Class 3/4 News

We have had a lovely start to term one, with Year Three moving from infants into primary mode smoothly. We have all been learning time management skills, more independent work skills and improving work presentation through focussing on editing and handwriting.

We participate in a lot of group work in our class – we are organised into reading groups appropriate for each of us, we write maths examples of the topic we are looking at for our pair, we do science experiments with peers in the afternoons and we often do friendship activities together in Personal development. We have been very busy learning, viewing, listening, responding and reflecting about our work.

We are also learning to respect each other’s views and abilities and there have been some encouraging comments heard in the classroom about friends. This is shown particularly on the sporting field where as a class we have increased our running skills (in daily P.E.); and soccer skills every Friday by playing soccer.

In history, we have been learning about Australia, and so we enjoyed presenting our item “Give me a home amongst the Gumtrees” by John Williamson for you and we will be presenting this item again for the Senior Citizens concert at Tocal at the end of term.

Mrs. Halliday
Gresford Show Success
Liam Tremethick had outstanding results winning a first prize in the photography section and then went onto win the overall under 18’s Photo Champion. Well done Liam!

Paterson PS cattle judging team excelled at the Gresford show on Friday. Dylan Watts won the Champion Junior Judging, he also came first in primary parade with Kieran following a close second and Becky Parish following with third place. All of the cattle judging team performed well in their heats.

Art Gallery Excursion
We had a wonderful day on Friday at the excursion to Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Every single student was an outstanding representative of our school in the community. The art tutors commented on how quiet and focused they were. We enjoyed a tour of the gallery and the work of children’s illustrator Shaun Tan was a particular favourite, and there were some amazing works of art produced by our students that were inspired by some of the artists shown in the gallery. Each Sunday, MRAG runs ‘free art Sunday’. You can drop in with your kids at any time between 11 and 1 and they can participate in art activities.

Afternoon Lines
Following some discussion on the safest and easiest way to have children exit the school in the afternoon, and to ensure that all messages are heard by all students, we ask that all parents who are waiting to collect their children stand at a point behind the assembly lines. We need to ensure that all children exit the school safely, and we thank you for your support in this area.

Library Borrowing
Thank you very much to Sarah Lloyd and Kerrie Hicks for their help in covering some of our library books last week. It turns out that there was a slightly bigger pile than expected so there are still some left to cover if anyone is available. The books were shown to the students last week and were very popular – almost all of them were borrowed immediately. Don’t forget that each class is competing for the title of term 1 ‘Best Borrowers’. It would help if you could check that your child has their library bag on the correct day and encourage them to borrow.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment
Kindergarten families will remember that at the beginning of the year, each child took part in a Best Start Assessment. The assessment reports have been sent home today. Please check your kindergarten child’s bag and if the report did not make it home for any reason, please contact the office as soon as possible.

NAPLAN 2016
The NAPLAN test for all students in year 3 and year 5 will take place in May. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Online Payments
Thank you to the many families who have been using our online payment system. Please note that the P&C money is a separate account therefore all fundraising by the P&C including canteen and uniform sales **CAN NOT** be made online to the school account. All **school** permission notes will now come home with a space for you to note your receipt number from online payments so that we can easily match notes with payment.
**National Day of Action against Bullying**

On Friday 18th March 2016, Paterson Public School will be participating in Anti-Bullying activities.

The theme is “Bullying, No Way!” take a stand together.

Students will participate in a range of activities including producing posters, comics, songs and drama activities. Your child will come home with a ‘band’ that reminds them of the anti-bullying message and it would help to reinforce our learning if you discuss the day’s activities at home.

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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<td>Archie Gillespie for a positive attitude to all school activities</td>
<td>Graciela Graham for doing her best in all work.</td>
<td>Darcy Fitzgerald for wonderful listening skills.</td>
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<td>Coby Palmowski for improvement with his reading.</td>
<td>Maddison Hicks for trying hard in all areas.</td>
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<td>Riley Watts for trying with his English - particularly handwriting and reading.</td>
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<td>Joslyn Paterson for excellent contributions to all class activities.</td>
<td>Marnie Stuckings for displaying leadership skills.</td>
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**Bus Awards**

Liam Tremethick & Eve Cridland

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**Captains Award:** Indigo Wheatley for being caring and kind in the playground.
**Hat Parade**

It's that time of year again! Time to get out the cardboard, scissors and glue to make a hat for our annual school Hat Parade!

**WHEN:** Thursday, 24th March  
**TIME:** 12.15pm

Remember your child's hat can be based on any theme, it does not have to be an Easter hat.

**Canteen News**

Don't forget our **Thickshake** day Wednesday 23rd March. All orders to be returned to school by Friday 18th March. Please note canteen will run as normal with lunch and recess pre-orders available on the day on separate lunch and recess order bags.

Sent home last week was an order form for **Hot Cross buns**. Please return form and correct money to the office no later than Wednesday 16th March.

**Tocal Field Day** note has gone home. Please consider being a volunteer. The more hands the lighter the load and all money raised goes into helping your child have a better education.

**URGENTLY NEEDED**

**Volunteers for Meals on Wheels in the Paterson area**

Reimbursement available for out of pocket expenses.

If you can help please call 4992 3348

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**AUTUMN KIDS’ CAMPS BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

- New friendships  
- Fun  
- Great value  
- Safe

Our Autumn Kids’ Camps are now open for enrolments via our website. Here, you will find what’s on offer for the autumn school holidays.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for children aged 7 to 16 years and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential camps include:
- 24 hour supervision  
- Activities  
- Accommodation  
- Meals  
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