home in the very near future.
## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

### Term 4

#### Week 8

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<td><strong>Name: Chloe Leadley</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> An outstanding dot painting.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Natasha Ellenor</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> Trying hard to finish her work on time.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Sophie Merchant</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> Great work with her reading.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Eve Cridland</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> Great work with her reading.</td>
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<td><strong>Class 1</strong></td>
<td><strong>Name: Angus Gordon</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For trying hard with his Literacy and Numeracy work.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Milarn Collyer</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For making extra efforts with his homework and writing.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Shelby Innes</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For lovely reading, expression and for trying harder in class.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Charni Mulheron</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For improvement with Literacy and Numeracy work.</td>
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<td><strong>Name: Oliver Smith</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For outstanding skills as a stage hand.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Audrey Toews</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For being a responsible and thoughtful class member.</td>
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<td><strong>Name: Sienna Mulheron</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For excellent focus and listening at swim school.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Zo Lennon Hatchman</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For excellent work during poetry.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Mia French</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For excellent participation in math discussions.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Luke Speelman</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For wonderful descriptive alliteration poem.</td>
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<td><strong>Name: Alana Paterson</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For excellent work in literacy.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Jesse Tindall</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For being a well mannered and cooperative class member.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Jay Malone</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For always having a positive attitude.</td>
<td><strong>Name: Jack Miller</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Reason:</strong> For consistent effort in all areas.</td>
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### CARE AWARDS - Week 8

**EARLY STAGE 1:** Sophie Merchant & Phoenix Walton  
**STAGE 1:** Aidan Tremethick & Angus Gordon  
**STAGE 2:** Rafael Willimas & Ruby Baker  
**STAGE 3:** Keely Kerr & Ella Holmes

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| **Kindergarten** | **Handwriting Award**  
Name: Zac Mulhearn  
**Reason:** For an outstanding dot painting.  
Name: Charli Jackson  
**Reason:** For outstanding handwriting. |
| **Class 1**   | **Handwriting Award**  
Name: Rosie Smith  
**Reason:** For beautiful manners and consistent effort in all areas.  
Name: Tayla Norley  
**Reason:** For taking pride with her handwriting. |
| **Class 2**   | **Handwriting Award**  
Name: Annabelle Chapman  
**Reason:** For a positive attitude towards all learning.  
Name: Becky Parish  
**Reason:** For pride in the presentation of all class work. |
| **Class 3/4** | **Handwriting Award**  
Name: Kain Lee  
**Reason:** For outstanding efforts throughout our poetry unit.  
Name: Skyla Studdert  
**Reason:** For consistently presenting neat work. |
| **Class 5/6** | **Handwriting Award**  
Name: Lucy Huntriss  
**Reason:** For being a helpful and cooperative class member.  
Name: Amelia Norris  
**Reason:** For excellent work in handwriting. |

**Captains Award:** Macey Gilbert for being an excellent Sports Shed Monitor.
Food Drive
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

Canteen Report
Our volunteers end of year dinner is on next Friday. Please return all forms with your deposit to the office by next week so we can advise the caterers of numbers. We hope to see you there as it is a good night out.
Also don’t forget to get your meal deal order forms back in next week. If you did not get a form please contact the office to get one.
The Canteen will NOT be open for lunch orders in the last week (Mon 15/12 - Wed 17/12). We will however be open at lunch for ice-blocks and drinks.
If anyone is interested in starting on Canteen next year please send me an email as soon as you can so I can prepare the canteen roster ready for next year. We are in desperate need of new helpers. Even if you can only help once a term.
Amy Merchant amymerchant@bigpond.com

It’s Movember
Farmers Hotel Cricket Club are Celebrating!
We are holding a charity cricket match on the evening of 29th November
Event commences around 5.30pm
We will be cooking a BBQ for dinner.
There will be plenty of slushies and ice-cream for the kids a few local entrepreneur’s selling their goods and donating to the charity, a xmas hamper raffle, chicken ham and seafood raffle
Plus much more ....Come along and support the event, have a great time and raise money for Men’s health.

AFFORDABLE, FRIENDLY AND FUN
DANCE CLASSES
Coming to Paterson in 2015!
♦ Girl’s classes from 3 years to Seniors
♦ Boys hip-hop from 5 years
♦ Ladies classes
More details to come, Watch this space!
Contact: Sarah-Jane Gerada Mobile - 0400 246 164
Email: studiosarahjane@gmail.com

Save the Date!
An invitation to: Martins Creek Public School
6.30pm
Tuesday 16th December
Come and join us for our School Musical “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” Adapted especially for Martins Creek Public School
The students will entertain you with songs, dance, drumming & more
As well as Community Carol singing refreshments will be provided and Santa will visit families & community members.