



Principal's Update Week 2, Term 2

Welcome back to term 2. We have certainly hit the ground running. It is a very busy term and we make every effort to ensure that all information that you will need is provided as early as we can. The newsletter is our major means of communication. Please ensure that if you do not receive a newsletter on Monday, you contact the office to have another copy sent home, or check the school website on Tuesday afternoon where you will find a copy uploaded.

Tocal Field Days

This has been my first year of involvement with the Tocal Field Days fundraising event run by our P&C. I am incredibly impressed by the amount of time and energy invested by so many members of our school community. I had no idea how many hours of person power went into the weekend and on behalf of the school, I would like to offer my deepest thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, cooking skills, and helped in many other ways. I would particularly like to acknowledge the effort of the organising committee, who have taken time away from their employment and have worked tirelessly to run the event. Congratulations, and we hope that you know how much our school benefits from your efforts.

Tocal Excursion

Thank you very much to the volunteers who attended our excursion to Tocal Field Days on Friday. The amount of volunteers that we had assisting us meant that our students could move in small groups and have time to participate in the activities. The students had a fantastic day learning about bees, marine creatures, farm animals, machinery and environmental issues. They were putting their map reading skills into action as they worked out how to get to their next activity and practised their maths skills as they managed their spending money throughout the day. The students represented our school beautifully with intelligent questions and excellent manners and behaviour. We would like to thank the P&C and volunteers for our delicious sausage sizzle and drink at lunch time.

ANZAC Day Services

It was wonderful to march with so many of our students at the Paterson Dawn Service on ANZAC morning (25 by my count). Thank you to the students and their families who joined our community in remembering those who sacrificed so much for us. Special thanks to Sophie, Marnie and Jake who represented us at the ceremony. I was very proud of the quiet and respectful way that everyone behaved throughout the event. Congratulations PPS. Mr Lowrey and our student leaders also organised a service at school on Thursday and all students had an opportunity to remember our servicemen and women. Thank you very much to Mr John Casey from the Gresford RSL who addressed our school service and answered questions from our students, we appreciate his contribution very much.

Dungog Learning Community School Sports Visits

Our senior students will be participating in a program this term in which they play a series of sports with students from other primary schools in our learning community. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to build relationships with peers that they will meet again in year 7. Mr Lowrey will send home more information and a permission note this week.

Athletics Program

Our Athletics carnival will take place on Friday, June 24th and this term our PE program will focus on building the skills for each of the events. Students will participate in PE lessons on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.45 – 11.15.

Book Fair

On Wednesday, 25th May we will be running a Scholastic Book Fair to celebrate National Family Reading Month. Some of the available books are listed in a brochure attached to the newsletter, but students will have an opportunity to preview the books for sale on Monday, 23rd May and will bring home a 'wish list' with their selections after this preview. Please feel free to visit the library on Monday 23rd from 9am – 11am to browse. There will be books for all ages and interests, and students might like to start saving pocket money towards the books. We are looking for some volunteers to help with sales, organisation and pack up on the 25th between 9am and 1pm. There will also be some special events to celebrate Family Reading Month throughout that week, more information will come home next week.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN assessments of literacy and numeracy will take place from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th May for all students in years 3 & 5. Please see me if you have any questions about the assessments.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2017

If your child is in year 4 and would like to be considered for placement in an Opportunity class for 2017 please see your class teacher. Online applications open on Tuesday 26 April and close on Friday 13th May 2016. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date. All application must be made online by going to the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

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May 2nd, 2016

Coming Events

May

- Wed. 4th - 1/2 Assembly
- 10th -13th - NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
- Frid. 13th - Zone Cross Country
- Wed. 25th - Book Fair
- Frid. 27th - Singleton Horse Sports

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- Fri. 10th - Sean Choolburra Performance
- Cessnock Horse Sports
- Fri. 24th - Sports Carnival

Notes Sent Home

Mothers Day Note - All orders must be received by Wednesday morning at the latest.

PBL

At Paterson Public School I show respect in all classrooms

- ♦ I listen to and look at the person speaking.
- ♦ I follow the teacher's instructions.
- ♦ I put my hand up when I want to speak.
- ♦ I let others learn.
- ♦ I speak kindly at all times.



Train 4 School - Helping families get ready for school

Do you have a little one starting school next year? Train 4 school is a free 8 session School Readiness Program for families in the Gresford, Vacy and Paterson area running monthly throughout the year before your child starts school.

Find friendly & practical help to prepare your child for school life - emotionally, physically, socially & academically.

Come and connect for informal group discussion, input from professionals & fun activities to help your little one be on track to learn!

First Session - Reading for School!

Thursday, 12th May, 10.00am - 11.30am

Paterson Public School Hall, Webber's Creek Rd, Paterson

No cost. Children welcome.
Morning Tea provided.
Transport available.



For more info contact Ali on
0412 552 546 or Dungog Shire
Community Centre 4992 1133.



Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX INSPIRATION

When packing lunchboxes it's easy to fall into a routine. It can be difficult to think of new, interesting and healthy options to include. Why not try some of the following healthy ideas in your child's lunchbox?

- Pita pockets with tuna/corn/mayo mix
- Sushi rolls
- Rice cakes with low fat cheese and tomato
- Savoury muffins packed with vegetables
- Vegetable fried rice
- Mini pizzas from dinner leftovers
- Triple decker sandwich fingers
- Cheesy tomato vegetable pasta



For more healthy lunchbox ideas visit the 'Packing Healthy Lunchboxes' section of the Good for Kids website:

www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au



PHONE 4924 6499

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books were sent home last term with your eldest child. If you do not wish to purchase your book please return to school by Wednesday for collection.

Cost per book is
\$60.00

They make a great
Mother's Day gift!



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