Dear families,

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 4.

Today our school community had the privilege of listening to 21 senior students make their election speech. The school voted today for our school leaders for 2016. I was very proud of all students. They represented themselves & families very well. Successful candidates will be announced at our Annual Presentation Day assembly next Monday 23 November. Good luck to all candidates.

The candidates who accepted nomination were:
Beau Hunter  Lennox Vasilis  Nicole Hartsorn
Tayshan Gainsford-Herring  Kristofer Morris
Jordan Butters  Jessica Sales  Jacob Wilson
Domonic McIntyre  Amber Lamph  Dominic
Davies  Jack Collins  Alexia Kronholm  Emily
Pringle  Shakyla King  Toni Harris  Connor
Campbell  Emily Gallagher  Tory Travers Jobson
Shanae Hepplewhite  Rico O’Neill

We have many opportunities for student leadership at our school but the Captains and Prefects in particular, play a very significant role in school life. They give the student body a strong voice and the positions enable our students to develop great leadership skills and to participate in many activities.

Tomorrow we have the Responsible Pet Education crew visiting our K-2 classes. I’m sure our students will really enjoy this presentation.

On Wednesday we welcome families to a special assembly celebrating the Performing Arts in our school. We will begin with a special assembly after lunch (just after 12.15) and following the assembly families are invited to go to the classrooms to watch and/or participate in a lesson. I hope you are able to join us to celebrate the arts here at school.

On Thursday we are having an “Out of Uniform Day.” We are encouraging children to bring a gold coin donation to donate to John Hunter’s Children ward. Of course they can also choose to wear their uniform on the day instead.

Currently teachers are busily writing end of year reports. Reports for Year 6 will go home Friday 27 November. Students K-5 will receive their reports Monday 14th December.

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 7

This week in our PBL lesson, students focussed on GOING FOR RESPECT in the CLASSROOM. All students are expected to display respectful behaviour towards each other and staff in the classroom at all times. PBL Awards this week were given to students who always MOVE SAFELY in the playground.

G.A.T.S. ART - Sculpture Excursion

Our visit to Stonehurst Winery Cedar Creek to view their exhibits from Sculpture in the Vineyards was a huge success. We enjoyed a guided tour of the sculptures, with hands down favourite being “Remember Remember” – a field of cast iron poppies, each standing 2 feet high. Other favourites were “Pod” – a depiction of 3 mosaic whale tales rising from the ground as if diving underwater. The students then participated in their own sculpture workshop creating a paper mache face based on another of the sculptures on display.

We finished the day with a picnic lunch and another free choice exploration of the exhibit.

Thanks again to those wonderful parents who helped with transport and congratulations to the students on their excellent CPS behaviour.

Mrs Ling
P&C Reminder
Final P&C meeting will be held this evening at 5.30pm at Pedens. Members and their guests are invited to a short meeting and a share in pizza to celebrate. Children welcome and eat free, no alcoholic drinks consumed during the meeting.

The 2015 CPS P&C Christmas Raffle Bonanza will have 6 major prize winners and a bonus PICK YOUR PRIZE draw. Raffle drawn at the end of the Carols By Daylight on the 8th December. All tickets sold or unsold are to be returned to the front office. For more details on prize pool see the fantastic Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page and note home later this week.

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.

Breakfast Club
From 8.15am to 9.15am located in the building opposite Cooinda, 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 7
Tuesday 17th – Responsible Pet Ed – K/2
Wednesday 18th – Art and Music Assembly – 12:30
Thursday 19th – Out of Uniform Day – Money raised for Children’s Ward at the John Hunter Hospital

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
Thursday 3rd – Joel – the magician

Week 10
Tuesday 8th – Carols and Meal Deal
Thursday 10th – Class award presentation
Thursday 10th – Volunteers Morning Tea
Friday 11th – Celebration Day

Week 11
Monday 14th – Reports Home
Tuesday 15th – Party Day
Wednesday 16th – Red Faces

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

Thought for the Week: A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. Denis Waitley