



Principal's Update Week 8, Term 4

Presentation by Tony Fort

Last Wednesday we were lucky to have an inspiring visit from Tony Fort. Tony has recently completed the Captain's Ride, a 700km, six day bike ride from Mittagong to the Snowy Mountains. The final day's ride included 17km of uninterrupted uphill pedalling! Other riders included Anna Meares, Adam Goodes, and Steve Waugh. He raised over \$10,000 for the Steve Waugh Foundation which provides support for children with rare diseases to improve their quality of life. Tony brought his bike along and spoke about respect, responsibility and resilience and the importance of considering other people, particularly those who face huge challenges in their lives. The students had lots of interesting questions for Tony, and we would like to thank him for giving up his time to share this incredible experience with us.



Presentation Night

Our 2016 presentation night will take place on Tuesday, 6th December commencing at 6.30pm at Tocal Hall. All community members are very welcome.

2017 School Leaders

A reminder that our prospective school leaders for 2017 will deliver their speeches to the school just after 9am on December 1st and everyone is welcome to attend. Voting will take place immediately after, or on the following day for any absent students.

Choir Performances

Congratulations to our senior choir who performed at Benhome and Largs Nursing Home last week. Our students sang beautifully and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Mrs Kirkby for her hard work in preparing the choir, and to the many parents who assisted with transport.

Swimming

Our Learn to Swim program starts today and finishes on Friday, 9th December.

2017 School Dates

Staff return to school on Friday, 27th January for staff development day. Students in years 1-6 return on Monday, 30th January and Kindergarten commence on Wednesday, 1st February.

Semester 2 Student Reports

Barring any unexpected technical difficulties, our semester 2 reports will come home on Friday, December 9th.

Uniform Orders for 2017

As the year draws rapidly to a close, don't forget that uniform orders to prepare for next year can be made in the next few weeks. Order forms are available from the office or our website and are collected each Friday, filled over the weekend and delivered to your child's class on Monday. If you are planning to buy your child a new school bag for next year, please remember that we have our PPS spinal care backpacks available from the office for \$45.

With thanks, Sarah-Jane Hazell

Term 4, Week 8 November 28th, 2016 Coming Events

November

Mon. 28th - 10 days of Learn to swim
Wed. 30th - 4/5/6 Assembly

December

Thurs. 1st- School Leader speeches
Mon. 5th - Evening Interrelate Program Years 3-6
6pm & 7.15pm
Tues. 6th - Presentation night
6.30pm @ Tocal
Tues. 13th - Year 6 Farewell
Wed. 14th - Creative Arts Concert
Frid. 16th - Last day of school.

If anyone would like to billet a couple of friendly chooks over the Christmas school holidays please contact the office on 49385114.



At Paterson Public School

I am Resilient in the office area.



- ♦ I wait patiently and calmly near the office.
- ♦ I stop and think how my actions affect others.
- ♦ I ignore distractions and focus on the job at hand.
- ♦ I move safely and sensibly even when others may not.

Interrelate Program

An Interrelate evening program will be held at Paterson PS Hall on Monday, 5th December.

The first session 6.00-7.00pm: "Where Did I come From" is aimed at children in Years 3 and 4.

The second session at 7.15-8.15pm: "Preparing for Puberty" is aimed at Years 5 and 6.

Cost: \$25 per family for one session and \$30 per family for both sessions.

MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY is excited to announce a bigger and better Summer Reading Club in 2017!

Star Wars Launch

We will be launching Summer Reading Club with a special Star Wars Launch on 1 December at Maitland Library, 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Join us for heroes and villains activities, have your photo taken at our Star Wars Selfie Station. Register for Summer Reading Club and pick up your starter pack.

The first 100 children to register at any Maitland City Library branch on 1 December from 3pm will receive an extra mystery prize.

Summer Reading Club

Runs from 1 December until 31 January. This year's theme is Heroes and Villains. There are many fun activities and great prizes up for grabs, such as movie tickets or book vouchers.

Win extra prizes by completing our *Book Bingo* and *What Happens Next Challenges*.

For more information on the Summer Reading Club and Star Wars Launch, visit our website www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/Library



PATERSON RIVER PONY CLUB

**Sign up day
Sunday 29TH January**

Gresford Showground Pony Club Arena, 8:30am

Bring your pony and all riding gear.

From Beginner to confident – all welcome.

Paperwork can be obtained on the day, or by emailing
patersonriverpc@outlook.com

Interested, but not sure if it's for you.....
Come along and meet the club and have a look at what we can offer.

2017 is promised to be an awesome year. The planner is showing: Trick riding, camp drafting, team penning, show jumping, mounted games, mini camp weekend, dressage, sporting, certificate work, polo x, working equitation and loads of FUN.

Please contact patersonriverpc@outlook.com for any further details.

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2016 Christmas Giving Tree



*It seems only yesterday that we were writing to in
our annual Community Christmas Tree event.*

*Time flies by so fast and each year we are called
increasing number of people enduring economic*

*With this in mind we would like to bring the Dun
by opening up our hearts and if you can donate,
grateful. McElwaine Estate Agents welcome you
140 Dowling Street Dungog and here, you can place your gift under our
tree.*

*Gifts for kids, mums and dads, grandparents are all welcome, we
appreciate every gift donated big or small. We know the Dungog
community are big on support and that is what we love!*

Gifts can be donated until Friday 16th December.

*From our families to yours,
Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New year*

Dungog Community Centre & McElwaine Estate Agents



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