



Principal's Update Week 4, Term 3

Education Week

Thank you to the many community members who helped us to celebrate Public Education Week. We had a fantastic crowd at our school open day, and although the weather wasn't kind to us and we had a few rather soggy audience members in the back row, we managed to squeeze in our performances. We had some very busy classrooms with families joining their children in some hands on science activities. Unfortunately the rain prevented our visitors from joining us for PE – we were really looking forward to testing out their fitness!

Many of our families attended the Dungog Community of Schools celebration on Thursday night. Due to an unfortunate technical hitch, our choir had to abandon their song half way through. I would like to apologise to the students and their families, and express my appreciation for their resilience during the ceremony. They went on to perform beautifully in the combined choir item. Congratulations to our award recipients who are listed below:

Community Member Award – Bridget Wilson, for dedicating many hours to volunteer in our classrooms to support teaching and learning programs.

Student Achievement Award – Sophie White, for making a positive contribution to our school culture and consistently demonstrating leadership qualities.

Excellence in Teaching Award – Mr Lowrey, for commitment to providing extra-curricular opportunities to our students and demonstrating initiative and leadership.

Non-Teaching Staff Member Award – Christine Davies, for consistently providing calm and positive support to our students and school programs.

School Achievement Award – Positive Behaviour for Learning, for involving the school community in developing a culture of positive expectations for behaviour.

Zone Athletics

Unfortunately the zone athletics carnival was postponed for one week until Friday, 12th August. If you were listed as transporting students for the original carnival and you are no longer able to do so on the new date, could you please contact Mr Lowrey as soon as possible.

P&C Meeting Change

The date of the next P&C Meeting has changed to accommodate staff attendance at the stage 2 and 3 camps. It will now be held tonight at 7pm, Monday the 8th of August. We have had very low attendance at the last few meetings and it would be wonderful to have a wider representation of families at the meetings. I hope to see you there.

Student Teacher

This term a student teacher from the Central Queensland University, Mr O'Donnell, will be working with Mr Lowrey on the 4/5/6 class. Mr O'Donnell will work with the class each Friday until the end of term, and then will undertake a two week placement.

With thanks.

Sarah-Jane Hazell

Term 3, Week 4
August 8th, 2016
Coming Events

AUGUST

- Mon 8th - P&C meeting
- Public Speak. @ East Maitland
- Tue 9th - Public Speak. @ Tenambit
- Wed 10th - 3/4 Assembly
- Public Speak. @ Ashtonfield
- Fri 12th - Zone Athletics
- Mon 15th - Stage 2 & Stage 3 camps
- Wed 24th - 1/2 Assembly
- Newcastle Perm. Maths
- Test Yrs 5 & 6

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 7 - Gresford Create Art Carnival
- Kinder Assembly
- Wed 21 - 5/6 Assembly

NOTES

Stage 3 packing list.

ATTENTION PARENTS

There has been a case of Head Lice in the school and we are asking all parents/caregivers to please check their children's hair and treat with the appropriate product.



Louse eggs glued to hair shafts. Approximate size
Eggs are the size of a small pinhead

CANTEEN DAYS

MONDAY	FRIDAY
8th August Jo Huntriss/Kerri Hicks	12th August Amanda Saxby/Alison Teasdale
15th August Genevieve Fitzgerald/Sarah Reynolds	19th August Deb Gordon/Janet Krick
22nd August Michelle Toews/Kya Muddle	26th August MEAL DEAL DAY - Kerri & Carla
29th August Rennae Coleman/Tien Norley	2nd September Amy Merchant/Nicole Paterson
5th September Genevieve Fitzgerald/Sarah Reynolds	9th September Julie White/Danielle Cowled
12th September Rennae Coleman/Tien Norley	16th September Karen Ford/Alison Teasdale
19th September Jo Huntriss/Genevieve Fitzgerald	23rd September Carla Parish/Michelle Toews

Good Luck Paterson

This week Paterson PS will be represented at Maitland Zone Public Speaking finals. We would like to wish all our speakers the best of speaking "luck!"

We have been very lucky to have heard them all speak at our school assemblies recently.

Stage 3 will be represented by Mia F and Zo Lennon H.

Stage 2 will be represented by Riley K.

Stage 1 will be represented by Emma P and Emily F.



Education Week - Open Day at Paterson Public School

