



Getting ready for the chop!

## Diary Dates:

Mrs Dunstan's Big Head Shave - Wednesday 6th May

Total Excursion - Thursday 7th May

Mother's Day Stall - Friday 8th May

Mother's Day High Tea - Friday 8th May 11:30am

NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 - Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May

Assembly - Friday 15th May 2:30pm

Small School's Athletics Day - Tuesday May 19th

## Welcome to week 3, Term 2.

We've enjoyed another good lot of rain over the last few days, with our lawns and playground soaking again. This is perfect planting weather and we'll be preparing our vege gardens this week, ready to plant our seedlings for the winter, as part of our Kitchen Garden program.

We've got a busy week this week, starting with today when lots of Star Wars characters visited our school as part of the National Star Wars Day, "May the Fourth Be With You!" We focused on narrative writing and you'll notice some 'space themed' spelling words included in this week's spelling lists.

On Wednesday we'll be travelling to Grice's Bakery to support Mrs Dunstan's participation in the World's Greatest Shave. We'd love to have our parent community join us to show their support if they are able.

On Thursday, we'll be going to Tocal Homestead as part of our study unit, Then and Now! This is part of the Cessnock Small School's excursion plan and our students will be able to meet many students from Millfield, Paxton and Mulbring Public Schools. We ask that students are ready to leave Paxton school on

time as we are unable to wait the bus. Mrs Beneke and Mrs Dunstan will accompany our children on the bus, along with Paxton school students and teachers. Miss Naysmith and I will meet our schools at Tocal Homestead.

Our school has been invited to visit the Lonely Goat Olive Farm this term and learn how the Farm uses sustainable practices in their successful venture. Miss Naysmith and I will visit this local endeavour one afternoon this week to discuss the details with Mr Hallett and we will plan our visit with our Student Council.

This Sunday is Mother's Day and we'll be holding our Mother's Day Stall on Friday morning at 9:30am for students to purchase a small gift for their mums. All gifts are \$5 each.

We'd also like to extend an invitation to mums and grandmas, to our High Tea, on Friday at 11:30am. Please come along and be waited on hand and foot, by your children, eat some yummy goodies and have a cup of tea with us.

*Until next week,*

*Donna Stackman*

## News from the classroom:

**Speaking and Listening topic:** What happens on a farm?

**Home reading and homework:** A reminder that students need to read each book at least 3 times. We were very impressed by how students became very familiar with their books last week as a result of continual reading. Spelling words should be practiced nightly, along with times tables for primary and quick maths for juniors.

**Newcastle Herald Competition:** This week the primary class will begin to produce their entry in the Newcastle Herald Competition. Our school was chosen to produce a two page spread in a future issue of the newspaper and they will begin the process this week.

### Welcome back Mrs Wittmann!

We'd like to welcome Mrs Wittmann back this week and thank Miss Fitzpatrick for filling in for her. Mrs Wittmann will be with us every Monday and will be adding creative arts into her teaching day so our students can take advantage of her artistic expertise. Because of this our Assemblies will take place on Friday afternoons on each even week, instead of Mondays as they have been previously.



## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

FRIDAY 8TH MAY @ 11am

- all gifts \$5 each with a limit of 4 per student

### Small School's Athletics Carnival May 19th

Congewai PS is running the canteen for this event, as well as being the organising school for the Athletics. Are you able to help with the canteen for the day? For an hour or two?

This is a big opportunity to raise \$\$ for our school's learning programs from which all of our students benefit.

*Please see us at school if you can give us some time.*

## Mother's Day High Tea

Inviting all mums and grans to our High Tea

Friday 8th May.....11:30am

Yummo! Canteen will commence this week...please have orders in by Wednesday.