Dear families,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you and your children enjoyed the recent break. Yesterday the staff completed Professional Learning with Jane Beale, a very well renowned speech pathologist who heads up ‘All Areas Speech pathology, the pathologists we have working in our school. Yesterday’s workshop was about the different levels and types of questions teachers use in their classrooms. Each week for a while I will be including a tip from Jane.

Speech tip
When listening to your child read or reading to them always talk about what is happening. If the book has pictures talk about them or if not, what is happening in the story.

Children’s University
Unfortunately we have had to postpone the planned launch of Children’s University— a new partnership with the University of Newcastle— as the University had not cleared all legal aspects of the program. We are very excited about the opportunities this new partnership will bring our students in Years 3-6 and I will share more as we get closer to the launch.

Times Tables Competition
You will notice in the dates at the end that we have changed the date for our annual Times Tables competition. Class competitions are not quite complete so finals will now be held Monday 27 July. You will be notified shortly if your child has been successful and reached competition level.

Our annual Book Week Parade has been scheduled for Friday 28 August. Our resident Fairy Godmother has been trying on her gown so start thinking of a costume for the day.

The State Library of NSW Learning Team members will be visiting Cessnock Public School on Thursday 23 July 2015 to present FAR Out! Treasures to the Bush. This exhibition is free and is for all students in both Stages 2 and 3. 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 1
This term, PBL lessons will focus largely on the introduction of the 5 new Cessnock PS “I CAN” statements. These simple statements remind students of behaviours that they can, and need to be, displaying in order to maximize their learning potential. The 5 I CAN statements for all Cessnock Perfect students are:

- I can listen.
- I can control what I do and say.
- I can follow instructions.
- I can work quietly.
- I can raise my hand and wait.

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.

Book Week
Book Week 2015 runs from Friday August 21 (Week 6) to Friday August 28 (Week 7). On the Friday of Week 7 we will hold our Book Week Parade which will feature a book-reading by The Fairy Godmother followed by a Book Sale in the Library.

This year’s theme is Books Light Up Our World.
**Times Table Competition**

Over the next week, teachers will be conducting times table competitions in their classes. Infants competitions will focus on recognizing and completing number patterns, while Stage 2 will focus on tables up to 10, and Stage 3 on tables up to 12. The top two place getters from each class will go on to compete in the school tables competition, which will take place in Cooinda on Monday July 27th (Week 3). Times for the competition are:

- **Infants** - 9.45am
- **Stage 2** - 12.30pm
- **Stage 3** - 2.30pm

**P & C Meeting**

Monday 20th July - EC BC - 5.30pm.

Come along and support your child’s education.

Get answers to your questions.

**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 of medication.

**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 - Week 3**

- **Monday 27th July** – Times Tables Competition
- **Thursday 30th July** – Bulldog/Goanna Cup Rugby League

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

**Thought for the week**

I ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders.

Jesse Williams