Principal’s Message

Dear families,

Last Friday we held the first of a series of information sessions for our families. Thank you to the 19 people who attended. At this meeting we spoke about the introduction of a Cessnock Public School Facebook page. Please consider accessing it to keep up to date with what is happening at our school. In addition the P & C have their Facebook page, we have the school app., and the school website which also displays the term planner. Of course at this stage we still print the Perfect Page every week. The staff & I try really hard to share lots of information and in a timely manner.

Cessnock Perfect School has purchased both Mathletics and Spellodrome this year. Staff have been inserviced on their use in class. Please come along to the Stage Information sessions to learn how these programs will be used in class. The purchase also means students can access these programs at home. Children will be issued their Username & password some time this week. In the meantime I encourage you to visit their websites. We are excited about the impact we hope these 2 programs may have on both student learning and engagement.

If your child suffers from asthma you need to complete an asthma action plan & have it signed by your doctor annually. This applies now for children with allergies. If you need help or have any questions please call in and see Fran in the front office or Mrs Cameron.

Our school community including students, parents and staff are very proud of our school. I am finalising a new response about uniforms that I will share with the P & C soon. It is a requirement of our school that all children come to school every day in full School uniform. By far the majority of students wear their uniform with pride. I will be increasing our response to children out of uniform. This means children out of uniform continually will be receiving detention. Of course if families are experiencing difficulty in providing uniforms the school & I are more than happy to help. A gold shirt is fine even without the school emblem.

This year our school has benefited from the Early Action For Success strategy. This has resulted in Mrs Eagleton being promoted to our Instructional Leader & Ms Hughes our interventionist. The absolute aim of the program is to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of all our children in K-2. So far students are being closely assessed and plans devised to address individual, group and class needs.

In addition for the rest of Term One I have employed a number of additional casual teaching staff who will be relieving class teachers for two days. During these 2 days each classroom teacher K-6 will individually assess their students in both literacy and numeracy.

Last year I sent home new enrolment forms for each student. Kinder are fine but many forms are still missing. It is a requirement for us to update this information as the enrolment forms have changed. If you have concerns or have misplaced the form please see Fran in the front office.

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

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Stage Information Meetings
The following dates and times are for stage information sessions:
Early Stage 1: Wed 25th Feb at 3:30 in Infants Hall
Stage 1: Tues 17th Feb at 3:45 in Infants Hall
Stage 2: Wed 18th Feb at 3:45pm in 3/4J room
Stage 3: Wed 11th Feb at 3:30pm in 5/6B room
Please come along, meet the teachers and learn what your children will be undertaking in class and how you can support your child.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our school swimming Champions:
Junior Girls - Lilly Vasilis
Junior Boys - Tye Whitton
Senior Girls - Savannah Horn
Senior Boys - Lennox Vasilis
Points Tally:
Lawson 81
Gordon 82
Paterson 121
Kendall 190

School Contributions
Our school keeps this cost as low as possible and so this year they are set at $40.00 for all students. This amount covers school resources to continue valuable programs and innovations, especially around technology. Please pay at the office as soon as possible, by cash or cheque.

School Photos
The 19th February will be our photo day this year. We ask that all students come along in full school uniform on the day. Even if you do not intend to purchase photos please still ensure that your child attends.

Note package
In the next week your child will bring home a package of school notes that are very important. Please take the time to read, complete and return the relevant notes to your child.

Medical Information
On the enrolment forms that parents/carers complete for the Department of Education there is a section in which you are asked about medical conditions your child has. If your child has asthma and/or allergies then we are required to have an Asthma Action Plan or Allergy Action Plan completed by the student’s doctor. We are no longer allowed to act only on information provided by the parents/carers. Plans must be updated every year by the doctor and the school. If you have indicated a medical condition you will be receiving a phone call and asked to provide documentation from the doctor. We have both types of the Action Plans the Department of Education requires at the office, please call in and collect one for the doctor to complete.

Term Reminders
Week 3
Week 4
Monday 16th Feb – Combined Assembly for the Leadership Team presentation of badges
Thursday 19th Feb – School Photos being taken

Week 5
Wednesday 25th Feb – Aboriginal Families BBQ
Friday 27th Feb – Cross Country

Week 6
Monday 2nd March – Combined Principal’s Awards Assembly

Week 7
Week 8
Friday 20th March – Athletics Carnival

Week 9
Monday 23rd March – Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company presentation for Years 2 to 6
Thursday 26th March – CPS Public Speaking Competition

Week 10
Monday 30th March – Combined Principal’s Awards Assembly
Thursday 2nd April – Easter Hat Parade

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

Thought for the week: “We’re so busy watching out for what’s just ahead of us that we don’t take time to enjoy where we are.” Calvin & Hobbes