1P News Flash

Term 1 has been a busy but exciting term. The term is going fast and the students have been trying hard with all subject areas. They continue to work on teamwork and doing their best.

My wonderful new class is very creative and talented. The students are enjoying performing and singing. They were so excited to show off their dance skills at our first school assembly for this term.

We thank our mums that help support our reading groups and listen to us every week. 1P have been having fun with their Literacy, Numeracy work and Science unit on Light and sound. Children are learning new concepts and having fun.

Every day is a great day with 1P!!!!!!!!!!

Regards Miss Potter

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Next Friday 21st March 2014, Paterson Public School will be celebrating “Harmony Day”. There will be no cost and children will be encouraged to wear something orange. The theme is “Everyone Belongs”.

Students will be participating in fun activities in their Tabloid groups. Activities will include Lego, cooking, painting, murals gardening and more.

Regards Vicki Potter

Cricket Update

Last Friday our school played a cricket match of 25 overs against Bolwarra Public School. It was a good match and it was great fun for everyone. The score was 156 runs to Paterson and 105 to Bolwarra. Everyone had a good match and we all played exceptionally well. We were coached by Miss Halliday and Mr Lowrey. Two of our batsmen retired at 40 and 41 runs and two batsmen hit 1 six each. We played very well considering no one in our team play cricket on a weekend.

By
Blake Cork & Will White
Gresford Show

It was another great turnout for the School Judging. Some schools travelling a great distance, Knoxs College from Sydney coming with about 30 pupils, Dylan & Kieran Watts competing in the Primary section against pupils from Gresford, Kirkton & Mt Kanwarry totalling 19 Pupils all up. The First round the boys had to Judge 4 cows, 4 heifers & 4 steers. Dylan came 4th & had to do an oral presentation on the cows & Kieran came 7th. Then after lunch the boys had to parade their animals. Dylan came second & Kieran came 5th. The following day one of our cows, Estelle & her calf King Kong won Supreme Beef Exhibit for the show.

Photo courtesy of Dungog Chronicle

Sensational Swimming

The sun was shining and the crowds were arriving to the Maitland PSSA Zone Swimming Championships, held at Maitland Pool on 25th February. Paterson had a squad of 13 slippery fish spread out over the order of events. The first snapper off the blocks was Keely Kerr in the girls Senior Medley, gliding her way through the 200 meter event Keely finished a proud 3rd. No time to waste, the goggles were quickly strapped back on for Keely to take out 1st place in backstroke. Like all salmon swimming up stream, Jarrod Homan headed backwards 50 meters to finish in 4th. Next up as beautiful as rainbow fish these girls took to the pool with style and grace making their way in the backstroke event, Elena Williams 3rd and Alanna Paterson 2nd. It was then time for the kingfish, the crowd went silent as Blake Cork made strong headway through his backstroke event finishing 6th. Paterson was starting to make its mark in the pool, with the challenge of Butterfly our competitors Keely Kerr (4th) and Elena (1st), glided gracefully through their lanes. Next up was breaststroke, a good school of fish were representing Paterson in this event, Keely (1st) Jarrod 5th Alanna, Elena, Nick (5th) & Blake (2nd). Competitors were left in our wakes. After lunchtime break it was time for the Freestyle events and Paterson was about to unleashed its Super fish, having sat in the stands waiting for her one and only event, only due to age restrictions, because this Super fish has it all. A smart swift dive off the blocks, saw an immediate lead, great arms, amazing kicking Kiara Merchant was well on her way to 1st place qualifying for regionals at 8 years old in freestyle. Some tears of joy trickled in the stands, this little mighty Gem will keep Paterson Schools name in lights for many years to come. Arriving at the pool in time for his race, Nate was ready to conquer the pool, as cute as Nemo, swimming hard embossed his name on lane 7 finishing 7th. Lane 7 became Paterson’s Lane, Emily Tindall (6th), Oscar Kerr (3rd) both savvy sharks of the water, psyched out their competitors. Marnie Stuckings, the Bluefish of Butterwick Road, stroked her way to a strong finish in fourth. It was time again for the Snapper Kerr to jump back in the pool, only to leave all the other children snapping at her heels finishing in first place. Having waited patiently and quietly Ellen Patterson took the blocks, this Angel-fish was focused and stroke by stroke she swam her hardest coming fifth in the field. The rainbow fish were back on the blocks, as the hooter squealed their dives had them in with the pack, quickly Elena Williams broke away finishing in first while Alanna stayed with the pack finishing in a tight fourth. Paterson was getting excited, place after place we were holding our own in the pool. Next up the testosterone was building the slippery salmon Jarrod Homan and the bull shark Jesse Tindall were competing in the same heat, true friends and true rivals, with their sportsmanship pride they wished each other good-luck, with focus and determination they speed all down the pool, Jesse took first place and Jarrod second. The kingfish of the pool, did a few warm up stretches and it was time for them to line up, goggles were untangled, hearts pumping, swoosh Nick and Blake were off. Paterson was dominating, strong strokes from these good looking blokes, Nick finishing a fantastic first and Blake a sensational second. While this was all happening throughout the day in the pool, parents kept times, calculated records, fed and watered the troupes and forever praising each swimmers efforts. A special congratulations to Kiara Merchant for her success in the pool, qualifying for regionals and also coming first in her age race at this carnival. She heads off to the State Carnival on 9th April. (Well done Kiara.)

