Dear families,
Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4.

Congratulations to all winners today and our new leadership team for 2016 will be:

Captains: Emily Pringle and Lennox Vasilis
Prefects: Beau Hunter, Amber Lamph, Dominic McIntyre, Jacob Wilson, Alexia Kronholm and Toni Hams

Special guests, ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, fellow staff of Cessnock Perfect School, it is my great pleasure to present my report for 2015. I would also like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respects to the Elders both past, present and future.

2015 has a wonderful year for Cessnock Public School. Our students have been giving their best and our school has had marvelous successes. We have been fortunate to become part of the Early Action For Success program which has enabled Sally Eagleton to be appointed as Instructional leader & Kerrie Hughes as an Interventionist. Early Action for Success is the department’s strategy for implementing the NSW government’s State Literacy and Numeracy Plan. It aims to improve students’ literacy and numeracy skills through a targeted approach in the early years of schooling K-2. We have continued to build on our Focus On Reading implementation 3-6. Here at Cessnock Public we really value professional learning and in 2015 made a huge commitment to enable all staff to access high quality professional learning that supports the work they do in the classroom every day. Let me take this opportunity to sincerely thank and acknowledge my wonderful team of teaching staff who give so much more of themselves than people realize. Thank you team – I am proud of you and the difference you make in children’s lives every day.

We have achieved great outcomes in Creative and Performing Arts in 2015. The items presented last week at our Celebration of the Arts demonstrated the strength of the arts at Cessnock. Special mention to Donna Ling for her work with the Gifted & Talented Art group and Anthony Lee for his work with Stage 3 in his music writing and performing course.

In the sporting arena our school enjoyed significant successes in 2015 with both school teams and many individuals achieving honours. Students represented the school in Soccer, netball, swimming, cross country, touch football and athletics. The level of sportsmanship has been of the highest calibre. This year we also employed Mr Paul Ashtin to run a Fundamentals Movement program K-2.

We have culminated our journey in Aboriginal Education in our special celebration assembly earlier this term but today I would like to acknowledge the great work of both Phil Cooke and Kym Duncan. Well done and thank you gentlemen.

This year our Gifted & Talented art group have once again excelled with entries & success in The Advertisers Anzac Day Competition, Operation Art, The Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange and Maitland Regional Art Galleries Face2Face exhibition.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their support of the school in 2015. Our
President, Heidy Vasilis supported by her fellow executive are the engine room of the P&C working behind the scenes to keep the organisation running. We are also lucky to have plenty of volunteers to help when needed. Thank you for your support.

I would also like to congratulate Kerrie Hughes, Natalie McNamara, Gina Harrison, Donna Ling and Jonah Williams who were all recognised for their outstanding contributions to our school during Education Week.

Our Canteen supervisor Annette Lambkin has done an outstanding job this year running one of the healthiest school canteens in the state.

I would like to make special mention of our school executive. Kathy Cameron, Kim Smith, Glenn Burrell and Steve Morgan. Their dedication and commitment is acknowledged and appreciated. The executive gives freely and willingly of their time mostly outside of school hours to ensure our school runs smoothly. Thank you team your support of me goes beyond the call of duty or any job description.

I would like to especially thank our support staff. Our School Learning Support Officers both in the units and the other classrooms are the envy of all other schools. 2015 has been another challenging and demanding year. Every challenge has been met with enthusiasm and commitment. The excellent outcomes achieved by our students are a credit to the staff of Cessnock Public School. Our teachers are always well supported by our office staff – Tracey, Natalie and Fran have done a wonderful job.

To our Year 6 students you have been an outstanding group with a range of individuals who have contributed to the school in different ways. I hope that you take away happy memories and a significant repertoire of skills, knowledge and values as you move to high school. A special mention for our School Captains and Prefects who have contributed much to the school this year. Congratulations and best wishes and I hope you have the key for your future.

I would also like to thank Mrs Cameron who is the principal organising of today’s event and our school leaders for compering today’s proceedings.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the individuals and families who have supported our school during 2015. On a personal note thank you for your ongoing support of me. I really enjoy coming to school every day. From my family to you and your family, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 8
This week in PBL lessons, we continued our refresher on expectations in the classroom, with this week's focus being GOING FOR LEARNING in the CLASSROOM. Going for learning in the classroom helps all students maximise their learning outcomes. PBL awards were not handed out this week due to this morning’s Presentation Assembly.

Lost Glasses
Parents, could you please help us find a pair of lost glasses. If you could check with your child and/or their bag and see if there is a pair which has accidently ended up in your child’s bag, please bring them into the front office.

P&C Reminder
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.
Thank you to all who attended the last 2015 P&C meeting. Today the P&C are excited to present some awards at the Presentation assembly. Sports Power on Vincent street, sponsored the CPS P&C a “Good Sports Award”. This award recognises in students an easy going nature, respect in competition and team player qualities in the classroom and playground. The P&C encourage being a good sport in all aspects of school.

The P&C will have a 2015 newsletter wrap up of the year in the coming weeks. Remember to bring in your Christmas Bonanza Raffle tickets to the front office. Have a look on the fantastic Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page for all the raffle content and details

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 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 8
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: As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them. John F Kennedy