Dear families,
Welcome to Week 5 of Term 4.
On Thursday we welcome the State Opposition leader, Linda Burnie to our school for a special assembly to celebrate Aboriginal education here at Cessnock Public. The assembly is due to begin at 10am. All families are welcome to attend at this time. Following the assembly, lunch will be held in the library for our visitors and our aboriginal families.

Thanks to Mrs Annette Lambkin and Kindergarten for the absolutely incredible Ginger Bread house they built for the Hunter Valley gardens annual contest. Mrs Lambkin would also like to thank the family members who came along to help build. If you would like to vote for our Ginger Bread house you will need to visit Hunter Valley Gardens between November 6 and December 28. Check out our web site for photos.

This morning we welcomed the cyclists from Tour De Cure to our school. They interacted by talking and playing with some students. We presented them with a cheque for $400. This money was raised from our recent ‘out of uniform’ day and staff donation. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about this great charitable event. The cyclists were really impressed by our students’ behavior and participation. The Commonwealth bank also donated $2000 to our school during the event. What a great way to start the week.

Last Wednesday we invited Senior Constable Steele to speak with our Stage 3 students. Constable Steele is the Police Youth Liaison Officer attached to Maitland Police station. He supports youth throughout our area. The topic was Social Media and Criminal Behaviours.
He covered topics such as – filming a fight/publicising or forwarding ‘selfies’/cyber bullying and computer games and other computer usage such as FaceBook.
He seriously warned students against playing games such as Grand Theft Auto/ Call of Duty and Black Ops.
Senior Constable Steele suggests the best site for parents to visit for information is www.acorn.gov.au

We have had a local resident call & warn us they recently found some discarded syringes on the road near our school. Please reinforce with your child the importance of never picking anything up & reporting to me anything they see on the way to and from school.

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

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Principal

PBL Corner – Week 5
This week in our PBL lesson, students discussed and brainstormed solutions for the amount of LITTER that has been in the playground recently. It is part of our universal PBL expectations that students how pride in their school, and this includes maintaining a tidy environment. PBL awards this week were given to students who always display learning behaviours in the offices.

G.A.T.S. ART
A Big thanks goes to those parents who have donated craft items for our sculptures in class. A reminder to those parents who have kindly offered to help transport us to Wollombi for our Sculpture excursion on Wednesday 11th November, the office ladies need to sight your Driver’s License and comprehensive insurance before the day.
Thank you. Donna Ling

Hats & Water Bottles
It is now hot weather and water bottles are being used more frequently. Please ensure that they are cleaned out with hot water and refilled with cold water each day.
Water bottles which are not cleaned effectively and frequently can develop very nasty stomach bugs and make students ill. The broad brimmed hats required at school must be worn when students are in the playground or they play under the cola area.
Hunter Valley Gardens have generously donated tickets to their ‘Christmas Lights Spectacular’ for Friday night 6 November only. We have free entry tickets for 1 adult per family and they will be distributed on first-in basis. Tickets are available at our office.