**1P News Flash**

Welcome back to 2015. Term 1 is going to be a busy but exciting term. Time 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 are so excited to show off their dance skills at our first school assembly for this term. The kids are performing to "I like to move it", from the movie Madagascar. Children have been enjoying K-2 music in the hall.

We thank our mums and dads 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 “Pushing and Pulling. Children are learning new concepts and having fun.

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

Regards

Miss Potter

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**Please Help Rome**

You may know that Rome Collyer, one of our year three students, has had outstanding success as a skater. He is eligible to compete in America if he can raise the funds to travel to the competition. Rome’s family is running a raffle and tickets can be purchased through the school office at a cost of $5 each. The prize is a fabulous skateboard – a LifeBlood ProModel deck.

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**Headlice ALERT!!!!**

Could all parents please be vigilant in checking their children’s hair for headlice and treat accordingly.
Principal’s Update
Week 4, Term 1

Farewell to Mr Marsh
Thank you so much to all of the families who attended our farewell assembly for Mr Marsh on Wednesday. We all enjoyed hearing from the students and every class mentioned his kindness, his hard work, and his contribution to our school environment. It was also clear that his work is highly valued by the P&C. Mr Marsh, you will certainly be very much missed.

Working Bee
A reminder that our working bee will take place on Sunday, 1st March from 8am. We look forward to seeing you there. All community members are welcome, so if you have a spare family member or neighbour hanging around, feel free to bribe them to come along! We would really appreciate it if you could indicate whether you are able to attend by phoning, emailing or dropping in to the school to let us know. This will enable us to plan for an efficient use of the time we have available. Thank you.

Interest Groups
Our interest groups will start next Friday afternoon. Thank you very much to the many volunteers who have put their hand up to run a group. It looks like it is going to be a varied and exciting program. The students will make their choices on Monday and I will be in touch with the volunteers on Monday afternoon to finalise arrangements and group sizes.

Young Leaders Day
Our student leadership team will travel to Sydney for the Young Leaders Day on Monday 23rd March. Thank you very much to Mrs Paterson who has found a bus that will transport us from school. This will kick start our leadership program and there are a number of outstanding speakers who will present on the day.

Absences
There has recently been a change in the way that absences are recorded by the school system. I am no longer able to grant an exemption for family holidays. This may have a significant impact on the absence data that will show on our Annual School Report next year. We hope that you can consider this when planning family holidays in the future.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Sarah-Jane Hazell

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Kids In The Community
On 14 & 15th February Jesse & Emily Tindall competed in the Regional Little Athletics competition at the Glendale Sports Centre. Emily competed in 4 events obtaining Bronze in the 70metre sprint. Jesse competed in 3 events coming 4th in Shot Put. Well done!

Congratulations
Congratulations to Jarrod Homan, Ella Paterson and Marnie Stuckings who represented Paterson Public School at the Maitland Zone Tennis Trials.

What I love about Paterson Public School
It’s got good rules and its fun!
by
Kalem Rackley
Year 3
## Assembly Awards

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| Kindergarten  | Maddison Hicks  
Excellent work in art. | Nicholas Wright  
Excellent work with his sounds. |
| Year 1        | Gabriel Williams  
For excellent reading in class. | Chloe Leadley  
For being a responsible student and worker. |
| Year 2        | Jett Saxby  
Working hard to present neat work | Cameron Wright  
Giving 100% in every lesson. |
| Class 3/4     | Emily Tindall  
Always listening and ready to learn | Joslyn Paterson  
Always looking out for and helping her peers. |
| Class 5/6     | Gemmah Lee  
Enthusiasm in PE. | Jakson Smith  
Improved effort in Mathematics. |

### Principal’s Award

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| Kindergarten  | Name: Alice Kerr  
Reason: Enthusiasm in all activities. |
| Year 1        | Name: Zac Mulhearn  
Reason: For a positive attitude and a great effort with his Literacy work. |
| Year 2        | Name: Annabel Baker  
Reason: a positive attitude to learning. |
| Year 3/4      | Name: Rafael Williams  
Reason: outstanding effort and attitude in T-ball  
Name: Louis Presland  
Reason: persistence and achievement with the split strategy in maths |
| Year 5/6      | Name: Macey Gilbert  
Reason: An organised and responsible member of Paterson Public School.  
Name: Jake Bungay  
Reason: |

**Captain’s Award goes to -**

Amelia Norris for doing a great job ringing the bell.
You’re invited to Doug the Reading Bug’s
Kingdom of Books - Book Fair
Books for sale from
Tues. 3rd March to Friday 6th March at Community Centre, 103 Dowling St, between 2.30 and 3.30 each day.
Book Fair will launch with a Book party on Tuesday 3rd March at 1.30 at the Community Centre with Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Stories & Craft.
All proceeds go to Doug the Reading Bug’s ‘Born to Read Program’

Wanted For Interest Groups
Small to medium sized smooth river stones, decorative / coloured gravel, small outdoor ornaments eg: fairies, gnomes (aquarium ornaments would be ideal), terracotta or ceramic pots - damaged or intact - we will be using the pieces that have broken off as well, babies tears or any other low growing ground cover plant and succulent plants any variety.

Maitland Saints
JUNIOR AFL CLUB
Max McMahon Oval, Rutherford
2015 Registration Date
Sunday 22nd February 10am-2pm
@ Max McMahon Oval
NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years
$75 (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
Juniors - 8 Years to 17 Years
U9s / $120 (includes shorts & socks)
U11s-U17s / $150 (includes shorts & socks)
Youth Girls - 13 Years to 16 Years
U16s / $60 (includes Shorts & Socks)
Register on-line at www.maitlandsaints.org.au
For further information please contact Greg Davies on 0419 333 491

Canteen Report
We had our first meal deal yesterday and a big thank you to Sarah-Jane Gerada and Kate Mulhearn for helping out. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their chicken burgers. Some ice blocks may have been a little soft and I apologise for this as we had a bit of a freezer issue.

We are still applying trial and error to the new lunch and recess times in the canteen and thank the volunteers for doing such a great job.

Kind regards,
Amy Merchant