Dear families,

**Education Week**

Education Week this year is Monday 27 July through to Friday 31 July. This year during the week we have our **Times Tables Competition on the Monday (27th)** and **NAIDOC ceremony on the Wednesday (29th)**. Families will be informed by class teachers if their child is in the competition. We are excited to have Les Elvin at our NAIDOC assembly. Les will be demonstrating an art lesson and our Deadly Dancers will be performing. All are welcome. The ceremony begins at 10am in Cooinda.

Last Friday four School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) attended a full day **Speech workshop** here at school learning how to best support children and their speech in classrooms. Here at Cessnock Public School we are committed to improving our students’ communication skills.

**Speech tip**

Try slowing down when talking to your children. Modelling slower more relaxed speech is far more effective than saying ‘slow down’ or ‘try it again slowly’.

**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 28th August. Our resident Fairy Godmother has been trying on her gown so start thinking of a costume for the day.

**Power Sentences/ Sentence a Day**

Recently the school introduced a big focus on sentence writing K-6. Each day every student uses an individual whiteboard and marker and works on improving their sentence structure. Each week I will highlight 2 sentences from students. This week’s come from 5/6D

Riley 5/6D

*It was a nice warm summer day in Albert Falls Dam Nature Park when the gigantic beast antelope hit the awesome bright cyclist.*

Evan

*It was a nice sunny day at Albert Falls Dam Nature Park when the crazy fierce antelope hit the talented, happy cyclist.*

The stimulus was a video clip of a cyclist hit by an antelope.

**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 2**

In this week’s PBL lesson, students will revise the 5 Cessnock Perfect “I CAN” statements. They will also look more closely at the concept of RESPECT and what respect looks like in all school settings. This week’s PBL award will be awarded to a student who has shown that they can follow the first I CAN statement – I CAN LISTEN.
**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Once again this year, the school is collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn points. The more points we collect, the more great free resources we can get for our school! Make sure you collect your stickers and hand in your completed cards. Completed cards can be placed in the box in the front office, or in the bin labelled “Cessnock Public School” (beautifully decorated by 3-6T) located outside Cessnock Woolworths.

**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

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2016**

Kindergarten enrolments for next year are open and are filling fast. If you or someone you know plans to enrol a child at Cessnock Perfect for 2106, please come in and see our wonderful office staff as soon as possible to obtain the necessary paperwork.

**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 Club**

Book Club Issue 5 was handed out today. Orders must be handed in to the office by Friday, July 31 (Week 3). From Mr K.

**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.

**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
- Tuesday 28th July – ICAS English Test
- Wednesday 29th July – NAIDOC Assembly
- Wednesday 29th July – Senior Basketball Games at Maitland
- Thursday 30th July – Bulldog/Goanna Cup Rugby League

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

**Thought for the week**

Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela