



Welcome to Week 7, of term 3.

Wow, what a busy week and weekend! I'd like to thank our wonderful students for participating in our Book Week activities with gusto last week. Even though we had exciting days, they still attended to their work tasks, focusing on doing well in class with excellent behaviour throughout the week. In many schools, exciting events sometimes distract students from learning, but our students still remained focused on their learning each and every day.

I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to our community, families and staff for their contribution to our Congewai Public School Clearing Sale. While being a very busy day, it was also a very enjoyable day, with helpers coming from everywhere to ensure the day was successful. We were able to make a good profit from the day which has been put directly into our school's learning and support programs. A big thank you to Rodney McDonald from Bowe and Lidbury for generously giving us his auctioneering skills for the day.

You may notice that our school is gradually becoming more colourful and visually engaging. Ms Ziwerk has been adding to our murals over the last couple of weeks, adding our PBL core values to our flower wall, our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden philosophy, and is working on completing the large wall mural on the side of the school office. This has been an unfinished project for a great number of years and is already looking lovely, with colour completing the design.

We have been focusing on our school's PBL core values

of Responsibility, Respect and Ready to Learn, throughout this term. As part of the PBL processes, we have a visit from a member of the District's PBL team on Wednesday. During the visit there will discussion with our staff and students to gauge their understanding of our core values. This will be in the middle session of the day, after our visit from officers from the Cessnock Police station.

This week sees the official start of Fruit and Vege month. We started this last week with our students able to win a set of 7 great pencil and rubbers just by eating a fruit and vege for fruit break or as part of their lunch, at least twice in the week. Some of our kids have already received their pencil choice. This year Dirtgirl and Costa from Gardening Australia are on board to promote healthy living and good eating. We added a worm farm to our garden and planted our salad veges as part of this last week and we'll be looking forward to adding more soon.

*Until next term,  
Donna Stackman*



## News from the classroom:

**Speaking and Listening topic:** Our topic for this week will be talking about the fruit or vege we most dislike and why!

**Friday - Library:** Library lessons will be with Mrs B this week. Don't forget permission notes and medical notes for the author talk at Cessnock West PS. Please return them before next week's visit.

**Class Photographer:** Kiye is this week's class photographer. We've had some great photos taken by our class photographers and our kids are loving this task.

**Special play time:** This week's play time lucky draw winner, is Cain. We're wondering what he'll choose to do with a friend this week.

**Country study:** Last week we were very busy with book week activities and therefore will be completing our visit to America this week.

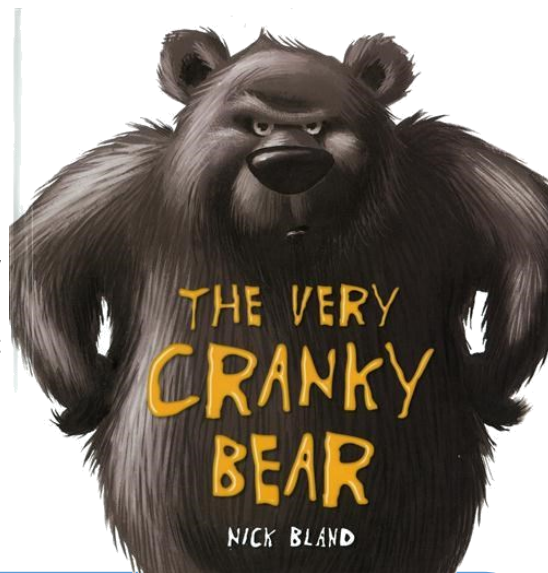
**Term 3 project: Just a short reminder** - *We'd like to remind parents that our students all have a home project to complete this term, a study of a country of the student's choice. It's due in the next few weeks, along with a 'cooking' project for our primary students ready for multi-cultural day on our last day of term.*

**Kitchen Garden:** This week we'll be making a commonly enjoyed food from North America, the hamburger and fries. Fries will be oven baked and sprinkled with condiments and hamburgers will be of a more healthy version than is commonly eaten in America. I can smell the smells in the kitchen already.

**Sport:** Notes for the visit to the Kurri Community Gymnastics gym were given to students last week as part of the author visit note. Please ensure both the notes and medical information form are returned is not already done so.

**Notes due back soon:** *Please disregard if already returned*

- ◇ Police visit
- ◇ Singleton Army Museum visit—with payment and medical note
- ◇ Author visit at Cessnock West PS and Kurri Community Gymnastics visits
- ◇ Kinder and Year 1 : Cranky Bear Performance at the Civic Theatre—with payment and medical note



Bring in a piece of fruit and a piece of a vegetable for fruit break at least twice in the week and earn a great pencil and rubber.

Great prizes to win for your school too!

### Diary Dates:

Police visit to our school - Wednesday 26th August at 10am

Singleton Army Museum excursion - Wednesday 2nd September

Visit to Cessnock West PS for author Mark Wilson talk + Kurri Gymnastics Centre - Thursday 3rd September

Father's Day Stall - Friday 4th September

Father's Day - Sunday 6th September

The Cranky Bear performance at the Civic Theatre - Tuesday 8th September

Terrigal Trotters - Saturday 12th September

Kurri Gymnastics Centre visit - Thursday 17th September

Multi-cultural day - Friday 18th September

Final Day of term 4: Friday 18th September



*Students will be purchasing gifts at 10:45am, on Friday 4th September, ready for Father's Day on the Sunday.*

## **School Zone Safety Lights**

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plans to install signs outside Congewai Public School on Congewai Road the week beginning Tuesday 8 September outside of 40km school zone hours.

Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting. Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles are put in place if needed.

Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

For more information about the flashing lights program please visit the Centre for Road Safety website at [www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe](http://www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe) (go to the schools section) or you can contact **1800 726 958** or [flashinglights@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:flashinglights@rms.nsw.gov.au).





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

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Laguna Art Exhibition

Laguna Public School's P&C Assoc. Fundraiser - work by local artists & children



### Join us for Opening Night

**When:** Friday 21 August 2015.  
Exhibition opening 7pm.  
**Where:** Laguna Community Hall,  
Great North Road, Laguna.  
**Entry:** \$15.00 includes access to the Chill  
Lounge, a commemorative glass,  
a complimentary glass of wine, a  
catalogue and entry to the exhibition.  
Due to NSW liquor laws, please note that no  
person under 18 will be admitted.  
**Dinner:** \$42pp. Bookings essential - sittings  
& **Entry:** at 6pm and 7.30pm, book online  
at [www.LagunaArtShow.com.au](http://www.LagunaArtShow.com.au)  
bookings close Monday 17 August.

### General Exhibition

**When:** Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August,  
from 10am to 4pm.  
**Entry:** Gold coin donation. Children welcome.  
Cafe open.  
**Artwork:** 'Billabong and Red Tail Black Cockatoos'  
by 2015 featured artist Lorna Wall.