Dear families,

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the launch of our Buddy Benches last Thursday. It was beautiful weather for a picnic and the 6 members of Cessnock Men’s Shed who joined us were really impressed with the behavior and manners of our students. Well done everyone!

I have received many wonderful reports also of the behavior of our students on our recent excursions. Well done Stage 1, Kindergarten and Stage 2. This Thursday, Stage 3 will be representing us as they visit Sydney.

Friday is the last day of school for the term. What a busy term it has been. Apart from all the wonderful learning that has been occurring in classrooms, below is a snapshot of what else our students have been involved in just this term. I’m sure I may have missed a few.

Times Tables Competition
State Library visit for all students
PSSA Basketball
PSSA Football
Gifted & Talented art excursion
NAIDOC assembly & activities
Goanna Cup
School Leaders’ Breakfast with the Mayor
Public Speaking Competition
MADD Concert at Cessnock High
“Just Like You “Disability workshop for Stage 3
K/6K visit Oakvale
Spelling Bee
Our Teddy Bears’ Picnics for Kinder 2016
“Federation and Beyond” – history show for K-6 Bookweek parade
Celebration Week for all Support Staff
Multi Sports Day
Stage 1 excursion to Newcastle
Buddy Benches launch and picnic
Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney
Year 6 Science day at Mt View High
Netball gala day
Stage 3 visit to Sydney

Here at Cessnock Public we know that learning happens both in and out of the classroom and embraces far more than Literacy and Numeracy, although they remain our focus. This list above does not include the various Professional Learning that staff have been involved in before, during and after school. Our team here are highly trained and we value timely and current professional learning for all who work for and with our students.

Enjoy the two week break with your children. School resumes for all on Tuesday 6 October.

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Principal

**Power Sentences**

Four beautifully built, rainbow-coloured buddy benches are scattered around the playground, two in the infants and two in the primary, to help us make new friends. – Emily Pringle

The rainbow-coloured wooden buddy benches, that the men’s shed hand built, are now sitting in our colourful playground and they look awesome. – Ryan Lambkin

They are beautifully built, help build friendships, are located carefully under shady trees, not just wooden but rainbow-coloured, not just a bench but it’s the Buddy Bench. – Tyson Moody-Lake

Beautifully built, rainbow-coloured benches, constructed skilfully by the clever gentlemen from the Men’s Shed, are scattered strategically around our school in the hope of creating buddies. – Allahna Flemming.

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Principal

**PBL Corner – Week 10**

This week’s PBL lesson is a follow up from last week’s lesson about the installation and use of the school BUDDY BENCHES. This lesson provided a chance for students to share their experiences around the use of the buddy benches, and to discuss if they had used the benches or spoken to someone who was using the benches. PBL awards were not handed out today due to the Principal’s Award assemblies. Congratulations to all students who received a Principal’s Award today.
Premier's Spelling Bee
Congratulations to Jessica Cave, Jacob Wilson, Brody Parsons and Hollie O’Neill for representing Cessnock Perfect at the Premier’s Spelling Bee. A big congratulations to Jacob Wilson for placing overall 4th in the competition. Well done all!!

Netball
On Friday, two teams consisting of Cessnock perfect boys and girls participated in the Primary School Cup at Cessnock Netball courts.
Although it was quite a warm day, our students demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship whilst playing against other schools from our local area.
It was a great Cessnock Perfect day, with fun had by all who played.
Regards
Ms Theresa McDonald

ACE Class
Cessnock High School will continue to run the ACE class for students entering Year 7 in 2016. ACE stands for Achievement, Commitment, Engagement and aims to provide motivated learners with a challenging and stimulating curriculum. Entry into the ACE class is based on testing, parent and student recommendation and primary school recommendation.

An information evening is being held at Cessnock High School. This session will outline the requirements and expectations of the ACE class.
Venue: CHS Library
Date: Wednesday 16th September
Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Stage 1 Excursion – Fighter World
Last Wednesday Stage 1 and their teachers enjoyed a fantastic day out visiting Fighter World and catching the Stockton ferry over to Newcastle Foreshore. The students had great hands-on and close up experience with many different kinds of aircraft and they were lucky enough to witness three fly overs. All the students represented Cessnock Public School brilliantly and all the teachers were proud of their participation and efforts. Keep an eye out for some photos displayed in the office foyer. Well done Stage 1!!

Multi Sports Day Sponsorship Money
Now is the time for students to collect the sponsorship money and send it to school. The last day to return your forms and money is Friday 9th October.

Kindergarten Excursion – Oakvale Farm
Last Friday KS and KW enjoyed a huge day at Oakvale Farm. The weather was perfect and so was Kinder. All the teachers were proud of their participation, efforts and listening. The children were able to experience feeding the baby farm animals, milking a cow and even a tractor ride. The Reptile Show was a particular favourite as all the Kinders were able to touch and hold a python while smiling at the camera.
Kindergarten’s very first excursion was a huge success and keep an eye out for some photos displayed in the office foyer. Well done Kinder!!!

Stage 2 Excursion – Sydney Maritime Museum
Thank you to the staff, parents/family members and students for a wonderful day.
The weather was fantastic and the exhibits were engaging. The Endeavour was very eye opening – especially the toilet facilities and toilet paper substitute – all the children were fascinated! Some children were very excited on the Vampire and expressed a wish to live on it.
We all returned home weary but smiling. But only a few managed to snooze on the return trip!

Woolworths Eam and Learn
Thank you to all the families who sent in their Eam and Learn stickers. We have accumulated a large number (still have not completed counting them) which will equate to quality educational resources.

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 10
Monday 14th Sept - Science & Engineering Day at Mt View High School
Monday 14th Sept - Principal Assemblies
Thursday 17th Sept - Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney
Friday 18th September - Last school day of Term 3

Term 4
Week 1
Tuesday 6th October - All staff and students commence Term 4 (Staff development days are at the end of the term).
Friday 9th October - last for Multi Sports Day Sponsorship money

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

Thought for the week: Everyone should be respected as an individual, but no one should be idolized.
Albert Einstein