Dear families,

This morning at our Breakfast Club we had two very special visitors—Marlene Hartog & E.C.B.C.’s mascot—Comet. We also had a photographer from the Advertiser capturing the moment when our Breakfast Club received a $5000 cheque from the club. Our heartfelt thanks go to E.C.B.C. who have generously supported the running of a healthy breakfast choice for our students since the Club began approximately 8 years ago. Our thanks to all the volunteers and the work of our Canteen Supervisor, Annette Lambkin in supporting our very welcoming and busy Breakfast Club.

On Thursday our students K-6 will be involved in a visiting performance called ‘To Federation and Beyond.’ The school has budgeted to pay the cost for all students to attend. ‘To Federation and Beyond’ is a combination of music, participation and stories all presented with wonderful costumes, sets and props aimed at increasing the children’s interest in Australian history. ‘To Federation and Beyond’ is a number of gripping tales of Australia from pre-colonization to a salute to our current bush-fire fighters and surf-lifesavers. I’m sure our students will enjoy learning in this interactive way.

Thank you to our P & C for organising the recent Pie Drive. I know we had pies for dinner last week and I suspect quite a few of our families did.

I look forward to seeing as many families as possible this Friday at our annual Book Week Parade. The morning begins at 10.30. I look forward to seeing students dressed as a character from a book— which really means anything as long as it is school appropriate.

Thank you to families supporting the P & C’s father day stall. Stall and breakfast is Friday 4 September. Always a great day.

K/6K Oakvale Excursion.

“Last Monday, K/6K went on an excursion to Oakvale Farm. We saw many animals, including cows, kangaroos and alligators. We even got to pat the koalas and milk a cow! Our favourite part of the day was when we got to feed the kangaroos and goats. We had a fantastic day.”

Power Sentences

Our sentences this week come from class 5/6R & 3/4J

Hannah ........

“It was a hot sunny day, when the fast, tall boy was running quickly through the sandy desert, like Usain Bolt.”

Jacob ........

“On a cold winter’s morning I saw a gorilla swinging high up in the air like a bird high in the trees.”

Poetry from Anna -5/6D ... a fine example of an acrostic poem

A free country
Unbelievably beautiful sights
Spiritual Dreamtime
Trying hard to achieve new goals to make the land a better home
Remembrance
A place for all religions
Land of Respect, Safety and learning.
Incredible sights
Australia is and always will be, a beautiful nation.

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 7

This week in our PBL lesson, students followed up on last week’s lesson on bullying and unfriendly behaviour by exploring BEING A BYSTANDER and the effect that being a bystander has on bullying behaviours. This lesson focussed on appropriate actions that students can take if they see their friends being bullied. This week’s PBL awards were given to students who demonstrate the fourth I CAN statement – I CAN RAISE MY HAND AND WAIT.
Spelling Bee

Last Thursday, Cessnock Public held their Spelling Bee Competitions. Congratulations to all who participated - as we all know that oral spelling is very difficult to do in front of an audience. The winners of each stage were:

- Early Stage 1
  Winner: Makayla Barry
  Equal Runners Up: Isaiah Gee and Charli Goffin

- Stage 1
  Equal Winners: Emaline Richardson & Melissa Della-Santa

- Stage 2
  Winner: Hollie O’Neill
  Runner Up: Brody Parsons

- Stage 3:
  Winner: Jacob Wilson
  Runner Up: Jessica Cave

Boys PSSA Football (Soccer)

Last Monday, our Cessnock Perfect boys PSSA Football team defeated Nulkaba by 3-1 to win the zone section of the knockout competition. Thank you to Adam Williams for the time he puts in coaching and organising the team. Thank you also to the Croucher family for their time and effort in having Abermain field and facilities ready for us every game.

Our next game is on Wednesday against Barnsley at Taylor Park. We wish the boys the best of luck!

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.

This Is Book Week

Our Book Character Parade, Book Reading and Book Sale will take place this Friday, 28th starting at 10.30am under the COLA. The Office ladies, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hugo and Mrs McNamara, will be choosing the best boy book character and the best girl book character from the parade. Each will be able to select a book prize from the book sale.

Book Club

Book Club issue 6 orders must be handed in to the office by this Friday, 28th August.

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.

P & C

Families are invited to the 2015 Father’s Day Breakfast to be held on Friday 4th starting at 8.30am under the Primary COLA. Bacon and Egg rolls and pancakes are on the menu along with ball game activities to enjoy together. The Father’s Day stall will follow when classes have the opportunity to buy a cool gift.

A basket is located in the front office for quality gifts you can donate towards the stall. Every bit helps. We also have fantastic prizes to win in the Father’s Day Raffle. More tickets are available at the front office.

The funds raised from these events support the students through the year and are very much appreciated. More information and updates on school news is available on the awesome Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page.

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 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 28th 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
Wednesday 9th Sept – Stage 1 Excursion to Fighter World – payment due Friday 28th August
Friday 11th Sept – Kinder excursion to Oakvale Farm – payment due Friday 4th September
Friday 11th Sept - 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
What people actually refer to as research nowadays is really just Googling.
Dermot Mulroney