Dear families,

How quickly the term has gone. A very busy time as always. I am proud of the learning that has gone on in all our classrooms.

A big thank you to Ms Courtney Walker who has given KW such a great start to their schooling career. Mrs Ashley Welsh will be returning from maternity leave Day 1 next term. I’m sure we will be seeing more of Ms Walker.

Today Mr Cooke with some of our students and assisted by Mrs Lambkin extended our gardens with native plants.

Today we are celebrating fantastic data that reflects great attendance and behaviour. I am so very proud of our students.

**Attendance**
- 25% of our student population (81 students) have attended 100% of school days so far this year.
- 62% of our student population (195 students) are meeting our School Plan attendance goal by attending school on more than 95% of all school days.

**Behaviour**
- 88% of our student population (277 students) have had 0 or 1 incident of inappropriate behaviour logged on the school data tracking system. These students are all on track to receive their gold badge at the end of the year.
- Just 3% of our student population (10 students) have had more than 5 incidents logged.

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be this Thursday 10am. I look forward to seeing the hats, masks, happy faces and our families. The P & C raffle will be drawn on the day.

A reminder that the first day of school is a Staff Development Day which means students return Tuesday 21st April.

I will be on Long Service Leave at the beginning of the term, returning during Week 3. Glenn & I are visiting family in Japan. During my absence Mrs Kathy Cameron will ably lead the school.

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 10**

This week in PBL lessons, students will be discussing, decorating and colouring posters for our "Buddies not Bullies" program that have been designed by our own very talented Mrs Ling. These posters will hang in classrooms and other school settings to remind students that at Cessnock Perfect, we are buddies, not bullies. PBL Awards were not handed out this week due to Principals Award assemblies. Congratulations to all students who received a Principal’s Award today, and particularly to those who received their second Principal’s Award and are on track to be invited to our school reward day next term.

**Dear Parents / Caregivers**

Last week, as part of the Early Action for Success project, I joined 15 other teachers from around the state at a 3 day maths conference in Sydney. As well as the theory side of our learning we had the opportunity to participate in numerous hands on activities and maths games. To assist with the implementation of some activities next term I am asking if you could collect the following household items.
- Milk bottle lids/tops
- Egg cartons (any size)
- Any scrap wrapping paper with a pattern
- Ice cream containers (any size) or large yoghurt containers

We would also like to request that if you have any excess/doubles of the Woolworth’s dominoes that you do not need, could you please send them in for us to use.

We will be able to use these items during maths activities. The holidays will be a great time to start
collecting. Any items are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the office. Thank you for your support
Sally Eagleton

**Aboriginal Education Update**

In 2015, Cessnock Public School is continuing to place an emphasis upon fully supporting Aboriginal students to identify with culture and heritage. The continued knowledge and understanding of the culture and traditions of Australia’s First People is important for all Australians.

During Term 1, Cessnock Public School’s Aboriginal Education Group has been examining many aspects of traditional Aboriginal culture and history. This learning for Aboriginal students will continue throughout the year with a range of activities.

To conclude Term 1, students have been constructing an Australian bush tucker garden within the school’s grounds.

In Term 2, students will be participating in the Deadly Cooking program, to learn about various ways in which traditional food can be used.

Mr Phil Cooke

**ANZAC March**

Thanks to the students who returned their ANZAC MARCH note last week. Just a reminder, if your child is attending the ANZAC March this year, please sign and return their permission note this week if possible. New notes are available at the office or on the website.

**School Disco For Term 1**

Last Thursday evening over 150 Cessnock Public School children enjoyed one of the social highlights of the year when they attended the Term 1 disco. Many prizes were awarded to students for their creative costumes and rhythmic, hypnotic dancing. These discos, held once each term, raise money for important purchases which are presented to the school by our outgoing year 6 students.

**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.

**Term Reminders**

**Week 10**

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

**Week 1 Term 2**

Tuesday 21st April – Students return to school
Thursday 23rd April – Zone Cross Country

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

**Thought for the week:** Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change. Stephen Hawking