Dear families,

Happy Education Week everyone. I am glad to be back at school after missing a week due to a bad case of the flu. Today we held our annual Times Table competition and will publish the winners of the contest in next week’s Perfect page.

Wednesday we are having our NAIDOC celebrations – a note went out last week & is up on our website. I hope to see you here. All classes will have activities either in or outside following the assembly. Please send your child to school with lunch as normal but we will also be offering a free sausage sizzle on the day.

The CCGPS – (Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools) Education Week reception is on Wednesday afternoon at Mt View High School. Recipients this year are as follows:

Student: Jonah Williams
Teacher: Kerrie Hughes
Community Member: Gina Harrison
Non-teaching member of staff: Natalie McNamara
School Program: GATS Art

We have recently purchased some new furniture and have a few old student tables and a variety of chairs we no longer need. At the moment we have them on the concrete just outside the library. If you could use them at home please simply pick up what you would like on a ‘first in’ basis. We don’t need a donation I will just be happy someone can use them.

Speech tip
Be a good listener and resist the temptation to finish your child’s sentences for them.

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 3
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 MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES and the improvements that can be made to school life by making positive choices. PBL awards were not handed out this week due to the times tables competitions.

Keep Calm and Wear A Beanie
On Friday 31st July Cessnock Perfect will be holding a fundraiser in support of the Mark Hughes Foundation to raise awareness of brain cancer. Children are asked to wear a beanie on Friday and bring along a gold coin donation. Thank you for your support.

PSSA Football
Our PSSA football (soccer) teams have performed wonderfully this year. On Thursday both our girls and boys teams competed against Kurri Kurri at Abermain. Our girls played with enthusiasm and courage but were outgunned by a skillful Kurri Kurri team. There is no shame in coming second and the girls can be proud that they reached round 2 of the PSSA Knockout Competition.

The boys continued their great form. Following big wins in the first two rounds, our boys defeated Kurri Kurri 9 -0. Though reluctant to single out individuals in a fabulous team performance, special mention should go to our goal-scoring machine Isaac Dearin. Isaac scored 7 goals in succession, sandwiched by 2 from Jonah Williams. The boys will play their final game in the Cessnock Zone against their old nemesis, Nulkaba.
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 you 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.

Rugby League Clinics
Starting last week, Cessnock Public are lucky to have gained the services of Kacey Spruce and her wonderful team from the Hunter NRL Development team to run Rugby League clinics at the school. These clinics will continue tomorrow and next Tuesday, and all students who participate will receive a free gift from the NRL after the third and final session.

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 Public School 2016, please come in and see our wonderful office staff as soon as possible to obtain the necessary paperwork.

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
Friday 31st July- Keep Calm and Wear a Beanie

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