Thursday 27th August 2015

**NAPLAN**

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Late last week parents of students in years 3 and 5 received reports detailing results on the 2015 NAPLAN assessments. These reports noted individual student performance plotted against BPS performance as well as state averages.

The school is also provided with a data package that allows us to investigate our performance, growth, average scores etc. Throughout 2015 we have been focussing heavily upon ensuring solid growth for each student, and NAPLAN data indicates some remarkable growth for our students in a range of areas—the snapshot above notes growth of 30 points more than NSW.

We are still working on interpreting the data provided, but initially we are fairly pleased with growth data. Should parents wish to discuss NAPLAN results please make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

**Fathers’ Day BBQ & Stall**

Next Friday we will be holding a BBQ for Fathers’ Day, serving from 8am. All students are invited to bring Dads, Grandads, Uncles or other important men in their lives along to share breakfast. The P&C will draw a Fathers’ Day raffle on morning assembly and a stall will be run throughout the morning for students to purchase a Fathers’ Day gift.

**Stage 3 camp**

Our stage 3 students are on camp in Canberra this week, having left very early on Tuesday morning and are expected back Friday evening. The students have visited the War Memorial, the museum, Questacon, and the high court. This morning they are visiting Parliament House. The week started off cold and wet, but the weather is slowly improving for them.

**“I can”**

One of our goals for 2015 has been to improve student ownership of learning goals and to provide students with explicit knowledge around what they need to achieve to progress their learning. This week several students told me what goal they were working on and what they needed to do to move to the next cluster marker. This has created a real sense of ownership and control over the direction of education amongst our students. These statements have been based upon learning continuums found at http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/literacy/.

It is well worth discussing cluster markers with your child—for any further information your child’s teacher will be able to provide assistance.

Luke Hubbert
Principal
Students of the Week

KH
- Koby H for always working to the best of his ability.
- Storm R for a big improvement in writing skills.
- Lucinda S for being a safe, respectful learner.
- Harper W for outstanding effort in all subjects.

KT
- Levi R for designing and making a bird feeder.
- Draygon M for designing and making a bird feeder.
- Joseph K for always being an enthusiastic learner.
- Madison F for improved understanding of number cards.

S1G
- Lillian I for improvement in writing.
- Charlotte L for being a safe, respectful learner.
- Sharma P for great persuasive writing.
- Thomas H for being a safe, respectful learner.

S1PB
- Dylan B for positive behaviour at all times.
- Jet H for great work in reading groups.
- Kolbi H for great work in guided reading!
- Janaya-Rae S for improving spelling skills.

S1S
- Kaitlyn W for trying hard in all area’s and improvements in writing!
- Jesse C for a HUGE effort in all area’s and his performance on S1S musical.
- Seth S for improving his writing skills.
- Jasmine P for being a respectful, safe learner in S1S.

S12C
- Kate B for improvements in reading.
- Katelyn D for outstanding progress in Literacy.

S2E
- Piper C for excellent reading in class.
- Cooper B for fantastic work and behaviour in class.

S2S
- Wyatt B for becoming more responsive in class.
- Ebony L for fantastic contributions to group activities on camp.

S3B
- Olivia J for excellent effort in spelling.
- Leo L for a great effort in all areas.

S3M
- Reese E for improvement in all subjects.
- Haynes B for working hard and being a good friend.

S3R
- Caleb R for a well written speech and dedication to editing.
- Luke I for consistent effort in all areas.

Book Week Celebrations
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Book Week celebrations to once again make the day a success. Our Book Fair raised $1340 which means our school has a commission of $430 to buy more resources for our library. Thank you to the families who made a book donation as well. Mrs Handley

PBL Mascot
Please welcome our new PBL mascot – Bellburra the Kookaburra. Bellburra will be flying all around the school to remind all students that we are Respectful, Safe Learners in the playground, classroom and all settings in our school. Bellburra comes from Bellbird and always strives to be a Respectful, Safe Learner who is a good friend and kind to all of his friends. Bellburra’s mum, Beryl the Kookaburra and dad, Kevin the Kookaburra couldn’t be prouder of Bellburra and his new role at Bellbird PS to help all students be the best they can be.

