Dear families,

This week we wish the following students well at the Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition at Nulkba. Well done for representing our school so well.

Early Stage 1 – Zoe Biggers and Lexi O’Heam
Stage 1 – Mayghan Gleghorn and Noah Elly
Stage 2 – Kayla Johnson and Georgia-Rose Crockett
Stage 3 – Savannah Horn and Lennox Vasilis

Watch out for our new Buddy Benches coming out to our playgrounds soon. The 4 benches were made especially for us by Cessnock Men’s Shed and were painted by Brad (our trusty GA) some students and a band of parents. They are looking fantastic! Look out for these brightly painted benches soon. We will be teaching the students about their purpose in a PBL lesson & inviting the Men’s Shed helpers along for a launch. More about their purpose at the launch. Thank you to the following parents for helping paint them: Mrs Vasilis, Mrs Harrison, Mr & Mrs Hunter, Ms Pooley and Mrs McEachan. Another great example of the P & C working closely with the school to help improve things for our students (see our website for some progress photos).

This Wednesday all students have been invited to Cessnock High to be part of the audience for their annual M.A.D.D. concert – a celebration of dance, drama and music by talented high school students. Our students will be walking with their teachers to the High School following roll marking and returning at approximately 2pm. Please pack your child’s lunch for the day. No canteen will be available for lunch.

I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support for our Breakfast Club by East Cessnock Bowling Club. Once again they have donated funds to help run this very important resource at our school. Thank you ECBC for your very generous donation of $5000. This will enable us to continue buying quality and variety of food for our students to begin their day.

Speech Tip
Talk aloud as you help your child understand and solve problems encountered in reading material.

Power Sentences
This week from class 2B
“The awesome cute puppy Dachshund dog was outside for his awesome yummy food.’ …….. Logan
“The ugly angry long dog is outside running around the house.” ………. Ashton

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
This week in PBL lessons, students will be revising our 5 “I CAN” statements and focusing on CONTROLLING WHAT WE SAY. Having control over our actions and words is a vital skill both for school and later life. PBL Awards for this week will be given for demonstrating our third I CAN statement – I CAN CONTROL WHAT I DO AND SAY.
“Just Like You” Workshop
This Friday, stage 3 students will participate in a disability awareness workshop entitled “Just Like You”. This workshop, which is facilitated by the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, focuses on the issues and challenges faced by people with disabilities in our community. As part of this workshop, students will also participate in a survey regarding their attitudes towards and awareness of people with disabilities, administered by a researcher from the University of Newcastle.

Awards
Last Monday afternoon it was a great pleasure to hand out the following awards:

UNSW - Digital Technology
Evan Parkinson – Merit
Tayshan Gainsford-Herring – Participation
Jacob Sherwood – Participation
Kayla Johnson – Credit
Adelaide Ritchie-Russ – Participation

UNSW - Science
Tayshan Gainsford-Herring – Merit
Melissa Della-Santa – Credit

Daniels Rees – Credit
Andrew Frost – Participation

Mathletics
Summer Lawler and Georgia-Rose Crocket – For each achieving top maths results so far in 2015.

Well done to all students.

Zone Athletics Carnival
On Friday, Cessnock Perfect participated in the Zone Athletics carnival held at Turner Park. We had over 40 students that competed in various track and field events. Our students shone both on and off the track demonstrating our Cessnock Perfect positive values. All that competed have represented our school with great pride, giving 100% to achieve their best. Students will be notified in the coming weeks in regards to the Regional carnival. A great Cessnock Perfect day.
Ms Jackson and Ms McDonald

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 6 (August 21) 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.

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.

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.

Administrating 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.

Teddy Bears Picnic
Kindergarten 2016

Let the adventure of Kindergarten start here, enjoying a fun morning of activities for the whole family. Bring along your favourite Teddy Bear or cuddly toy and meet our friendly staff in the school grounds. Morning tea of fruit and water will be supplied.
When: Wednesday 26th August and Wednesday 2nd September.
Where: Cessnock Public School Infants playground
Time: 9.45am –11am
Don’t forget your Teddy Bear or cuddly toy.

Term Reminders-
Week 5
Monday August 10th – Zone Public Speaking
Tuesday August 11th – Zone Public Speaking (continued).
Tuesday 11th August – UNSW Mathematics
Wednesday 12th August – MADD Concert
10:00am till 2:00pm - K-6 attending
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 Bee Competition

Week 7
Wednesday 26th August – 1st Teddy Bears Picnic for Kindergarten students 2016
Thursday 27th August – “To Federation & Beyond” an Australian History presentation at 10:00am for all students
Friday 27th August – Book Week Parade – 10:30am under the Cola.

Week 8
Wednesday 2nd Sept – Teddy Bears Picnic for Kindergarten students 2016
Thursday 3rd Sept – Multi-Sports Day

Week 9
Friday 11th Sept – Kinder excursion to Oakvale Farm and Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney

Week 10
Thursday 17th Sept – Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney

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