

Don't throw that take away coffee cup in the recycle bin?

Why not!!

Wow! This is one of the many observations year 4 has made this term in regards to the consequences of community actions. Did you know on average it takes about 20-50 years for a takeaway coffee cup to decompose, and they contain about 5% plastic that can't be recycled. We have learnt this and many more issues around people using plastic bags and how these, over time, has affected the environment around us. After watching a few episodes on WAR on WASTE everyone in small groups put together an item to showcase their knowledge at this week's assembly. What an amazing performance. Through these investigations even Mr Baxter found out some interesting information about recycling.

A huge thank you to our stand in leaders for running the assembly, it was like they had been doing it all year. As for our DJ, what a tremendous job, well done.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

Mr Baxter and Year 4



NAPLAN Online

In week 9 students in years 3 & 5 will participate in a trial online NAPLAN test. This is an opportunity to prepare for the testing format to move towards an online assessment for the 2018 year across Australia.

Students will participate in a snippet of question types to ensure technology, software and processes are in place for full implementation in 2018.

3/4 Sydney Excursion

Just a reminder that the 3/4 excursion to Sydney is approaching. If you haven't already paid please do so ASAP.

Term 3 Assembly Awards Week 6



Term 3 Week 6	PBL AWARD	CLASS AWARD	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
Kindergarten	Xavier Wood for bouncing back happily when he gets out in a game.	Brock Williams for great work in maths and listening well in class.	Jayden Gow-Banks for an excellent technical vocabulary, enthusiasm in our dinosaurs unit and improvement in reading.
Years 1/2	Charlie Yule for taking more responsibility in the classroom and for making better choices.	Merrin Paterson for improvement in all areas.	Drew Saxby for displaying all the PBL values.
Year 3	Chase Hughes for being a responsible class leader.	Chloe Leadley for displaying beautiful writing in all of her work.	Zac Mulhearn for encouraging others to stay on task.
Year 4	Shelby Innes for showing persistence when completing her writing.	Annabel Baker for working hard in maths groups.	Kieran Watts for showing leadership qualities in all areas of his schooling.
Years 5/6	Away at camp	Away at camp	Away at camp

PBL

Next weeks PBL is I know that making mistakes is an important part of learning.

Captain's Award

Halle Cridland for always walking to lines responsibly



A big thank you to Doug the Reading Bug who made a special visit to Paterson Public School today.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the stories that Doug shared with the K/1/2 classes.

Years 5 & 6 Arrive Safely Home from Canberra

Year 5 and 6 have just returned from a great four day excursion in Canberra. We visited the Old and New Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, National Capital Exhibition, Australian Institute of Sport, National Gallery of Australia, Royal Australian Mint, Telstra Tower and Questacon. Students were able to answer a variety of questions asked at each venue, demonstrating great knowledge. We also spent a day at the snow where students played and had some tube rides at Tube Town. I would like to acknowledge the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate who subsidise the excursion by \$20 per child. All students were well behaved and had many compliments from our accommodation and various venues. A big thank you to Mrs Murray for accompanying us on the excursion. More news to come next week.



Tell Them From Me Surveys

Like many other public schools in the state, our school will be participating in the online Tell Them From Me Surveys. These surveys measure factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes with a focus on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. At the beginning of the year our students participated in the student survey. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

These surveys are confidential. The student survey is for students in Years 4-5 and is conducted online during school hours between the 4th of September and the end of this term. Parents of students in Years 4, 5 or 6 who **do not** wish their child to participate are asked to contact the school before the 4th September 2017.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

This term we are also asking our parents and carers to participate in the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact student wellbeing and engagement. Completing this online survey will help our school understand parent/carers perspectives on their child's experience at school. This is valuable feedback that will help our school plan future directions and make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online using any device and will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete. It is completely confidential and will be open until October 13th. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Access to the survey is through: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/paterson>

Paterson River Cricket Club

Are seeking interest for an under 12's team for this season.

Both boys and girls welcome.

Free rego, free shirt, pants and hat.

Only \$2 per week to play.

Please contact Jack Cowled for more information on 0427385603 or email jacksminibuses@bigpond.com



Paterson Car Boot Sale

This

Sunday

27th August

8.00am - 2.00pm



Dress up for Doug's Book week party

Saturday 26 August
Dungog Shire Library
17 Mackay St Dungog
10am until 12 noon



Fun craft activities

Jumping castle

Face painting

Sausage sizzle



Theme: Escape to Everywhere

Doug will read a story at 10.30am

SAT 4 NOV - 6:30PM

FAMILY COUNTRY DANCE

GRESFORD SHOWGROUND



SWAMP DAWKINS BAND

\$50 PER FAMILY

2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN - ADDITIONAL CHILDREN \$5 EACH



Gresford Family Country Dance

GRESFORD DISTRICT
Community Group



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