Dear families,

Last week we held our annual Times Tables Competition. I was so impressed with all contestants.

Below are the results:

**Kindergarten**
Winner - Makayla Barry
Runner up - Emmerson Price

**Stage 1**
Winner - Melissa Della Santa
Runner up - Ashton Scott

**Stage 2**
Winner - Kiana Kronholm
Runner up - Lilly Vasilis

**Stage 3**
Winner - Anna Hastedt
Runner up - Lennox Vasilis & Arthur Piper

A number of excursions have been planned for this term. To help enable all students to attend the school has budgeted to pay for all the buses. As you can understand this greatly reduces the cost of any excursion. I am hoping then, that all children can attend excursions. This is always conditional around their behavior of course.

Tomorrow morning Mrs Cameron and I will be accompanying our school leaders to Cessnock Performing Arts Centre to attend the Mayor’s annual School Leaders’ Breakfast. Our leaders are a great representation of our wonderful student body.

**Speech Tip**
Try to read or listen to your child read every day. A great opportunity to ask questions and talk about what is happening in the story.

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 4**
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 FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS and the impact that this makes on school learning. PBL awards for this week were handed out to students who have shown that they can consistently follow our second I CAN statement - I CAN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

**Bulldogs / Goanna Cup Rugby League**
This year’s Bulldogs/Goanna Cup Rugby League competition proved to be a very proud day in the long history of rugby league at Cessnock Public, with our boys overcoming several larger schools to be the first CPS team to make the grand final of this hotly contested tournament. The boys started the day with a tight and tough 12-12 draw against the much fancied Kurri Kurri PS team, followed by a 24-0 hiding of Greta PS. This result saw us top our pool on points differential and be seeded through to the Grand Final against Nulkaba PS.

Unfortunately, we were beaten 20-12 by Nulkaba in a Grand Final that was described by one of the organisers as “the best game of primary school footy he has seen this year”.

As one of the two top rugby league schools in the Cessnock district, we (along with Nulkaba) have been invited to represent the Cessnock area at the elite Jarrod Mullen Invitational Cup in Newcastle. I am sure that the boys will represent themselves, their school and their town with pride and distinction.

Thankyou to all the boys for their efforts and to all the parents in attendance for their support and assistance.

Mr Clarke.

**Basketball Day**
On Wednesday 28th July, Cessnock Perfect travelled to Maitland Basketball Stadium to compete in the yearly PSSA competition. The boys’ team played against Metford Public, Thornton Public, East Maitland Public and finally Abermain Public school with all games having close results.

The girls’ team were equal first in their pool but due to a game point count back did not make it to the finals.

A great day was had by all and our Cessnock Perfect basketball team demonstrated great sportsmanship.

By Riley Croucher
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.

Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition
Good luck to Zoe Biggers, Lexi O’Heam, Savannah Hom and Lennox Vasilis who will compete at Nulkaba Public School next Monday; and to Noah Ely, Mayghan Gleghom, Georgia-Rose Crockett and Kayla Johnson who will compete on Tuesday. Speak slowly, loudly and clearly and enjoy the moment!

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.

Rugby League Clinics
Tomorrow is the last day of “Backyard League” NRL clinics for students in Stage 2, Stage 3 and the support classes. We thank Kacey and her wonderful team of helpers from the NRL Hunter Development Team for delivering a program that has been both valuable and enjoyable for the students.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Kindergarten enrolments for next year are open and are filling fast. If you or someone you know plans to enroll a child at Cessnock Perfect for 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 4
Tuesday August 4th – School Leaders Breakfast.
Tuesday August 4th – Stage 3 visit to Cessnock High School.

Week 5
Monday August 10th – Zone Public Speaking
Tuesday August 11th – Zone Public Speaking (continued).
Tuesday 11th August – UNSW Mathematics
Thursday August 13th – Jarrod Mullen Cup Rugby League.
Thursday August 13th – Speech workshop for parents
Friday August 14th – “Just Like You” Disability workshops for Stage 3.

Week 6
Monday 17th August – Principal Assemblies
Thursday 20th August – CPS Spelling Competition

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

Thought for the week:
Leaders are made, not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price that any of us must pay for something that is truly worthwhile.

Vince Lombardi