Principal's Update  
Week 9, Term 4

Swimming School  
Today is the last day of swim school for our 2-6 students. Thank you very much to the teachers who attended for their organisational skills. It is a challenge to get such a large group of children efficiently through the program and they have done so with efficiency and positivity. Thanks also to our wonderful students for their good manners and hard work. I understand that in previous years, swim school has run in a number of different ways. If you have any feedback at all about how you believe it should be organised for next year, we would love to hear it. It is my intention to bring it back to Tocal pool to minimise the travel time and cost, but we will then have to staff it in a different way to make it meet the current regulations. I am always interested to hear any feedback you might have on this or any of our programs and have included my email address at the bottom of this letter as I know that it's easiest to send a message as soon as you think of it, rather than waiting until the next day at school.

Presentation Night  
Many thanks to all who attended our presentation night on Tuesday. There is a huge amount of organisation that goes on behind the scenes to put the event together, and I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Compton in making it such a success. Our students behaved beautifully and I was very proud to see their smiles and excitement for one another. There were a few bumps in the program, and the feedback that many people have provided is appreciated and will be incorporated into the plans for next year's event.

2015 Leaders  
Congratulations to our leadership team for 2015. I am looking forward to working with Macey, Lucy, Keely, Amelia, Ellen, Gemmah, Will, Jarrod, Max, Jesse and Jack next year. Macey Gilbert and Jarrod Homan were elected as our school captains and Keely Kerr and Jesse Tindall were elected as our vice captains. Early next year the team will meet to allocate roles and responsibilities, and following this meeting we will hold a leadership induction ceremony early next year in which the team will receive their badges.

Year Six Farewell  
The year six farewell invitations have been issued and we are looking forward to sending our students off in style on Friday, 12th December from 6pm to approximately 8.30pm. Year six students and their families, and year five students, are invited for an evening of dancing, food, and fun to mark the end of primary school for year six. Thank you very much to the families who have taken on the organisation of the event.

Creative Arts Assembly  
On Thursday, 11th December we will hold a creative arts assembly in our school hall. Each class will perform an item and dance groups, drama groups and choir will also perform. Extended family and community members are invited to join us for a sausage sizzle at 12.30pm and the concert will commence at 1.30pm. Notes regarding costuming requirements are included in the newsletter today. We hope to see you there.

Calf Judging Team  
Notes were recently sent home to stage 3 students who expressed an interest in joining a calf judging team to compete at local agricultural shows next year. If you have a younger student who is interested in joining the program, please drop in to the office for more details. As the shows are held very early next year, training will take place in the school holidays with Mark Watts.

Classes for 2015  
We are beginning the process of planning our classes for 2015. We would very much appreciate it if you could let us know if your child will not be returning to Paterson PS next year for any reason. If you know of any families who may be moving into the area, it would also help us to have more information about student numbers for 2015.

Ms Hazell's email is sarah-jane.hazell@det.nsw.edu.au

What I love about Paterson Public School  
What I love about Paterson Public School is all the sporting opportunities and all the staff who are always helpful and happy especially the office staff.

by  
Jarrod Homan
**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. The last day to make a donation will be Friday 12th December.

Thankyou SRC

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**THE BEACH**

The cool beach collecting clams

Beach balls bouncing everywhere

Waving waves of the water
whipping all around

On the shore seagulls fly side to side.

Light house lighting up the land

Surfers shaking and shivering.

by Sienna

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**Year 6 Fundraiser - Spider Drinks**

Year 6 are running one last fundraising event for the year on Monday 15/12/14 during lunch time.

Year 6 students will be selling Spider Drinks (which consists of soft drink with a scoop of ice cream in it) for a price of $1.50.

We appreciate your support.

Mr Lowrey & Year 6

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**PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB**

Registration Dates for Season 2015

Saturday 31st January 10-12pm and Wednesday 4th February 3.30-6pm at the Paterson School Library.

Follow PRNC

www.patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au or like us on Facebook "Paterson Netball Club".

Contact us patersonnetball@gmail.com
or PO Box 136, Paterson NSW, 2421.

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**Visit the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland** in the January school holidays. There's always lots to see and do.

- Try dip-netting from the jetty
- Watch the Magpie Geese feeding
- Climb the Egret Tower
- Get up close to some of our reptiles at an interactive tank talk.
- Become a WETLANDS EXPLORER and go in the draw to win a weekly prize
- Hire a bike or canoe or bring your own and explore the wetlands
- Climb, slide and play at the Discovery Playground
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe

Kids can book in for one of the special holiday activities:

- **Bush Skills** for 8-12 years ($20) - have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knots and other bush skills.
- **Wriggly Wetlanders** for 5-8 years ($20) - enjoy a wetlands wander and then get creative with craft activities

For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 49516466

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**Carols In The Park**

(Kings Wharf Park)

**When:** Sunday 21st December

**Time:** 6.30pm

B.Y.O. Picnic tea, Rugs, Chairs and Candles

**ENJOY:** Music, Singing and Entertainment

led by members of the Gresford Amateur Performing Society