Principal’s Update: Week 7, Term 1

Term 2 Class Structure
Early this week I sent home a note about the new class structure to begin in term 2. We had a large group of people attend the information session about this and I have had a number of meetings with families to discuss the implications. I would like to thank our community for their understanding, and asking great questions. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the new structure please feel free to make an appointment to see me. Next week we will start to give the students some time in their new classes or with their new teachers to begin the transition process.

Out and About
Huge congratulations are due to our cattle team who not only won a number of individual ribbons, but also won ‘Most Successful Primary School’ and ‘Best Presented Primary School’ at Newcastle show last week. I must once again acknowledge the huge amount of work that Mark Watts and his family have put in to this program. The team is competing at Gresford Show today. Our touch football team was also successful last Friday, winning four out of four games at the gala day in Dungog.

The Chickens and the Eggs
Our feathered friends are obviously happy and healthy and thriving on our food scraps, as they started laying this week, slightly earlier than expected. We have held a silent auction for the first PPS half dozen, and the winner will be announced today. We have registered as a food producer and our eggs will be for sale each Friday, or by order through the office. The environmental leaders will meet early next week to decide on a price.

Senior Citizens Week
Our students will travel to Tocal Hall next Monday to perform for senior citizens from around the community. The permission note went home last week with more details. Please return the note to school on Monday morning if you have not already done so.

Cross Country
Our cross country carnival was a great success, with some very impressive times and a huge effort from everyone. There was a lovely atmosphere and one parent commented to me that there was wonderful sportsmanship on the course, with students encouraging each other to finish. The top four placegetters in each age group from 8’s and over will represent our school on Friday 27th March at Tocal College. A note will come home to those students next week.

Veggie Bedgie
Thank you very much to Mr Lyall who has volunteered his time and some donated materials to begin work on our vegetable garden area. Thanks to Quinn Treloyn, it will be called the ‘Veggie Bedgie’. It looks like we will be planting some autumn/winter vegetables next term. If you are able to access any soil or other materials to contribute to this program, we would love to hear from you.

Equestrian Team
The first local Horse Sports event will take place in May at Singleton. If your child is interested in joining the PPS Equestrian Team, please let me know either by telephoning or leaving a note at the office. In order to compete in a horse sports event, students must be turning 8 by the end of this year, be able to ride independently, either own their own horse or have a lease on a horse, and have a parent who is willing and able to transport them to horse sports events. Please let me know if your child is interested in competing no later than Friday, 20th March.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Sarah-Jane Hazell

What I love about Paterson Public School
I love all the beautiful smiling faces of everyone at Paterson Public School.
by
Mrs Davies
Attention Kindergarten Parents

On Wednesday 18th March the Maitland Mercury will have a photo of Kindergarten 2015 students. Cost is $1.20. Available at your newsagent.

ICAS Competition

Last week your child received an ICAS Competition entry form. If you wish for your child to be entered in this competition all entries and money must be in by Monday 24th March 2015. No late entries will be accepted.

Hunter Sports High School

Applications for Year 6 students are now available from the Hunter Sports High Schools website: www.huntersports.com.au.

Application for 2016 close on 1st May, 2015.

Best school at Newcastle Show

Cross Country

Community News

Rome is off to Melbourne!

Next week Rome Collyer in year 3 will be going to Melbourne to compete in the Bowl Riot, an Australian Bowl-riding championship for skaters under the age of 16. This is the first time this competition will be held at St Kilda Park and is being coordinated by Pro Skater Renton Millar.

Rome will have to do a range of tricks in a giant bowl to earn points. We wish him all the best for this competition and can’t wait to hear from him when he gets back! Good Luck Rome!

CanTeen Notice

There will be NO canteen on Monday 16th March due to the Senior Citizen performance at Tocal. Please make sure you pack recess for your child.

Reminder for All Parents

This coming Monday is our P&C AGM. The P&C exists for the benefit of the school and all of its students and raises over $14000 per year. All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. If you can only spare a small amount of time, there could be positions suited to you. Please come along and be part of the decision making process.

Mark Cant
Secretary

PPS P&C.
GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held: 16th February 2015  Meeting opened: 7.15pm

Attendance: John Krick, Eleisha Jackson, Carla Parish, Sally Halliday, Kerri Hicks, Sarah-Jane Hazell, Amy Merchant, Zoltan Lyall, Robert Tremethick

Apologies: David Perrott, Linda Lowndes, Michelle Toews, Karen Oldfield

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as true and correct

Moved by: Carla Parish  Seconded by: Mark Watts

Business arising from minutes:  - Paterson to Vacy bus is up and running.  - Chicken run purchased.