A special thanks extends from all the Parents to Mr Lowrey for his support and care of the children.

Play Fun!

Next week we are planning other activities at play time besides handball. We hope the kids will enjoy the new activities.

Monday: Hoola Hoops and parachute (Nothing to bring – we have plenty of hoops!)
Tuesday: Marbles (Bring your own marble bag or borrow a marble from Miss White or a friend. Return the marble to the person who shared with you please.)
Wednesday: Jacks/yoyos (Bring your own. We will have only a few to share.)
Thursday: Disco (Bring your best moves!)
Friday: Fly/Hop skip jump (We need sets of 3 and 8 chunky sticks for these games.)
## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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| **Kindergarten** | Name: Natasha Ellenor  
Reason: Learning how things work at her new school. | Name: Phoenix Walton  
Reason: Great work with hearing the first sound in words. | Name: Nate Pearce  
Reason: Having a big smile and a respectful attitude. | Name: Sophie Merchant  
Reason: Great work with writing her sounds. |
| **Class 1** | Name: Hayden Merchant  
Reason: Great effort in Maths. | Name: Tayla Norley  
Reason: Trying hard with her spelling and reading. | Name: Aidan Tremethick  
Reason: Trying hard with his writing and for making an excellent robot. | Name: Milarn Collyer  
Reason: For trying hard with his spelling and for making an excellent robot. |
| **Class 2** | Name: Louis Presland  
Reason: Great singing and actions in Italian. | Name: Audrey Toews  
Reason: A beautiful sketch of natural things. | Name: Joshua Gorman  
Reason: Writing a wonderful narrative. |
| **Class 3/4** | Name: Kain Lee  
Reason: Attention and focus during daily maths meetings. | Name: Halle Toms  
Reason: Enthusiasm during our monster rehearsals. | Name: Joshua Gorman  
Reason: Writing a wonderful narrative. |
| **Class 5/6** | Name: Jakson Smith  
Reason: Persistence in maths. | Name: William Cant  
Reason: Excellent descriptive writing. | Name: Jake Huckstadt  
Reason: Great work in spelling. | Name: Ella Holmes  
Reason: For an excellent etching artwork. |

## CARE AWARDS - Week 5 & 7

**EARLY STAGE 1**: Charli Jackson & Mackenzie Atkins-Jones  
**STAGE 1**: Nate Pearce, Oliver Smith, Aidan Tremethick & Charlie Cant  
**STAGE 2**: Rafael Williams, Kain Lee, Dylan Watts & Tynan Palmowski  
**STAGE 3**: Andrew Faulkner, Jake Huckstadt & William Cant

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| **Kindergarten** | Name: Brodie Wood  
Reason: Great work with sounding out words.  
Name: Eve Cridland  
Reason: Getting better at forming letters. |
| **Class 1** | Name: Riley Kidd  
Reason: For working well in all areas.  
Name: Shelby Innes  
Reason: For improvement with her writing. |
| **Class 2** | Name: Jadon Hicks  
Reason: Outstanding attitude to all class learning.  
Name: Clancy Oldfield  
Reason: An excellent effort in handwriting lessons. |
| **Class 3/4** | Name: Liam Tremethick  
Reason: Making sensible choices with a positive attitude displayed.  
Name: Ruby Baker  
Reason: For demonstrating beautiful neat writing in all areas. |
| **Class 5/6** | Name: Keely Kerr  
Reason: For being a mature and conscientious student.  
Name: William White  
Reason: Neat work in all areas. |

**Captains Award**: Natasha Ellenar for settling into her new school well.
BMX National Sign on Day
at
Maitland Tenambit BMX Club
on
Saturday 22nd March, 2014
Where: Beryl Humble Sporting Complex, Metford Rd, Tenambit
Time: 9am till 12 midday

What to bring: A bike, preferably long pants & long sleeve shirt, sturdy enclosed shoes, a helmet and a drink.
Contact: maitlandbmx@hotmail.com

Paterson Red Cross - Trivia Night
WHEN: Saturday, 29th March 2014, 7.00pm
WHERE: Paterson School of Arts Hall
Grab your family and friends, make up a table and come along to our Trivia Night for a great night out.
Tables of 8 or 10 at $10.00 per person can be booked by calling Anne on 49385128.
Tickets must be purchased before 26th March 2014.
Great prizes to be won.
Light supper will be provided.
BYO Drinks and Nibbles

BOOK CLUB
Due Back
Friday 21st March

Easter Saturday 19 April 2014
Park Street, East Gresford
Races start: 9.00am
www.dresfordbillycarlerby.wordpress.com

Sesame Street

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has handed in Cookie Dough orders. I will place our order this weekend and will let you know when they will be available for collection.

A big thank you to Sarah-Jane for suggesting and opening the canteen for ice-blocks @ cross-country, I am pretty sure the kids really appreciated it on the day. If on Monday, Tuesday or Friday your child does not have a piece of fruit for Sip & Crunch, feel free to let your child know they can purchase a piece of fruit from the canteen in the morning for 50cents.

I am in the process of preparing next terms roster. If there are any new parents interested or any current volunteers who need changes please send me an email at amymerchant@bigpond.com