

Principal's message

What a wonderful two days of celebration we had last week to mark the **150th anniversary of the school**. Children and adults alike joined in the festivities and the photographs portray the happiness of the event. Go to the Dungog Chronicle website to see a delightful visual record of the event.

Children turned out in heritage costume and looked the part as they sang, danced and re-enacted the era in the 1881 classroom. The historical display was outstanding and represented hours of painstaking work headed up by Megan Edwards, ably assisted by Brittany Crouch. The support of the Gresford Historical Society was integral to the success of the day.

As always, the P&C was a tower of strength in catering for the event as well as erecting stalls, providing entertainment, financial support and packing all away after the festivities. Julie Hartigan created a wonderful souvenir of the occasion in the sesquicentenary booklet and the staff worked tirelessly to organise and prepare the children for the many parts they played.

We were very grateful for the generous sponsorship of the Gresford Community Group, Boydell's Wines, Daracon Mines, and the Beatty Hotel.

Our grounds looked magnificent thanks to the hard work and creativity of Keith Collier and the mural conceptualised and overseen by Alice Ropata added vibrancy to the central area of the school. The Sesquicentenary Committee brought all this organisation together after seven months of careful planning which was integral to the overall success of the occasion.

The day provided opportunities for all to meet, renew friendships and enjoy the company of all the friends of our historic school. Our sincere thanks go to all who made the occasion possible.

Kind regards,
Pauline



School Planning Snippets

NAPLAN results have gone home to parents this week and teachers have spent time analysing results. Information gleaned from results assists teachers in forward planning and will be used to drive our planning for 2019. This test represents only one snapshot of your child's learning and should be taken in consideration with other assessments.





PBL AWARDS

Zaiden Apthorpe, Charlie Hill, Mia Wilton

SCHOOL MERITS

Pippa Merchant, Bridie Booth, Chase Hoffman

SPORTS AWARDS

Charlotte Marsh, Charli Barnett, Lilly Bradley

LIBRARY AWARDS

Chelsea Crow

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Isaac Houston, Caidence Apthorpe, William Venter

GOOD LISTENER AWARD

Kammi Conn, Ewen Mitchell

SEPTEMBER

Fri 28th PBL Assembly
Morning Tea \$5
Drought Fundraiser
Talent Quest
Canteen Red Day
Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Mon 15th All students return for Term 4
Mon 22nd Raw Art
Tue 23rd Raw Art
Tue 30th Canteen Red Day - Halloween
Wed 31st Photo Day
NO CANTEEN

NOVEMBER

Wed 7th Kinder Orientation Info evening 5.00-6.30pm
Tue 13th Yrs 3 to 6 excursion to Sydney
Wed 14th Kinder Orientation 9.30-11.35am
Wed 21th Kinder Orientation 9.30-11.35am
Wed 28th Kinder Orientation 9.30-11.35am

DECEMBER

Wed 5th Year 6 Farewell
Tue 11th Presentation Night

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 28th September
Bec Marsh &
Katherine Hodges

Wed 17th October
Sharon Hill &
Sherree Graham

Fri 19th October
P&C meeting
Jessica Field &
Kimberlee Booth

Wed 24th October
Tracy Merchant &
Shantelle Turnbull

Fri 26th October
Ange Kelehear &
Kay Hazelwood

Tucker Box & P&C News

With today's newsletter is a new menu. Please take the time to read it and notice that there are some price increases that could not be helped. Don't forget it's **Red Day** tomorrow.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and looking forward to working with you next term.

Kind regards, Kristy & Sylvia

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:

George Sales - Fitbit

Emily Hicky - Firewood

Jacqueline Bradley - Gourmet Hamper

Other School News

Five of our senior students are involved in the **Dungog District Community of Schools Virtual Enrichment Program** learning the art of movie making under the expert guidance of Mr. Taylor. We look forward to seeing the finished products.

Year 5/6 attended the **Dungog District Science and Engineering Challenge** and worked in teams to solve a range of challenges.

The Life Education Program was well received by all classes with interesting lessons presented on healthy lifestyles featuring the old favourite, Harold the Giraffe.

The P&C generously subsidised this incursion.

Primary children are enjoying the latest technology experiencing **Virtual Reality expeditions** to support their learning. These devices are on loan from the Department of Education and we are working towards purchasing our own kit.

All bus board changes must be received by 2.45 pm to ensure children receive message in time.

Professional learning for staff has been in the areas of learning assistance, assessment and school planning.

Talent Quest & Drought Fundraiser

Friday 28th September Last Day of Term

The SRC & canteen are collaborating and are holding a talent quest and special red day, with all proceeds going to drought relief. This will be a fun day for a good cause. The children can come dressed as a farmer for a gold coin donation. There will be performances galore and yummy food to order. Parents & grandparents are invited to join us for this wonderful occasion starting with the PBL essembly at 10.30am followed by a fundraiser morning tea at 11.00am, then the Talent Quest at 11.40am. There will be opportunities to buy from the White Elephant stall, lucky dips and 150th souvenirs..

Tell Them From Me Survey

Dear Parents and Carers ,

It is that time of the year again where you can relax, read and eat chocolate.

The Tell Them From Me survey is out again and it is reputed to be a classic read. This compelling literature is accessed through the link below. So grab a refreshment, find a quiet spot and spend ten minutes of quiet time looking after yourself.

This year chocolates will be handed out to participants before they complete the reading (survey). This will be payment designed to add to the experience. So with your free ten minutes of glorious relaxed reading, sipping on your refreshment, you can then reap the rewards of your efforts and enjoy the dark, smooth sweetness of a Freddo Frog.

