Dear families,

**SASS Recognition Week** 31 August 2015 - 4 September 2015

Every year schools celebrate the vital role played by School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) right across NSW. Recognition Week is an opportunity for each school community to acknowledge their efforts and say thank you.

The theme for this year is:

“School Administrative & Support Staff:
“Our jobs, your children, their future”

We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful support staff here at Cessnock. They include Tracey, Fran and Natalie in our front office; Annette in the canteen; Brad our General Assistant; Judy, Kerrie-Anne & Stefan our cleaners; our great team of School Learning Support Officers- Gail, Deb, Trish, Miranda, J Ill, Peta, Kym, Janice, Damyl, Josh, Laurel, Shelly, Bemadette Terese, Bel and Janine at Koe-Nara

Thank you team for making a difference in children’s lives every day you are here.

**Bookweek last week**

What a wonderful day on Friday. Well done families with your efforts with costumes! Who will ever forget our resident Fairy Godmother??

Thank you for coming and sharing in this great celebration of books.

**Smoking Fact Sheet**

"From January 7, 2013 smoking was banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. Principal Solicitor of NSW health advises that "although the school gate is not a building, the school gate is considered the entry to enclosed school grounds and the 4 metre rule applies." We ask smokers to comply with this request as penalties of up to $550 apply for anyone who fails to comply with the law.

We are still waiting for our ‘No Smoking’ signs for each school gate.

**Power Sentences**

For the last number of weeks I have been publishing sentences from a variety of classes. We have had a big emphasis on sentence work across the whole school. Each student has their own individual whiteboard, marker and eraser. The teacher provides the stimulus and the students work at improving their sentence over a number of days. With this concerted explicit teaching we are seeing a great improvement across the whole school.

**Class 5/6D**

Cloe McMaster:
"At sunrise there was a proud, brave girl kindly dressed as a pretty, delightful angel."

Teesh Bansari:
"It was a hot, sunny morning when I saw a giant elephant fall down from a tree very loudly like a coconut."

Samantha Cartwright:
"At 10pm in the dark forest the beautiful, scared angel was hanging bravely from the ropes."

Dominic Davies:
"The enchanted flying elephant was effortlessly soaring through the early morning sky."

Lennox Vasilis:
"At 1 o'clock the big, fat, heavy, grey, middle-aged, half-bird, half-elephant was loudly and noticeably gliding like a drunk pigeon."

Tayshan Gainsford-Herring
"The magical elephant was flying somehow when it was, I don't know when, maybe when elephants could fly?"

Beau Hunter
"In the olden days the 3 tonne elephant was flying very low."

Alice Dunn
"At 6:55am the happy, brown crocodile was calmly swimming in the big lake."

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Principal

**PBL Corner - Week 8**

In this week’s PBL lesson, students are focussing on RESPECTING THE PERSONAL SPACE OF OTHERS. Discussions and activities centre on what ‘personal space’ means, and why it is important to respect. This week’s PBL award was given to students who demonstrate our fifth I CAN statement – I CAN WORK QUIETLY.
Boys PSSA Football (Soccer)

Last Wednesday, our Cessnock Perfect boys PSSA Football team (Cessnock Zone champions), travelled to Taylor park to play Barnsley Public School in the next round of the PSSA knock out competition. Although our boys did not win, they played a strong, competitive game and should be proud of their achievement.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported the boys throughout this season, transporting them to various grounds and being a great cheer squad from the sideline.

Thank you again to Adam Williams for coaching the team at every game. A great Cessnock Perfect accomplishment!

Regards
Theresa McDonald

Multi-Sports Day

This Thursday, 3rd September, all students will be moving across to Turner Park for our Multi-Sports day which commences at 10:00am. Students will return to school at 2:00 and the canteen will be open for afternoon tea purchases. There will be no canteen at the sports field for lunch. Lunch is the meal deal which orders had to be returned to school by last Friday. Students are to wear their sports uniform and take food, water bottles, sunscreen and hats with them. Parents are welcome to attend and assist with sports if they wish.

UNSW Spelling Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the UNSW Spelling:

Year 3
Georgia-Rose Crockett – a Credit Certificate

Year 4
Hollie O’Neill – a Participation Certificate
Rylee Roe – a Participation Certificate

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 2nd September.
Where: Cessnock Public School Infants playground
Time: 9:45am – 11am

Don’t forget your Teddy Bear or cuddly toy.

Book Week Winners

Congratulations to all the students who had fun dressing up for our Book Week Parade and the winners of our Book Week Parade were:

Primary
Hollie O’Neill & Lennox Vasilis

Infants
Melissa Della-Santa, Isaiah Gee & Jaxx Evans

Support Classes
Nicholas Aytoun-Young & Jayden McEachan

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

This Friday, 4th September is the 2nd Annual P&C Father’s Day Breakfast, a fun morning spent celebrating with Dad’s, Pop’s, Uncles or someone special. Come along and enjoy a breakfast of tea, coffee and juice, bacon and egg rolls and pancakes available from 8.30am. We have a new activity for Dad’s this year called “Dad’s Pancake Flipping Contest”. Test your skills in flipping a pancake and the highest flip and catch in the frying pan will win a prize. The popular Dad v Kids soccer match is on again and there is also a lucky door prize. Remember to save some coins to buy a ticket in the Dad’s Day raffle which will be drawn just before the morning bell. First prize is a $200 Bunnings Gift Card, 2nd prize is two rounds of golf for two people at Stonebridge Golf Club, including cart hire and 3rd prize is a hearty meat tray. We have hampers of fruit, veg and dry goods as prizes, fit for a Father’s Day feast.

The P&C wish to thank... Stonebridge Golf Club and Fingal Bay Oceanview Restaurant and Function Centre for kindly donating these awesome prizes. We would like to extend a big thank you to those parents who organized these much appreciated prizes. More raffle tickets are available at the school office.

The Father’s Day stall will be on for students during the day and we greatly appreciate any donations of quality gift items which can be left at the school office. All details and handy information is available on the fantastic Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page.

Thank you – your P&C Committee
Regional Athletics
Congratulations to the following students for representing CPS at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday 28th August: Ryan Fox, Jonah Williams, Isaac Dearin, Kristofer Morris, Riley Croucher and Thomas Kierce. Thomas has successfully made it through to State Athletics for High Jump. Well done to all our competitors and best of luck to Thomas.

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 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
The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.
From Martin Luther King Jnr