1/2 News Flash

Term 1 has been an exciting and busy term. This term we have been working hard in class and settling in. Students have been working well in Numeracy and Literacy lessons.

There have been some awesome story writing and recounts on the swimming carnival and water fun day. Students have been eager to participate in science activities on Light and Sound and reading groups.

1/2 enjoy looking after the chickens, fitness, computers dancing and sport.

Every day is a wonderful day with 1/2!!

Regards Miss Potter

Zone Swimming Carnival Report

Well done to those students who participated in the Maitland Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. All students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship.

A big congratulations goes to Kiara Merchant for qualifying for the regional swimming carnival in 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and 200m IM. Kiara also received Junior Girl Champion on the day. Well done team.

Maitland Show Success

Emily Ferris (Yr 2) had success this year in the Home Crafts and Art sections of Maitland Show. Emily received the Most Successful U/10 Exhibitor, and Best U/10 Exhibit along with first prize for her Junior iced cupcakes and a range of other prizes. Well done Emily!
**Principal’s Report ~ Week 6**

**Young Leaders Day**
Today our student leaders are in Sydney with Mr Lowrey at the National Young Leaders Day. They will hear from a range of speakers and be involved in activities that will help them to consider their role as leaders in our school. Many thanks to the families of our leaders and to Mr Lowrey for their support in giving them the opportunity to participate, with a very early start this morning.

**Art Gallery Excursion**
Our excursion to the Maitland Regional Art Gallery is coming up on Friday, 11th March. Please return notes and money to school by this Friday, 5th March.

**Contacting the School Office**
In a small school staff members often undertake many roles throughout the day. There are times when our office is unattended and we may not be able to answer the telephone immediately. Please leave a message and we will get back to you at the first possible opportunity. Mrs Compton will be taking long service leave from Monday, 7th March to Friday 11th March. Therefore there will be times during next week that the office will be unattended and responding to enquiries may be delayed. Thank you very much for your patience.

**Gresford Show Entries**
In visual arts last week, all classes participated in lessons in photography. I was very impressed with the quality of the work that the students produced, and I would like to enter the work of all students in years 3-6 in the photography classes at the Gresford Show. The school will cover the entry fee. Your child will be identified as the artist with their full name on display. If you do not wish your child's work to be entered, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Art Supplies**
It would be much appreciated if you could send in any clean Styrofoam trays that you may have for an art activity.

**Online Payments**
A reminder that you can make payments to the school online at any time. Just click on the Westpac tab on our school website and it takes you through the process step by step. It is a convenient and easy way to pay, as we do not carry much change at school. If you do pay with cash, please ensure that you have the correct change and clearly label an envelope containing the cash with your child’s name, the activity that you are paying for, and the amount included. There are times when we have money coming in for a range of different things and it can be very difficult to keep track of which money if it is not correctly labelled.

**Afternoon Pickup**
Those parents who have children attending Paterson Community Pre-School will know that older siblings are not able to enter the pre-school in the afternoons after school without a supervising adult. In order to ensure safety, we are very happy for our students to wait at school for their parent to pick up younger siblings rather than having them wait at the front of the pre-school.

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**ICAS Competition 2016**

Today children received an ICAS entry form for 2016. These are voluntary competitions that are held annually. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program. The assessments comprise of Digital Technologies, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing tests. Please note that all entries and fees must be returned to school by Friday, 18th March, 2016.
**Assembly Awards**

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<td>Tony Conn for working hard on his sounds</td>
<td>Lukin Crouch for enthusiasm for learning.</td>
<td>Tess Coleman for being organised in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Drew Saxby for terrific effort with his Literacy and Numeracy.</td>
<td>Xavier Krick for great speech on angler fish.</td>
<td>Paige Key for being a lovely new student.</td>
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<td>Class 3/4</td>
<td>Charlie Cant for an amazing result in his handwriting assessment.</td>
<td>Becky Parish for always doing her best at everything she does.</td>
<td>Norrington Herbert for settling in well at his new school.</td>
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<td>Class 4/5/6</td>
<td>Emily Tindall for having a great work ethic.</td>
<td>Dylan Watts for a thorough understanding in Maths</td>
<td>Rafael Williams for a consistent effort in all areas.</td>
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**Bus Awards**

Tess Coleman & Ava Bryne

**Term 1 Week 5**

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<td>Chloe Leadley for great dancing and for always doing her best.</td>
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<td>Benjamin Gilbert for being a wonderful encourager and positive influence.</td>
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<td>Zo Hatchman for outstanding behaviour and attitude with all tasks.</td>
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**Captain’s Award:** Kiara Merchant for great results at Zone Swimming.
Hey you Mob!

Are you hearing about NDIS but don’t know what it’s about??
Come along and yarn with someone who works within the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).
Ask the questions that you’ve been thinking.

Who should come?
Are you a person with a disability and aged under 64 years?
Or do you know a family member or friend?
Do you live in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri or Maitland area?
Come along and get all the info about why you might like to register for the NDIS, how you do that and what happens next...

Wednesday 2nd March 2016
10am till 2pm
Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre
76 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri
4937 1094

FREE BBQ!!

Canteen News
Just a reminder that we are on facebook “Paterson Public School P & C Canteen”. If you have any questions about the canteen or its products do not hesitate to contact me on 0428 641 427 or email me amymerchant@bigpond.com

We have just run the ordering of recess for a few weeks and it seems to be going well. Please remember to clearly mark your bags as recess and lunch. There will be no hot food prepared at recess now.

Please check the prices of your orders as a new price list /menu went out at the start of the year. If you did not get one please see the school office for a new one or look on our facebook page.

Regards, Amy Merchant, Canteen Supervisor

Term 1

Paterson School of Arts Hall
Rhee Tae Kwon Do
Paterson
Duke Street Paterson
Tuesday nights 6pm-7pm
Contact instructor Annie 0403334191

The Chances program offers educational, physical and social value to a child’s life and wellbeing. This initiative has been designed to cater for children aged 3yrs -18yrs.

Goal: To provide children in the Dungog Shire with the opportunity to be involved in a sport, a dance activity or a musical lesson of their choice.

Aim: To give children opportunities to gain confidence in self esteem, self worth, skill development and to be inclusive with their peers.

How does it work? DSC can offer payment for a child’s registration or lessons for sporting activities, dance/music & access to related equipment.

There are donation boxes around the shire at preschools, primary schools, Dungog High School, IGA,DSC & the Op Shop to collect equipment e.g. Football boots, tennis racquets, ballet shoes and instruments to support this program.

How can we get assistance? Please contact: Dungog Shire Community Centre on 4992 1133 to arrange an appointment or drop in to 103 Dowling St Dungog Tuesday from 9-11.00am.

An interview will be conducted and your child’s needs & interests will be discussed.

A basket has been placed in the foyer at our school to collect donations of equipment: eg. footy boots, uniform, rackets, new or used items will be collected by the CHANCES coordinator. The DSCC is a Public Benefit Institution (PBI) and has Tax Deductible Gift Recipient status (DGR), which means every donation over $2 is tax deductible.

School Collection is the 4th Friday of the month.

2016 Registration
All playing abilities are welcome!
Net Set Go (5-10 years) $120./ Juniors (11-17years) $135 /Seniors (18+years) $160

For more information please ring Jess on 0497498 654 or contact us at Facebook Paterson River Netball Club