

Kindergarten Are Making A Splash!

Last week, the majority of Kindergarten and swimmers from all other grades began swimming school at East Maitland Pool. They are having a great time and enjoying getting wet to escape from the heat! They are also already showing improvement in their swimming skills and their confidence in the water. We are looking forward to some more great swimming lessons this week.



Term 4, Week 9 December 5th 2016 Coming Events

December

- 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
- Thurs.. 15th -Class parties and PBL reward day
- Frid. 16th - Last day of school.

NOTES SENT HOME

Costume requirements for Creative Arts Performance

If anyone would like to volunteer to feed and water the chooks over the school holidays please phone the school on 49385114 asap. You can volunteer for a a day or a whole week, just let us know what days you would be available by phoning the school.



Interrelate Program Tonight

An Interrelate evening program will be held at Paterson PS Hall tonight Monday, 5th December. If you haven't booked yet you are still welcome to attend and pay at the door.

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.

Principal's Update Week 9, Term 4

Stop Work Meeting

You may have heard that there is a stop work meeting called by the NSW Teacher's Federation on Thursday, 8th December. Paterson Public School will be fully operational and students should start school at the normal time.

Library

Please return all library books this week. It would be much appreciated if you could have a search through those dusty corners of the bedroom to check for any books that might be hiding there.

2017 School Leaders

It was an absolute pleasure to hear from our prospective leaders for 2017 when they addressed the assembly last Thursday. All of our candidates did a wonderful job of persuading the school community that they should be chosen as a student leader next year. Voting took place on Thursday and Friday and positions will be announced at presentation night.

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. It would be much appreciated if you could contribute a plate for supper afterwards.

Ms Hazell on Leave

I will be taking three days leave from Thursday, 8th December and will return to work on Tuesday, 13th December. During that time Mr Lowrey will take the role of relieving principal.

Swimming

Our Learn to Swim program continues this week 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.

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 to prepare for 2017. 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

Assembly Awards ~ Week 8



Term 4 Week 8	Respect	Responsibility	Resilience
Kindergarten	Atlas Hatchman for showing respect in every situation, every day.	Lukin Crouch for being a responsible learner who is excelling in reading and number.	Holly Kidd for showing resilience in her learning.
Year 1/2	Emma Parish for always being respectful and caring towards others.	Natasha Ellanor for being responsible at swim school.	Gabe Williams for being more resilient at school and with swimming lessons.
Class 3/4	Norrington Herbert for being respectful towards all those around him.	Hayden Merchant for demonstrating responsibility by looking after school sports equipment at all P.E times.	Shelby Innes for increased maturity and persistence in the classroom.
Class 4/5/6	Zo Hatchman for respecting school rules	Nate Leadley for carrying out tasks responsibly.	Chelsy Huntriss for having a resilient attitude in challenging times.



Kindergarten	Graciela Graham for better listening and concentration in class.
Class 1/2	Cohen Hallinan for displaying our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.
Class 3/4	Kieran Watts for demonstrating PBL values consistently in the classroom.
Class 4/5/6	Emily Tindall for always willing to lend a hand.

Captain's Award

Rome Collyer for
showing resilience in the classroom.



Uniform Update 2016

The uniform shop has been very busy of late with our new super cute kindy's preparing for 2017 and their launch into school-hood.....

The P&C would like to update parents/carers on the change of our uniform so everyone is aware of what is happening. Our transition period is still in place, which means anyone who has the old uniform can still proudly wear this until the **end of 2018**.

As of 2019 the new uniform will be in place and will consist of the following.....

BOYS - School Navy Polo Shirt	Boys Navy Cargo Short – summer	Navy Cargo Pants – winter unisex	
Navy Jacket	School Bucket Hat	Black Shoes	White socks

* You can purchase shorts, pants & navy jacket outside of the school if you prefer.

GIRLS – School Navy Polo Shirt	Girls Navy Skort	Navy tights for winter under skorts
Navy Cargo Pants – winter unisex	Navy Jacket	School Bucket Hat
Black shoes	White socks	

* You can purchase skorts, pants & navy jacket outside of the school if you prefer.

There is no separate uniform for sports day.

Girls school dress will cease being part of the uniform at the end of 2018. Limited stock in varying sizes is still for sale but no further dresses will be ordered.

We are still working on a new rugby jumper. Finding the right supplier has been tricky and we will keep you posted on dates etc.

Exchange Policy : We are more than happy to exchange any item within a 14 day period. It must be un-worn and in the same condition that it arrived to you in.

All orders are picked up on a Friday afternoon from office and packed on the weekend. These orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on a Monday. If your child is absent the uniform will be in the office.

Correct money is very much appreciated. Change is not available.

All uniforms are sold through the P&C and not the office. Please contact Linda Lowndes with any questions, orders or suggestions you may have on 49385524 or linda_lowndes@bigpond.com

HOLIDAY FUN – MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY

Heroes and Villains

Our heroes and villains themed school holiday activities are sure to catch the imagination of children this January. Kids can create a superhero costume or a comic book, participate in a superhero treasure hunt or quiz, or even be a CSI hero or robotics master in our special workshops by Fizzics Education.

Bookings open mid December at 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 invite you to participate in our annual Community Christmas Tree event.

Time flies by so fast and each year we are called on to assist an increasing number of people enduring economic and social stress.

With this in mind we would like to bring the Dungog community together by opening up our hearts and if you can donate, we would be ever grateful. McElwaine Estate Agents welcome you to their new office at 140 Dowling Street Dungog and here, you can place your gift under their 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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