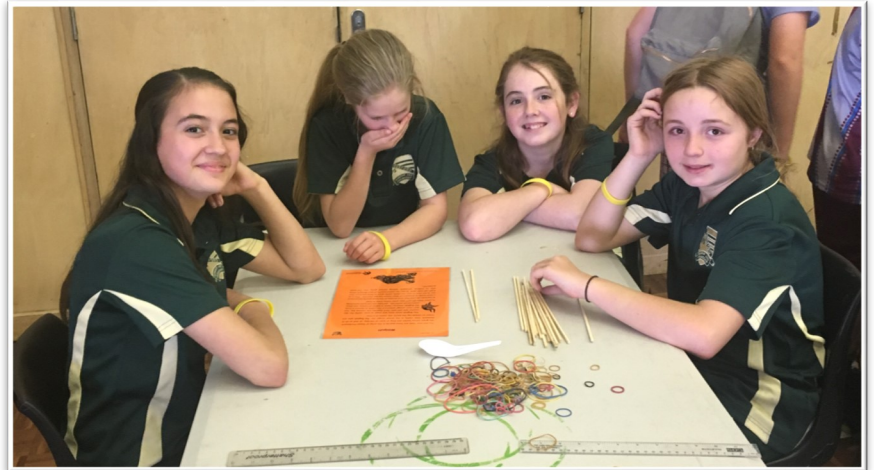
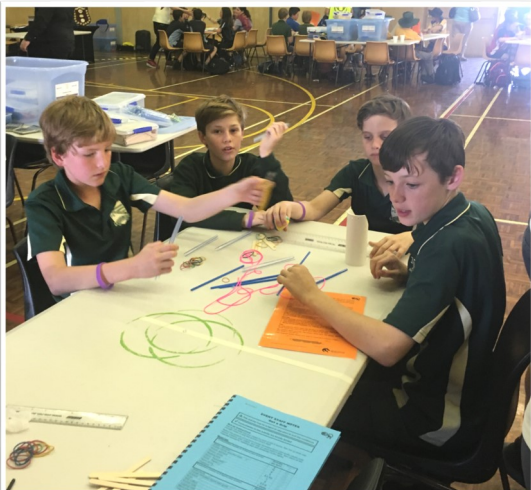
See Mr Taylor if you would like to be part of this experience. *Terms and conditions may apply.*

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/zrn2x>

Reminders

- ◆ Souvenirs for 150th Sesquicentenary are still available including fine wine from Boydell's Vineyard, commemorative books, 150th sesquicentenary magnets, 150th school shirts and commemorative mugs.
- ◆ PBL assembly tomorrow, 10.30, followed by Parents & Grandfriends' Morning Tea for \$5 in aid of the Drought Relief. The Talent Quest commences at 11.35 with a gold coin entry charge for students; children can come dressed as a farmer for a gold coin donation. All funds going to the Drought Relief.
- ◆ Students will be selling excess stock from their Saturday stalls at greatly reduced prices.
- ◆ Notes have gone home for art classes being run by specialist teachers on 22nd & 23rd October. Please return with money tomorrow if possible.
- ◆ Holidays commence this Saturday, 29th September and children return on Monday 15th October.

5/6 Science excursion to Dungog High District Science and Engineering Challenge run by the Dungog Rotary Club



Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to Nicole Carter in the school office.

✂ _____ ✂

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Availability: _____

Safe people, Safe places

Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

*For more crime prevention information
visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au*



Justice



Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.



2018
HMRI
OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Discover the exciting world of medical research and science!
 Explore the interactive kid's science program!

Join in the Interactive Kids Science Sessions
 Journey through the amazing Poo Palace and Lung Loft
 Take part in science experiments and challenges
 Become a HMRI Scientist for the Day
 Play in the Crazy Inventions Laboratory
 Come along to the Science Fact Meets Science Fiction Talk
 Plus lots, lots, LOTS more.

10am-3pm
 HMRI Building, Lot 1 Kookaburra Circuit
 New Lambton Heights

For the full program of events or to register, visit: hmri.org.au/open-day

In partnership with our Community

Story time at the library

Join Doug the Reading Bug

Pyjama Storytime

4.00 - 5.00pm
 Wednesday 3rd October
 @ Dungog Library

Join Doug for stories, craft & yummy hot chocolate.

Contact Ali @ Dungog Shire Community Centre 49921133




PATERSON VALLEY SWIMMING CLUB INC

***REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Applications available from
 Tocal College or Paterson Post Office

Registration days are held at Tocal Pool on:
Tuesday 25th September 4.30pm – 6pm
Saturday 13th October 10am – 12 noon

Swim nights are Tuesdays 5pm to 6.30pm
 First swim night is 16th October 2018

**GET FIT AND HAVE FUN
 WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

ALL AGES WELCOME

Please note Tocal Pool Membership is required

For further enquiries please email
patersonvalleyswimclub@gmail.com

Or visit our [Facebook](#) page "Paterson Valley Swim Club"



Registrations for the 2018/2019 season are now open.
 Competition commencing 20th October.
 Games are played at 8.30am Saturday mornings in and around Maitland

Games last no longer than 2 hours.

Registration fee of \$75.00

Includes a game day shirt and hat.

Active Kids Rebate is available - enter your voucher number on the online registration form

Online registrations and payments at:

www.playcricket.com.au:

Search Gresford Vacy Colts and follow the registration link.

For further details contact

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 0405 417 900.