Dear families,

A busy week last week at school with Years 3 and 5 sitting the NAPLAN tests. Results become available some time during September. At the end of this term we will be holding our annual Times Tables Competition. Reading and multiplication tables are 2 very significant basic skills children need to master. Try encouraging and listening to your child recite their times tables. Encourage them and help them commit the tables to memory. Not knowing multiplication tables really slows down your child’s mathematical progress.

This week and next I will be out of the school on numerous occasions. My own Professional Learning along with teachers is quite significant and there are times when I must attend mandatory training.

This week on Monday & Tuesday I am attending “Understanding Autism” and Thursday and Friday I am at the Hunter Principals’ Conference.

The following week Monday 25/5 I attend early Action For Success training with Mrs Eagleton, Tuesday the Cessnock Principal’s meeting and Friday a meeting for schools that have a School as a Community Centre (Koe Nara). At all times there will be members of the executive ably running the school.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-

study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

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 5

This week, students continued learning calming techniques in our PBL lessons through engagement in the Rock and Water program. This week students completed a Rock and Water activity in the playground. As part of our focus on GOING FOR SAFETY, classes also discussed appropriate and safe use of medicines with a particular focus on asthma medication.

PBL Awards were given this week to students who are in the right place at the right time.

P&C General Meeting tonight. Monday the 18th from 5.30 pm at the ECBC.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend this great opportunity to network and share ideas. You may like to become a P&C member. This membership fee of $2, is paid by the end of the meeting and allows you to vote in on major changes at the start of your next attendance of a meeting. Check out the Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page for more information on how the P&C members have contributed to students. Please note The ECBC is a licensed venue and offers a great bistro but no alcohol is to be brought into the meeting. Your P&C team really hope to see you there.

Canteen Helpers Needed

If you are available to volunteer in the canteen from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on any day of the week/fortnight please talk to Annette Lambkin in the canteen.
Knights Knockout Open Division

This Thursday, 17 Stage 3 boys will travel with Mr Clarke to Ford Oval, Lambton to participate in the annual Knights Knockout Rugby League Gala Day. We have a tough draw, with games scheduled against Mayfield East PS, Biraban PS, Rathmines PS and Maitland PS, but we have been training hard and are looking forward to the challenge. Thanks in advance to parents who have offered to assist with transport to the event.

Cessnock Perfect PSSA Soccer

On Friday, 15th April Cessnock Perfect Boys and Girls Soccer teams competed in the first round of PSSA Soccer against Abermain. The girls’ team played first and lead the way by winning 3-1 against a competitive Abermain side. The team played well and showed great strength through our midfield with Jaylene, Shanae and Jazz-lin scoring goals.

After a confident win by the girls our coach, Mr Adam Williams, was hoping that the boys would display the same confidence. It wasn’t long into the game when the boy’s skill began to shine, with the boys winning their game 7-0. The attacking defence of fullbacks supported our midfield, allowing Jonah, Slayde and Isaac to successfully score goals.

It really was a Cessnock Perfect day.

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.

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 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
- Thursday 25th June – So You Think You Can Dance

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

Thought for the week: Sports do not build character. They reveal it. Heywood Brown

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