



## Principal's Report Week 6

### Tell them From Me Survey

Our parent survey is now open. Parent feedback is very important to ensuring our continual improvement. Please go to the following link <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/5z428> to complete the survey. Feel free to have both parents complete the survey. If you are unable to access the internet from home or have any difficulty accessing the survey, you would be very welcome to use our school library at a time that is convenient to you, please drop in to the office and we will assist you in accessing the survey. It shouldn't take long, and is anonymous. We hope that all families will take this opportunity to have your say about our school. Students from years 4-6 will be invited to complete a similar survey, please find a note attached to this newsletter that explains their participation. If you DO NOT wish your child to participate, please return the note by Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### School Camps

I'm sure you had some very tired year 3-6 students arrive home on Wednesday afternoon. I had the opportunity to spend some time at both camps, and it was a reminder of how lucky we are to work with a group of students who are polite, respectful, and challenge themselves. Instructors at both camps commented on the excellent behaviour of our campers. There were many times where we saw students go further than they could have imagined, be more independent than they had ever been before, and work as a team to get the most out of every activity. Many thanks to Mr Lowrey, Mrs Halliday and Mr Viner for supporting our students on the camps, and I'm sure they also slept well on Wednesday night.

### Doug the Reading Bug

Doug the Reading Bug will visit our school on Friday 26th August to read some stories with the K-2 students and share information about this excellent program.

### Zone Athletics

Congratulations to those who competed at the Maitland Zone Athletics carnival on Friday. All students represented Paterson Public School with pride. Emily Tindall and Tynan Palmowski will represent the Maitland Zone at the regional carnival held on Friday 2 September. Emily will be competing in high jump, long jump, 100m and 200m. Tynan will be competing in long jump. Thank you to all the parents for helping transport and helping out on the day.

### Hearing Awareness Week

This week marks Hearing Awareness Week. The theme for this year is 'Hearing is precious and fragile'. This week we will be speaking with our students about being aware that not everyone can hear sounds in the same way and that we all need to take care of our hearing. If you have family members who experience hearing loss, it would be a great time to discuss this with your children and help them to understand what impact hearing loss might have on someone's life. More information is available on the website at <http://www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au/>.

### NAPLAN Reports

Year 3 and Year 5 students will bring home their NAPLAN reports today. If it doesn't reach you for any reason, please ring the school office as soon as possible.

With thanks.

Sarah-Jane Hazell

**Term 3, Week 6**  
**August 22nd, 2016**  
**Coming Events**

#### AUGUST

Wed 24th - 1/2 Assembly  
- Newcastle Perm. Maths  
Test Yrs 5 & 6  
Frid. 26th - Meal Deal Day

#### SEPTEMBER

Frid. 2nd - Science & Engineering Day  
Yrs. 5/6 at DHS  
Wed 7th - Gresford Create Art Carnival  
- Kinder Assembly Item  
Wed 21st - 5/6 Assembly Item

#### NOTES

Meal Deal Day Note  
Intensive Swimming EOI

### CANTEEN DAYS

MONDAY	FRIDAY
22nd August Michelle Toews/Kya Muddle	26th August <b>MEAL DEAL DAY</b> - 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

## Stage Two Camp

We had a wonderful time at camp. We arrived, found our cabins and then went on a walking trip around the camp. We were divided into groups and then we participated in finding some fossils and climbing low ropes, alternating depending on our groups. Our evening activity was called 'commandoing'. The adults were up against an amazing youth team who eventually rescued all the hostages and won!

Our second day started early, with brekkie and a trip to the sand dunes at Hawks Nest. We went to Jimmies Beach for games and lunch (yum!). Afternoon activities involved us orienteering (fortunately none of us got lost) and canoeing (fortunately none of us fell in). After dinner we were involved in a disco and games.

Wednesday we had to get up very early to clean and pack.... Now that was interesting! Then we were off to the giant swing or the archery range. A good time was had by all!

Some comments from our friends.....

Shelby said, "My best thing was the giant swing because it was really high."

Bridget said, "My favourite thing was the giant swing and my second best thing was canoeing because I did racing and I didn't fall in."

Charlie commented, "Commandoing and the giant swing were my favourite things. I liked commandoing because we did it in the dark. With the giant swing I had to do lots of pulling and then it fell apart. I also went to the top."

Riley K commented, "The giant swing was my favourite thing because it was fun. Another thing I liked was canoing because I enjoyed it. I have a kayak at home but it is a one person kayak not a three person canoe."



### ➤ Want to make a payment?

#### Parents Online Payments

Go to the schools website, <http://www.paterson-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and the **\$ Make a Payment** link will be on the front page. By selecting the link you will be taken to a secure Westpac Quickweb payment page.

## Interrelate

A Family Evening Program for interrelate will be held at the school on 5th December, 2016. There will be two sessions,: Session 1: 6:00 pm "Where Did I Come From?" Session 2: 7:15 pm "Preparing for Puberty"

Closer to the program date a publicity flyer will be sent out. The cost to attend one session will be \$25 per family and \$30 per family if attending both.

## Get on your bike!



Glen William Public School P & C is proud to host:

### Le Tour de Glen William

Sunday, August 23rd, 2015

8am—2pm

(Bike rides at 10am)

717 Glen William Road, Glen William

Features include:

- A 27km group bike ride;
- An 10km bike riding option with recovery stop;
- Market stalls;
- Fabulous country food;
- Family entertainment;
- Free face painting
- Free giant slide / jumping castle



For more information about the bike ride phone Donna 0428 255 944 or to book a market stall at a cost of just \$10, please phone Chris 0468 529 383

## Doug's Book week party

Saturday 27 August  
Dungog Shire Library  
17 Mackay St Dungog  
10am until 12 noon



Fun craft activities

Jumping castle

Face painting

Sausage sizzle

Wombat Stew anyone?  
Australian Story theme

