Dear families,

Thank you to those families who have returned the note and $5 for their child to attend the planned Life Education lesson. These visits by the Life Education van are so well delivered and enjoyable for students I have paid the remaining $5 per student from school funds. Teachers are given workbooks to deliver follow up lessons in class after the visit. Lessons begin for each class starting tomorrow, Tuesday 16 June. If you have not yet sent in the $5 please do so if you can. It is a very valuable opportunity for our students.

Thank you to those families who supported the SRC (Student Representative Council) in raising funds for the Asthma Foundation last week. I didn’t recognize some students in their ‘onesies’ and as for some of the teachers…wow!!! A fun day that raised $275 towards asthma research. Well done everyone involved. This is the voice of our students in action. Ideas are coming through weekly class meetings and then the SRC representatives meeting to exchange ideas. The SRC then meet with me and we talk about their ideas. For example, next week, Brad our relieving General Assistant (aren’t our grounds looking great?) will be painting lines for the soccer field. Another request made through the SRC. I am proud of our students voicing their ideas for our school.

Our Junior SRC (representatives from K-2) also came to see me about a number of their ideas. As a result we will be trialling liquid soap back in the dispensers in the students’ toilets. Unfortunately last time we had them filled they lasted only till lunchtime. Let’s hope with a sign or two & a lesson around using soap correctly it will last longer.

A reminder too about our Meal Deal offer. This is for lunch on Thursday 25th June. This is the same day as our annual So You Think You Can dance. This is always a wonderful day celebrating our students’ abilities with their families.

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

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski

PBL Corner – Week 9

This week in PBL lessons, students continued their focus on learning resilience and self-calming techniques through Rock and Water activities. This week’s activity was called “Clapping Hands”. In stage assemblies this week, PBL awards were given to students who follow our school safety expectation to MOVE AROUND CAREFULLY.

PSSA Rugby League

On Thursday, I was lucky to take 16 Stage 3 boys to Kurri Kurri Sports ground to compete in a PSSA rugby league gala day. After a Round 1 bye due to the withdrawal from the competition of Cessnock West PS, we came up against Pelaw Main PS in Round 2. This was an outstanding game played in terrible conditions. Our team showed skill and courage to brave both the rain and a fired up Pelaw Main team, with Cessnock PS running out 36-20 winners. This put us into the third round, where we were unfortunately beaten by a very strong Nulkaba outfit. The sportsmanship, skill and effort of the team ensured that they were excellent representatives of Cessnock Perfect.

Mr Clarke.
**G.A.T.S Art News ..**

On 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).

We are also planning an art excursion for Friday 24th 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.

**Support Unit Excursion**

On Friday, students from 3-6C and K-6K visited the University of Newcastle for the annual Multi-Sports Day for Students with a Disability. The students were excited to visit the University, and enjoyed trying a number of different sports and modified games, including basketball, cricket, football (soccer), golf, softball and netball. The behaviour of all students who attended was excellent, and they were all wonderful representatives of Cessnock Public School.

Mr Clarke.

**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/careers will need to bring the medication to the office and complete the forms required for administering of medication.

**Books in Homes Presentation Assembly**

On Monday 15th June at 9:45am. The Newcastle Permanent Building Society, the sponsors of the program, “Books in Homes” will be presenting students in Kinder to Year 3 with three books each to take home.

**Hunter Life Education - 16th to 24th June**

The aim of Hunter Life Education is to challenge students' values and attitudes, expand their knowledge and develop their skills. They motivate, encourage and empower students to exercise real choice – and make informed healthy lifestyle decisions. Please make your payment of $5 at the office for your child to attend this educational program before Wednesday 16th to ensure your child is included when their class is timetabled to attend.

**P&C MEETING TONIGHT.**

Monday 15th starts 5.30pm at the ECBC.

Members are welcome to bring another CPS parent along to hear of important issues and exciting developments regarding school and our children. This month's guest speaker is Mr Morgan on school Occupational Health & Safety.

Health and Safety affects everyone in the school, the staff, students, parents and visitors. It contributes to the goal of providing excellent educational outcomes for students, their health and their safety. As parents, having an insight into our school OH&S action plan can be beneficial. I urge you to come and listen.

Also the positions of Secretary and VP are open for proactive and positive individuals to fill. More details are available on the Cessnock Public P&C Facebook Page.

Meetings usually go between an hour to an hour and a half, so everyone can enjoy a conversational evening to discuss relevant topics. You may consider staying for dinner or an easy take home from the bistro, meetings are a non alcohol event. Thank you to our regulars for your continued support in attending, it is where you can create the most towards your student's schooling experience.

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P&C President.
Lost Property

The lost property tub is overflowing 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 9
Monday 15th June – 9:45am Books in Homes Assembly
Monday 15th June – ICAS Writing
Tuesday 16th June – ICAS Spelling
Tuesday 16th June – Hunter Life Education starts

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

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

Thought for the week: Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power and influence. Henry Chester
Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 6, 8, 10 and 12 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.