Correspondence:  nil

Reports:  President - no report  School Council - no report

Principal - 2015 started with 5 classes. We are currently below expectations and therefore restructure is being planned. Annual School Report and School Strategic Plan should have draft completed soon. Environmental program is progressing. Activities include: remembrance garden, vegetable garden, chickens, cattle handling and judging, composting and activities at Tocal. Choir and a K-2 music program are running each Monday. Starstruck and Musica Viva planned for 2015. Numerous PSSA teams for 2015 and plans to run joint athletics and swimming carnivals with Vacy Public School in the future. Stage 2 to have an overnight excursion to Sydney and Stage 3 to spend 3 nights in Canberra in 2015. Staff to take on more leadership roles in 2015. Mr Marsh to retire - position to be filled later in the year. Successful attainment of Gifted and Talented (GATS) program grant within the Dungog Learning Community. Convene a uniform panel to discuss possible changes to uniform.

Treasurer - no report

Canteen - New freezer supplied by Peters for ice creams. Existing chest freezer to be replaced. Purchase of replacement - Moved Amy Merchant, Seconded Carla Parish. Canteen to continue operating 3 days per week.

Uniform Committee - no report

Grounds Committee - no report

Tocal Committee - Committee to meet soon.

General Business:  Possible raffle stall on election day.

Meeting Closed: 8.15pm

Next Meeting:  16th March 2015
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CHRISM MASS
SAVED SACRED HEART
CATHEDRAL
HAMILTON
7:00pm TUESDAY
31st March

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Glencoe Towns
Sunday 15th Mar 7:00pm
(before Mass)

Dungog
Tuesday 17th Mar 7:00pm

Rutherford
Wednesday 18th Mar 7:00pm

Bellerive
Thursday 19th Mar 7:00pm

Lachlan
Tuesday 24th Mar 7:00pm

Gresford
Wednesday 25th Mar 6:30am
(followed by Mass)

Largs
Wednesday 25th Mar 7:00pm

East Maitland
Thursday 26th Mar 7:00pm

Please tell your friends
and relatives,
everyone welcome!

HOLY THURSDAY
2nd April
MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER
St Helen’s Gresford 5.30pm
St Mary’s Dungog 7.00pm
St Joseph’s East Maitland 7.00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Berrisfield 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 7.00pm
Evening prayer 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
3rd April
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Our Lady of Lourdes Berrisfield 10.00am
St Columba’s Paterson 10.00am
Immaculate Conception Merpeth 10.00am
St Mary’s Dungog 10.00am
St Joseph’s East Maitland 10.00am
St Paul’s Rutherford 10.00am
Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 10.00am
St Patrick’s Clarence Town 10.00am
St Helen’s Gresford 10.00am
# Denote outdoor youth dramatisation

The Passion of the Lord
Our Lady of Lourdes Berrisfield 3.00pm
Immaculate Conception Merpeth 3.00pm
St Joseph’s East Maitland 3.00pm
St Paul’s Rutherford 3.00pm
St Mary’s Dungog 3.00pm
Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 3.00pm
Holy Family Largs 3.00pm
St Patrick’s Clarence Town 3.00pm
St Helen’s Gresford 3.00pm
* Denotes clergy in attendance

Holy Saturday
4th April
Prayer of the Church (morning prayer)
St Joseph’s East Maitland 5:00am

Easter Vigil
St Joseph’s East Maitland 7.00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Berrisfield 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 7.00pm
St Mary’s Dungog 7.00pm

Easter Sunday
5th April
Ecumenical Easter Service Services Stockdale Hill, East Maitland 8.00am
Immaculate Conception Merpeth 8.15am
St Patrick’s Clarence Town 8.00am
St Paul’s Rutherford 8.00am
Holy Family Largs 8.20am
St Joseph’s East Maitland 8.35am
St Patrick’s Lachlan 9.30am
St Columba’s Paterson 9.30am
St Helen’s Gresford 10.00am

NO EVENING MASS EAST MAITLAND

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Learn about another
culture, learn a new
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Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information

TRASH & TREASURE MARKET!
ELECTION WEEKEND SATURDAY MAR 28

Have you realised in the recent Council pick up that you have things you could sell?

We invite you to donate them to the GRESFORD MOBILE PRESCHOOL Trash and Treasure Market at the Gresford School of Arts Hall
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE PRESCHOOL

To donate your treasures please call Cath on tel. 6577-6118

The ‘CHANCES’ program has been set up, through the Dungog Shire Community Centre, to give children an opportunity to participate in sport, dance & music.

We are asking for donations of old tennis racquets, football boots, ballet shoes, balls, musical instruments, sports uniforms etc. If you can help out please leave your donation in the grey bucket in the front foyer of the school’s office. Thank you.

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Canteen News
With today’s newsletter there will be an order form for our Thickshake Day which is being held on Thursday 26th March at a cost of $2.00 each.

All orders need to be returned to the office by Friday 20th March 2015.

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Easter Services - Chisholm Pastoral Region 2015

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