Dear families,

The school year is drawing quickly to a close with less than 3 weeks left now for students.

Last week a very successful Year 6 Farewell was held to wish our Year Six students well as they journey into High School.

Thank you to families who came along to the Community forums last week. We are in the process of writing the new 3 year school plan and your input is invaluable.

Some useful sites:

For the love of science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.


Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.


Have a good week & as always please contact either the school staff or myself if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Principal

CAROLS IN THE DAY + MEAL DEAL

On Wednesday 10th December at 10:00am our school will be holding its annual “Carols in the Day”. Each class will be performing a carol – a couple of which will be as new to the audience as they were to some staff members. The Meal Deal orders have gone home and are due back by Friday 5th December.

AUDITIONS FOR THE CESSNOCK COMMUNITY OF GREATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHOIR

Annie Devine (Choir conductor/coordinator) will be coming to our school on Tuesday 9th December at 11:20am for half an hour to audition any students who wish to join the choir. If students are successful, they will receive an information pack to take home to their caregiver who can then decide on their child’s acceptance.

The CCGPS Choir is a Gifted and Talented Choral group of students from public primary school that feed into Cessnock and Mt View High Schools. The choir is supported by the Principals of the participating schools and performs at a wide variety of community functions and events throughout the year. Miss Annie Devine is an experienced choral conductor, singer and performer.

GLASSES HANDED IN

A pair of child’s prescription glasses has been handed into the office. If your child cannot find their glasses please come to the front desk to retrieve them.
**P & C RAFFLE WINNERS**

Last Friday the draw was made for the P & C Fundraiser raffle. First prize of a family holiday for four days on the Southern Highlands went to Lee Reynolds and second prize of a family pass to Hunter Valley Gardens went to Doug Thoma. Congratulations and we hope you both enjoy your prizes.

**COMMUNITY NEWS FLYERS**

Are available for viewing on the school website.

**REMINDERS—Weekly Overview 2014**

**Week 9**
- Monday 1st December – Year 6 commence at Cessnock High School

**Week 10**
- Tuesday 9th December – K-5 Years Assembly for Attendance Awards and Gold Badges
  - 10.00am
- Wednesday 10th December – Carols in the Day
  - 10.00am +
  - Meal Deal
- Thursday 11th December – Volunteers Morning Tea at 10:30am
- Friday 12th December – Celebration Day for those eligible

**Week 11**
- Tuesday 16th December – Class Party Day
- Wednesday 17th December – Red Faces performances
- Wednesday 17th December – Last Day for students for 2014

**Thought for the Week:** We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we are curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths. Walt Disney