Dear families,

Last week I accepted Miss Jasmine Jackson’s resignation from teaching and the Department of Education, effective from the last day of the school holidays. This means she will not be returning next term. I’m sure you will join me in thanking Miss Jackson for her work here at Cessnock Perfect for the last three and a half years and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Given the brief time period to find a replacement, I was fortunate that Mrs Lisa Smith has accepted the position of 3/4B teacher until the end of the year. Mrs Smith is very familiar with our school and students and we are working as a team to make the transition as smooth as possible for the students.

Mrs Kathy Cameron will be on Long Service leave for the first 3 weeks of term. In her absence, Mr Mat Clarke will be Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 2. Mr Chris Middleton will be teaching 3-6C for those first 3 weeks.

Children’s University.

Tomorrow a group of school representatives are being trained in the incredible program called Children’s University. This is coming to our school for students in Years 3-6. It is an initiative new to NSW and being delivered in conjunction with the University of Newcastle. I will send more information home this week and you will find more on our website soon.

Our attendance data for the term shows 41% of students have attended school 95% or more. A great result considering this is the season for cold and flu. In addition, we currently have 21 students with 100% attendance.

Friday is the last day of term. Staff return Monday, 13 July for Staff Development Day and students the next day, Tuesday 14 July.

Enjoy your children during the next 2 weeks break. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together for your child’s learning to be maximised.

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski

PBL Corner - Week 9

This week’s PBL lesson lesson is a general discussion about ‘keeping it together’ for the last week of term. Although it is the last week of term, the school expectations and the consequences of not meeting these expectations do not change.

AWARD - as this term’s focus has been GO FOR SAFETY, we will make this week’s PBL award a general GO FOR SAFETY award.
National Consistent Collection of Data

Schools across Australia are taking part in the national data collection on students with disabilities. This information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year. The aim of the data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia which then provides better information to assist teachers, principals and education authorities to support those students to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability. All information collected is by school and not personally identified. Please see the attached sheet for further information.

So You Think You Can Dance

Cessnock Public School are proud to showcase our fantastic students again as they show family and friends their dancing skills. Everyone, please bring your “Happy Feet” and smiles to the following performances in Cooinda:
- 9:45am Infants dances
- 11:30pm Meal Deal Lunch
- 12:15pm Primary dances

Boys PSSA Football

Congratulations to our Boys PSSA Football (soccer) team who recently played their Round 2 match against Mulbring. It was an outstanding team performance based on solid and reliable defence, a dynamic midfield and the guile and speed of our forwards. The final score was Cessnock 9 def. Mulbring 1. Our goal scorers on the day were; Isaac Dearin – 5, Jonah Williams – 3 and Slayde Rumney – 1. The result had historians reaching for the record books. In two games, Cessnock has scored 16 goals and conceded just one. Both the boys and girls will play their next game against Kurri Kurri early next term.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

You are reminded that the PRC closes Friday, August 21. That is the Friday of Week 6, Term 3 which is the same day the winning Book Week books are announced. You will need to log on to the PRC website by that date and enter online the books your child has read.

G.A.T.S Art News

This Wednesday 24th June (Week 10) we will be holding an open day for any parents/caregivers who would like to come and view what their child has been doing in our Gifted and Talented Art Group this semester. It will be very informal and you are invited to visit at a time that suits you during the middle session (12.15pm-1.45pm) or the afternoon session (2.10pm-3.25pm).
In Term 4, the work from both semesters will be displayed in a show for all parents to view the wonderful artworks our GATS students have produced.
We are also planning an art excursion for Friday 24th of July (Term 3) to Maitland Art Gallery for a gallery tour followed by an art workshop and lunch in the grounds before returning to school. To make this possible we will be asking for parents who are able to help transport the students to and from the gallery. A note will go home with the students with more information, if you are able to help with this it would be greatly appreciated.

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 medication.

Athletics Carnival Events

As you are aware we were only able to run our track events due to extreme weather. Our remaining events will be held in Weeks 1 & 2 next term.
Books in Homes Presentation Assembly

On Monday 15th June we held our Books in Homes Assembly. K - 3 students received 3 books to take home thanks to the sponsorship from The Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

Lost Property - last chance for the term

The lost property tub is over flowing in the infants building. Please come and look through if you are missing items. Most do not have names and will be put in our school uniform pool or donated to charity at the end of the term if not claimed. Also, parents please check your child has brought home the right jumper or hat as often this is how items are misplaced.

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 10**
Monday 22nd June – Principal Award Assemblies
Thursday 25th June – So You Think You Can Dance
Friday 26th June – Celebration Time

Term 3
**Week 1**
Monday 13th July – Staff return
Tuesday 14th July – Students return

**Week 2**
Monday 20th July – Times Tables Competition

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

**Thought for the week:**
It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.
William Shakespear