Term One in Year Two

It’s hard to believe that we are past half way through term already. We are working very well together, with every single student trying very hard to improve in every area. So far this term we have learnt to make sure all of our sentences have capitals and full stops, and how to use interesting adjectives to make our sentences more fun to read. Some of the adjectives we have discovered are very impressive, for example furious, magical, invisible, and ferocious.

We have started to read a book called ‘The Magic Finger’, which my year two class from last year might remember. We have also improved the skills we need to deliver a quality speech to an audience, planting our feet in concrete, keeping our shoulders open, making eye contact around the room, and using a big breath to push our voice to the back of the room.

In maths we have learnt a lot about place value and now understand that numbers are made up of digits that have different value. We have learnt to round numbers to the nearest ten and one hundred, and how to show that one number is bigger than another using the < and > symbols. We have learnt a number of ways to add numbers together and have just started working on subtraction.

In science, we have been learning about forces in our unit on ‘Push and Pull’, and have started to make predictions and carry out experiments to test those predictions.

In PE, our running skills have shown huge improvement as we have learnt to move our arms and legs efficiently and keep our head and torso straight. Our work in visual arts has been a lot of fun and we have produced a class artwork using spirals, and we are currently finishing off an Andy Warhol style digital self portrait with watercolour wash.

I’m sure word of our outstanding performance at assembly will have spread far and wide by now, and you will have heard that we wowed the audience with a very energetic dance to the Gnarls Barkley song ‘Run’.

Many of our class members also competed at their very first swimming carnival earlier in the term and I was very proud of their efforts. Looking back on everything we have done so far, it’s no wonder I’m so tired! We are looking forward to more learning and fun for the rest of the year.

Ms Hazell

What I love about Paterson Public School

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by
Sally Watson

Helpers Needed

If there are any parents that are willing to help marshal the Cross Country on Wednesday 11th March from 9.00am to 11.00am could you please either see Mr Lowrey or leave a message at the office.
**Swimming Success!**

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who attended the regional swimming carnival yesterday. It was exciting to hear that Kiara Merchant won her event, the 50m freestyle and qualified to compete at the state carnival. A community member from outside the school commented to me that it is amazing how successful our students are in sport at a very high level, considering the size of our school. We try to offer students every opportunity to participate in a wide range of sport and we appreciate the support of our parents in providing these opportunities.

**Out and About**

All the very best wishes to our cattle judging team who are competing at Newcastle Show today, and to our touch football team who are attending a gala day today.

**Working Bee**

It was a very warm day for our working bee last Sunday, but a lot was achieved in a very short time. The man and woman power was impressive and we removed a number of trees, both large and small, dug up and re-planted trees and shrubs, thinned and trimmed the agapanthus and marked and dug out a path. The next phase of the plan is to move the flag pole to the end of the path, fill it with gravel, and add some plants. Stay tuned for the next work date.

Thank you to Zoltan Lyall, John McNally, Linda Lowndes, Charlotte McNally, Andrew Parish, Becky Parish, Emma Parish, Michael Taylor, Jo Blanden, Bridget Taylor, Phil Chapman, Annabelle Chapman, Kate Mitchell, Louis Williams, Elena Williams, Gabriel Williams, Miss Authers, John Hazell and Darcy Hazell for donating their time and energy to making our school a better place.

**Interest Groups**

Thank you very much to our community volunteers who are helping with interest groups. Our students had a wonderful time gardening, sewing, golfing, experimenting, and speaking French. If you have an idea for interest groups next term we would love to hear it.

**Cross Country**

This week, we have been training for the cross country carnival. All students have had an opportunity to walk the course, and we have had two practice runs. I am very impressed with the determination of our runners, particularly the kindergarten students. We will continue our training next week and then our carnival will take place on Wednesday, 11th March at 9am.

** Feathered Friends**

As you have probably heard, our chooks have arrived and are enjoying life in the playground. We have a mixture of Lohmanns and Hyline chickens who are still maturing but are not too far away from laying. We are currently working out the right number of chickens for the space we have. Our students are separating their food scraps at lunch time and they are fed to the chooks after recess every day, which not only keeps them growing but reduces our garbage. Once they are settled, we intend to let them out into the playground for some time each day and when they start laying we will be selling our eggs. If you could save your egg cartons at home, it would be much appreciated. We will let you know when we need them.

**Attendance**

Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet about new attendance regulations. I mentioned last week that one change is that families can no longer apply for an exemption for holidays. Another issue that attracts attention is regular late arrivals. If your child is late for school by ten minutes every day, they will lose approximately one day of learning each term. We are available with suggestions and support if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time, please feel free to make an appointment to discuss this with me.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sarah-Jane Hazell

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**Kids In The Community**

Kiara Merchant went to State last year for the first time as an 8 year old in 50m freestyle and was seeded 22nd. She raced in her heat and did a personal best of 42.20 but did not make the final. She left being seeded 17th in the State.

This year Kiara swam at the Zone competition at Maitland pool coming 2nd with a time of 41.21. This put her in lane 7 at Regionals. She swam an awesome race at Regionals finishing first smashing her personal best with a swim of 37.35. She will now go to state to represent the Hunter on 25 March.

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**Community News**

Could all articles for the Community News box please be sent to the school either by email or in person by Thursday of each week.

Email your article to paterson-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Many thanks

Ruth
## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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## Care Award Winners

**Early Stage 1** - Archer Welsh & Merrin Paterson  
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Reason: Fantastic practical number work. |
| **Year 1** | Name: Emma Parish  
Reason: For a positive attitude towards learning and for beautiful manners. |
| **Year 2** | Name: Hayden Merchant  
Reason: Dedication to mathematics. |
| **Year 3/4** | Name: Dylan Watts  
Reason: outstanding participation and enthusiasm across all subject areas  
Name: Audrey Toews  
Reason: consistently being a respectful and positive learner. |
| **Year 5/6** | Name: Max Speelman  
Reason: Enthusiasm and confidence with fractions. |

**Captains Award goes to:**  
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**BOOK CLUB due back Friday 13th March**

**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.