



Reading time is lots of fun, especially when bees are involved...

## Diary Dates:

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - Monday 8th June

Biggest Morning Tea - Friday 12th at 11am ~ bring a plate to share

Semester 1 reports - 19th June

Parent conferences available: 3:30 - 5pm Monday 22/6/15, Tuesday 23/6/15; and 8:30am - 10am Wednesday 24/6/15

Healthy Harold - Wednesday 24th June

Brainstorm Productions Friday 26th June @ 9:30am  
Paxton PS

Welcome to week 7 everyone, the term is heading to a finish fast.

I'd like to start off by asking that parents have a quick check to ensure their children have their names on jumpers and hats. We've had a few left behind with no names on them and it's a little hard for the children to remember just which is theirs when all jumpers look pretty much the same.

Our primary students are getting the final work completed on the newspaper entry for the Newcastle Herald this week ready for submission. They've been asked to identify topics for reports and articles over the last few weeks and this will be finalised this week. Our school's entry will be published in the next few weeks and we will notify parents when it is expected.

### ThinkUKnow educational program

We'd like to invite all parents and other interested adults to a ThinkUKnow presentation for parents, carers and teachers at school on Tuesday (2-6-15) afternoon at 3:30pm, in our school library.

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:

- Technologies and apps popular with children and young people;
- Privacy management;
- Scams, fraud and identity theft;
- Online grooming;
- Sexting;
- Cyber-bullying;
- Reputation management;

- Where to go if things go wrong;
- Steps to improve cyber safety and security.

ThinkUKnow is centred on three key areas: how youth use and enjoy technology, the challenges they may be exposed to, and how to prevent and report when things go wrong. The presentation will discuss the popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, and finally where to report problems.

The parents, carers and teachers' session includes short videos and real life case studies. Take home resources on the issues outlined above can be downloaded from the ThinkUKnow website, [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au).

The presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present. This is an opportunity to learn more about what young people are engaging in and how you can ensure they are protecting themselves when on-line. Technology is changing incredibly fast and it's up to us to stay abreast of the changes.

Just a reminder to parents that part of the home reading weekly homework is regularly listed in the classroom news section of the newsletter. Some may be missing this and it's a section which parents may assist their child with.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

## News from the classroom:

**Speaking and Listening topic:** "My imaginary animal." Students will describe their animal, it's habits and habitat and present a visual representation of the animal.

**Home reading and homework:** Reading tasks - List 2 things you found interesting in your home reading books this week and say why....

**Assessments:** we have commenced assessments for reporting to parents this week and will continue over the next couple of weeks.

**Music:** We had lots of fun last week, learning a new song, "You Are My Sunshine," with Mrs Crighton, exploring pitch, tone and beat.

**Friday - Library** Return your library books and borrow some new ones. Don't forget to return your over-



~ we love gardening



## Want to upgrade your skills? Computer Basics

A course is being run at Maitland TAFE Campus in Semester 2, 2015. This Certificate 1 course is designed for people with little experience using computers.

The course will run for 4 hours per week - Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, over one semester.

Please see Mrs Dunstan in the office for a flyer if you're interested.

For more information please call – Donna on: 49 302 926 or Judy on: 49 302 878.