



Score! Soccer is certainly lots of fun!

## Diary Dates:

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 8, a week full of busy kids and fun!

I do hope you all managed to catch up on a few important things, like relaxing and spending time with loved ones, over the long weekend. It was lovely to have a small break in what has been a very busy term.

The first day of winter arrived with a chilly welcome last Monday, cold weather hitting with a blast. We've got a lot of illness sweeping around our school community and families, so I'd like to ask that sick children stay home and rest, rather than come to school. It's quite hard for them to be comfortable and concentrate on learning when feeling unwell and we do know that they get better quicker when resting at home and illness is not spread as quickly through our school community.

We've got a very busy week ahead of us this week, with the primary class finalising their articles for the Newcastle Herald newspaper, a visit from Mrs Bannister to see our Kindergarten students in action during L3 sessions on Wednesday, and our **Biggest Morning Tea on Friday at 11am.**

We'd like to invite everyone to join us for our morning tea, to bring a plate of yummy goodies to share with everyone, and to be generous in your donation to the Cancer Foundation.

We had a great finish to the week last week with our final activity based on the book *Hugo Shampoo*, the story of a little boy who despite his parents both being hairdressers, hated having his hair fussed with, cut, combed or shampooed. He learnt the hard way, that it just wasn't the most comfortable thing in the long run,

despite ending up with the award winning best hair style. The children have enjoyed this book enormously and really enjoyed creating their own 'award winning hairstyles' on Friday. Thank you Mrs Lindsay, for being a great stylists assistant, and to our teachers for assisting with the fun.

*Until next week,  
Donna Stackman*



## News from the classroom:

**Speaking and Listening topic:** This week to encourage creative thinking, our students will be asked an “I wonder” question. They will need to think about an answer and then speak to the audience, explaining what their answer is and how they came to the answer.

**Home reading and homework:** We would like students to focus on fluency in reading this week, through repeated reading of their reading books. Parents may ask ‘head’ questions (how, why, when, I wonder) to explore understanding of the text.

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

**Music:** Mrs Crighton continued to teach the children more about tone, pitch and breathing in last weeks lessons. They learned a new song and continued practicing their known song.

**Friday - Library** Mrs Van Der Wel is in this week for library lessons. Don’t forget library returns on Friday.

**Assembly:** We’ll have assembly directly after the TEN workshop for parents. This will enable families to take students home early so that they don’t need to return for the afternoon pick up.

## Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) workshop for Parents

*Friday 12th*

The Targeted Early Numeracy program enables teachers to focus on skills in numeracy in the early years of schooling. Last year, our school staff undertook training in this program and it has been successfully implemented across our school with skills differentiations and adaptations for the upper years.

We would like to share this success with you through an introduction workshop for parents, on Friday 12th, directly following the Biggest Morning Tea. You will be given some fun and very practical activities in a take home pack, to do with your children at home to enhance our school program and support your child no matter what level he or she is working on in maths.

This workshop will be delivered by Mrs Vogt, our school’s Early Action for Success Instructional Leader and Mrs Beneke, and will take place in the school’s library. We look forward to you joining us.



The kids are determined to make Mrs Beneke work hard.....

