Dear families,
Welcome back to Term 2 and we hope that you are all well on the way to having your households back to normal.
Please note the following:
- Parents of students in Years 3 and 5, please ensure you received the “Letter to Parents” sheet with regards to NAPLAN assessments which was sent home Friday and today.
- Applications are now open for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2016. All applications must be made online by going to the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement Applications are accepted from Monday 27th April and close Friday 15th May 2015. All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22nd July 2015.

PBL Corner - Week 2
This term, students in all classes will be completing exercises and activities from the Rock and Water program as part of our weekly PBL lessons. The Rock and Water program is a physical and emotional learning program that teaches and fosters resilience, emotional stability, calmness and appropriate reactions to unsafe situations. It relates strongly with our expectations that our students GO FOR SAFETY at all times and in all school settings. As such, this week’s PBL award was awarded to a student in each class who always GOES FOR SAFETY.

ANZAC March
On Saturday, 46 students from Cessnock Public School attended the annual ANZAC Day March. They marched wonderfully and showed due respect and reverence to the occasion. Congratulations to all who attended on being excellent representatives of Cessnock Perfect. Thankyou in particular to our captains, Isaac and Jaylena, for doing a great job laying the wreath, and to Ms McDonald, Mrs Ingram and Miss Hurst for their help with supervision.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Students are required to read a set number of books by Friday, August 21, 2015. They must keep a record of the books they read and after registering online, upload the details of the books they read.

Attached to the Perfect Page please find information on accessing the site. Mr Kermode has set up the book lists at school for students to select from and has agreed to coordinate the challenge. Parents and/or students will need to access the site and record their readings.
Winter Canteen Menu
Our canteen menu for Winter Term 2 and Term 3 will commence from Monday 4th May. Please take the time to look over the items available and also the healthy alternatives we have on ‘Go Green Thursday’. Today your child will receive the menu and another outlining our ‘Winter Daily Specials’. Items on the ‘Winter Daily Specials’ are all priced at $4.00 and are homemade.

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 – Term 2
Week 3
Monday 4th May – Year 4 Science lesson with University of Newcastle
Thursday 7th May - Public Speaking Competition

Week 4
Monday 11th May – Year 4 Science lesson with University of Newcastle
NAPLAN Assessments on 12th, 13th and 14th.

Week 5
Monday 18th May – Year 4 Science lesson with University of Newcastle
Monday 18th May – Deadly Australians – Reptile show
Tuesday 19th May – ICAS Digital Technologies (Computer)

Week 6
Monday 25th May – Year 4 Science lesson with University of Newcastle
Monday 25th May – Principal Award Assemblies
Wednesday 27th May – Student Asthma Training

Week 7
Wednesday 3rd June – ICAS Science

Week 9
Monday 15th June – Times Tables Competition
Monday 15th June – ICAS Writing
Tuesday 16th June – ICAS Spelling
Tuesday 16th June – Hunter Life Education

Week 10
Monday 22nd June – Principal Award Assemblies

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

Thought for the week: The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more things that you learn, the more places you will go. Dr Seuss