Thank you for all families who participated in voting to name Bellburra and welcome him to our school. We congratulate Samuel M who won the brand new iPad Mini from our naming competition.

Scholastic Book Club—Issue 6 2015
Due: Friday 4 September
Please place completed order form with correct money in an envelope in the letter box at the front office.

Sorry late orders will not be accepted!
Enquiries to Mrs Handley.
**Bringing Up Great Kids**

*Bringing Up Great Kids* is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children. Australian Childhood Foundation: www.childhood.org.au

**Topics covered include:**
- Messages from the Past
- The Message Centre
- Giving and receiving messages
- The Message Behaviour
- Messages about me
- Passing on messages

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 3, 2015**

**Week 7**
- **Friday August 28**
  Stage 3 Canberra Camp
- **Friday August 28**
  Regional Athletics

**Week 8**
- **Monday August 31**
  Kindergarten 2016 Orientation  
  KH Assembly Item
- **Tuesday September 1**
  Year 6 Maths & Science Fun Day
- **Friday September 4**
  Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast

**Week 9**
- **Tuesday September 8**
  ES1 & S1 Excursion Richmond Vale Train & Art Gallery  
  Maths Olympiad 5  
  P&C Meeting
- **Thursday September 10**
  Jump Rope for Heart

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**Make a Lantern**

**WHAT:**
Free workshop—make a lantern and join us for this year’s lantern parade to the Spring Awakening Festival on Friday September 11.

**WHEN:** 4:00 pm

- **Monday September 7, Cessnock Library**
- **Tuesday September 8, Kurri Kurri Library**

This event is free, but places are limited, so booking is essential—call into either library or give us a ring on 49934399 at Cessnock Library.

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**CANTENE ROSTER**

**Commencing 31 August 2015**

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TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM
Triple P Parenting Seminars

Week 1  Tuesday, 1st September 2015
Week 2  Tuesday, 8th September 2015

The two seminars will cover the following topics:
- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident, Competent Children &
- Raising Resilient Children

This program is free

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
at
5 HALL STREET,
CESSNOCK
THERE WILL BE NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.

To book a place or for more information please phone
CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
on
4990 4507

Seminars are presented by an accredited Triple P practitioner
Financial assistance for this service is provided by Community Services, Department of Family and
Community Services NSW

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Paxton Public School P&C
SWAMP QUEEN BALL
Major Fundraiser 2015

Paxton Bowling Club
Saturday September 5th
6pm

$25 per person

Meal and entertainment included
Prizes for best dressed
Raffles and 100s club
Who will be crowned this years Swamp Queen?
Tickets available at the school and club

Come and support our school

Paxton School 49983278

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Mental Health Carers ARAFMI Hunter Inc.

Mental Health Carers ARAFMI Hunter recognizes the need for carers
and family of the mentally ill to be able to reach out to someone for
support, information or just an understanding voice.

If you’re a carer of someone with a mental illness and feel you could
benefit from a counselling support call from one of our trained
volunteers simply call: 0249 616 717

To keep your costs down we can return the call.

Or register to book a call between 9.30am- 4.30pm Monday – Friday

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3rd Annual
Millfield
Spring Fair
Sunday
30th August,2015
Millfield Public School
9am—2pm

Ride all day Amusements  $20 Prepay ($25 on day)
Food and Drinks  Karate/Dance Demonstrations
Market Stalls  Live Music
Fun events  Wood Chopping Demo 11.00am—1.00pm
Community Services Displays  Classic Car Display
Live Auction (12pm) and raffles with great prizes
THE FERRET RACING IS BACK!!!!  Plus new to 2015—
Australian Postie Bike Grand Prix display including
GRID GIRLS