Dear families,
Welcome to Week 9 of Term 4.
Congratulations to our elected student leaders 2016.

Captains:
Emily Pringle                  Lennox Vasilis

Prefects:
Beau Hunter                   Jacob Wilson   Domanic McIntyre
Amber Lamph                   Alexia Kronholm  Toni Harris

Last week we said our good byes to Year 6. Year 6 begin their secondary education journey today at Cessnock High. They enjoyed a lovely Farewell last Thursday night. We wish them well in their futures.

Today all K-2 staff undertook ‘Got It’ training. ‘Got It!’ is a school-based program that helps teachers and parents to understand children’s behaviour and emotional reactions. It is designed to support parents and teachers in teaching children how to manage their emotions and problem solve to cope better in all situations. It targets disruptive and challenging behaviours.

On Tuesday we will be having our Books In Homes assembly for Kindergarten to Year 3 students. The Books in Homes Primary Program aims to develop students’ love of reading, and create a legacy of books in the homes of students. A culture of literate practice in English is created through the donation of nine books per year to students, some who have limited access to books.

On Thursday we have invited Joel the Magician back as a treat for all students. There is no cost to the students and we have also invited 2016 Kindergarten children. I hope everyone enjoys his world of magic.

On Friday 3-6 staff will be attending their second session of TOWN training. Takin’ Off With Numeracy (TOWN) is a whole-class intervention initiative which focuses on improving numeracy skills of students in the primary years identified as not performing at expected stage level. The initiative provides ongoing professional learning over the school year to assist teachers to assess each student’s current numeracy understanding and to monitor student progress against a research-based framework. Beyond this, the program aims to provide explicit guidance in designing whole class teaching programs to further develop each student’s numeracy understanding. Emphasis is given to the teaching sequence related to developing Place Value, as it underpins the four operations and decimals, as well as important concepts in measurement. Focus is also given to the teaching of Multiplication and Division concepts.

Please take a close look at the dates at the end of the Perfect Page this week. I hope you are able to join on some of these occasions. As you can see as always, we are really busy right through to the end of the 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
This week in our PBL lesson, students completed their focus on classroom expectations with a lesson about GOING for SAFETY in the CLASSROOM. Safe behaviour in the classroom is a key aspect of making school a safe working environment for all. PBL awards this week were handed out to students who always display LEARNING behaviours in the classroom.

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
LAST WEEK for returning your tickets, sold or unsold for the 2015 CPS P&C Christmas Bonanza Raffle. Major prizes and the Pick Your Prize winners will be drawn after the Carols By Daylight Concert on Tuesday the 8th. All raffle details can be seen on the Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page and the flyer home. Copies are available in the front office handy note stand along with all your school notes and newsletter releases.

REMINDER to return the "Appeal For Relocation" letter to the front office. If you have read and agree to saving the old bowling green property, opposite the school, as the current recreation zone, please sign the letter. This land would be an asset to our students if kept for public sport or training activity like the surrounding land. The P&C respect all views and encourage your consideration on the proposed commercial development.

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 9
Tuesday 1st – Books in Homes Assembly for K-3 at 10:00am
Thursday 3rd – Joel – the magician at 10:00am

Week 10
Tuesday 8th – Carols at 10:00am and Meal Deal
Thursday 10th – Volunteers Morning Tea in the Library at 10:00am
Thursday 10th – Class award presentation at 12:30pm
Friday 11th – Celebration Day at 12:30pm

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: Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything. George Bernard Shaw.