Dear families,
Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4.

What a celebration of Aboriginal education we had here last Thursday. Included in our guest list was Linda Burney (Deputy Opposition leader), Clayton Barr (NSW State Member for Cessnock), Bob Pynsent (our Mayor), Bryan Campbell (School Education Director) and Morgan Campbell (Councillor Cessnock Council). Mr Cooke has written a description of the event but I absolutely wanted to congratulate Mr Cooke for his outstanding efforts preparing for the event. I was very proud of all our performers and the amazing great manners shown by all our students on the day. I am always proud to be Principal of our school but our children and staff really shone last week.

Ms Burney’s visit to CPS coincided with a number of announcements made by Aboriginal education coordinator Phil Cooke about developments in Aboriginal education at our school for 2016.

In 2016, Cessnock Public School will -

- establish a seat within our school’s Student Representative Council dedicated to our Aboriginal students.
- create a junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.
- inaugurate an Aboriginal Education Committee, comprised of the teachers, parents and caregivers of our Aboriginal students. The committee will schedule regular meetings to discuss the advancement of educational and cultural goals for our Aboriginal students.
- implement Mgoals in our school. Mgoals is an online project that assists students to create their goals for living and learning.

We look forward to sharing further details about these initiatives in the near future.

The organisers from the Tour De Cure were also very high in praise for our school when they visited here last Monday. The team of cyclists really enjoyed interacting with our students. The students were thrilled to each receive a showbag of goodies. The school also received a cheque for $4000 from the Commonwealth bank. I will be asking our Infants and primary SRC students for suggestions on what they would like me to purchase with the donation.

It is a very busy time of the year at school but we will try as always to keep you as informed as possible via this page, our website and the school app.

I had a really enjoyable meeting with the P & C executive last week & something they told me really resonated with me for a long while. They told me that we don’t always remember to share all the great things that go on at our school. One example was that here we paid for all our Year 2 to participate in swimming lessons this year. That is bus fare and pool entry for everyone in Year 2 for the full 2 weeks.

We are going to try really hard to publish more on our website and FaceBook pages. As always we appreciate feedback from our parents.

If you have an opportunity please visit our Library and Infants building for a look at our new seating, which has created an inviting area for students to focus, learn and interact.

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 6
This week in our PBL lesson, students focused on MOVING SAFELY in all school settings. Moving safely, and especially following our universal expectation that we WALK ON HARD SURFACES, is vital to maintaining a safe environment at school. PBL awards were not handed out this week due to Principals Award Assembly. We congratulate all students who received a Principals Award today.

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.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Kindergarten enrolments for next year are open and are filling fast. If you or someone you know plans to enroll a child at Cessnock Perfect for 2016, please come in and see our wonderful office staff as soon as possible to obtain the necessary paperwork.

Administering Medication at School
School staff can only administer medication at school which is prescribed by a doctor. The medication bought in must have a pharmacy label attached which identifies the student, the dosage and time of day to be administered. Parents/carers will need to bring the medication to the office and complete the forms required for administering of medication.

Breakfast Club
From 8.15 am to 9.15 am located in the building opposite Cooino, students can have a healthy breakfast for a coin donation. Cereals, scrambled eggs, yoghurt and toast are served by volunteers each weekday. Students also experience social interaction with their peers, use of table manners and develop domestic independence. If you are interested in volunteering in Breakfast club please see the front desk for more information.

Term Reminders - Term 4
Week 6
Tuesday 10th – Kinder 2016 “Packed Lunch Visit”
Wednesday 11th – GATS Art excursion to “Sculpture in the Vines”

Week 8
Monday 23rd - Presentation Day
Thursday 26th – Year 6 Farewell
Friday 27th – Last Day for Year 6

Week 9
Tuesday 1st – Books in Homes Assembly for K-3

Week 10
Tuesday 8th – Carols and Meal Deal
Thursday 10th – Class award presentation

Week 11
Tuesday 15th – Party Day
Wednesday 16th – Red Faces

Community News Flyers are available for viewing on the school website.

Thought for the Week: Originality consists in thinking for yourself, and not thinking unlike other people – J. Fitzjames Stephen