Principal’s Update: Week 5, Term 1

Working Bee
A reminder that our working bee will take place this 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 start today. It looks like it will be great fun with students being involved in science, gardening, art and craft, golf, and learning some of the French language. We will run a five week program each term, so if you were not able to be involved this term but have an idea for a group for the future, please let us know.

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival last Friday was an outstanding success. Many thanks to Mr Lowrey for the work that he put in to running it so efficiently. It was very exciting to see every student trying their best and I was particularly proud of the year two students at their first carnival. Congratulations to the zone team who represented us on Tuesday. Keely Kerr had a very successful day and was awarded senior girl champion of Maitland Zone. Keely, Kiara Merchant, Jarrod Homan and Jesse Tindall will represent the zone at the upcoming regional carnival. It certainly is a sign that we love our sport at PPS when a small school sends such a large team to zone and regional events.

Cross Country
Our school cross country event will take place on Wednesday, 11th March around the school grounds. What a great opportunity for mums and dads to strap on the joggers and train with their kids.

Environmental Program
Next week we will welcome some feathered friends to our school. Many thanks to Mr Watts for his help in organising this part of our environmental program. Our environmental leaders are organising a food scraps collection process to help with feeding, and to start building our compost heap.

Tocal Senior Citizens
On Monday, 16th March, our students will perform for senior citizens from around the region at an event at Tocal Hall to mark Senior Citizens Week. A bus will pick the students up from school, and they will be provided with a BBQ lunch. Individual class notes will come home next week to explain the class item and any costuming needs. Senior Community members are very welcome to attend, tickets will cost $10 and are available by phoning Doug Gibson on 49641884.

Assembly Time
Please note that our assembly time will go back to normal next week, and will start at 2.15pm

School Photos
Our school photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 1st April. Students should be in full summer uniform on the day, including black shoes. If you need any items of uniform before then, now would be a great time to make sure that we have them in stock or allow time to order it in.

Regards,
Sarah-Jane Hazell

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.

Show Success
At this years Maitland Show, Emily Ferris made entries for the Junior U/10 Homecraft and U/10 Cookery sections. Emily won 1st and 2nd prize for two of her artworks, and 1st prize for her plate of six iced patty cakes.
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Kids In The Community
Update on Emily Tindall
Emily has just been informed that she has qualified for State Championship in 70 and 100 metre sprint. She will compete on 21st and 22nd March.
Good luck

Dungog Sorry Day
On Wednesday 25th of February Year 5/6 and the Indigenous students of our school went to Dungog for the Sorry Day event. Once we arrived we found out what Sorry Day actually meant and we listened to some real life stories about two ladies being separated from their family as soon as they were born. They were a part of the stolen generation. After they finished the introduction we got split up into groups to do some activities including storytelling, painting and dancing. We all had a great day and lots of fun and we also enjoyed seeing our old mates from 2014.
by Macey Gilbert and Keely Kerr

Paterson SRC News
Congratulations to our newly elected Student Representative Council for Semester One, 2015 comprising of Chloe L, Riley K, Rome C, Kain L, Marnie S and Gemmah L. At next Wednesday’s assembly, (4 March), students will be given their badges.

The first charity that students have chosen to support is “The SCIC Cochlear Implant program” run by SCIC Newcastle. This program raises funds to help people receive a cochlear implant if they can’t hear well. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and can wear mufti clothes on THURSDAY 5 MARCH.

Cattle Judging at Maitland Show
Last Friday 20th February, Paterson Public School’s Cattle Judging team competed at the Maitland Show. Lucy Huntriss placed 2nd whilst Dylan Watts placed 4th. Thank you to the P & C who provided the white stewards jackets for all competitors. Good luck to the Cattle Judging team at the Newcastle Show.

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Zone Swimming Carnival

On the 24/2/15 twelve students from Paterson Public School competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Keely Kerr received the senior girls champion as well as qualifying for regional in 50 metre freestyle. Jesse Tindall, Kiara Merchant and Jarrod Homan also made it to Regional for 50 metre freestyle. The rest of the zone team did their best and swam well.

By Jesse Tindall and Jarrod Homan
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.

Canteen Report
I again thank everyone for being so patient as we try to
work out the best way to work the canteen in line with
the new lunch/recess structure. Also with the current
freezer issues. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we
will have the new freezer installed.

If the new lunch/recess structure continues after this
term the canteen will have to look at some restructuring
with the menu (possible deleting of some products) and
the ordering process to make this the most efficient
process to ensure that lunch orders are ready on time. I
propose to set a date in the next couple of weeks to have
a meeting with the canteen volunteers and anyone who is
interested in providing some help to work out the best
way to move forward with the canteen for the rest of the
year.

In the meantime, can parents please remind their
children of a morning if they have a lunch order to make
sure they put their lunch order in the yellow box first
thing in the morning to ensure that all lunch orders are
received at the canteen as quickly as possible. We thank
you for your assistance with this.

Regards, Amy

Doug the Reading Bug says
“ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”
Read a book today!!

Literacy has many benefits for children,
families, communities and society as a whole
(ABS, 2006).
High levels of literacy have been linked to:
1. Increased academic success
2. Increased occupational success
3. Increased self esteem and motivation to
   learn
4. Participation in and a commitment to
   education
5. Socially acceptable behaviour
6. Positive regard for one’s abilities and
   prospects leading to empowerment.

Seniors Week 2015
Senior Week celebrations will be held from
16th March to 22nd March.
All Seniors are most welcome to take part.

On Monday 16th March a concert will be held at Tocal.

Morning tea and lunch, and a concert by
Paterson Public School children.
Tickets cost $10 each and must be purchased by
10th March for catering purposes.
Tickets are available from:
Barbara Everleigh 4933 4228
Doug Gibson 4964 1884
Janette Hamilton 4932 3936
Ticket bookings are a must for catering purposes.

Farewell Mr Marsh
On Wednesday 25th February Mr Marsh our very
loveable General Assistant retired after 16 years
of service. We would like to take this opportunity
to wish him well in his retirement.