Dear families,
Welcome to the 2016 school year. It was wonderful to see everyone return ready for another great year of learning. A big welcome to all our Kinders and new families. Kinders all started today!
Classes for this year are as follows:

**KS** - Mrs Louise Stewart
**KW** - Mrs Ashley Welsh
**1H** - Ms Jillian Hugo
**1J** - Mrs Emma Ingram
**2B** - Mrs Robyn Buttsworth
**2S** - Ms Kim Smith
**3/4C** - Mr Jay Cahill
**3/4D** - Miss Jessica Danvers
**3/4J** - Ms Michelle Jackson...Ms Maddy Stafford while Ms Jackson remains on sick leave
**5/6B** - Mr Glenn Burrell
**5/6D** - Ms Shaun Douglas
**5/6M** - Ms Theresa McDonald
**3/6T** - Ms Carol Trevanion
**K/6K** - Mr Tom Kirton
**3/6C** - Mr Mathew Clarke

Mr Phil Cooke continues to run Aboriginal Education Mondays & Wednesdays & also deliver RFF to teachers. Mrs Donna Ling is RFF & Art classes on Wednesday.
Mr Michael Kermode library – Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday & RFF Fridays.
We also continue to have our wonderful band of 12 School Learning Support Officers.

**Stage Supervisors are:**

Kinder & Year Two - Mrs Smith
Year One & Support units - Mr Stephen Morgan
Years Three & Four - Mrs Kathy Cameron
Years Five & Six - Mr Glenn Burrell

This year our school has benefited once again from the Early Action For Success strategy. Mrs Eagleton remains our Instructional Leader & Ms Hughes our interventionist. The absolute aim of the program is to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of all our children in K-2. So far students are being closely assessed and plans devised to address individual, group and class needs.

Last week all staff were trained in Child Protection and CPR.

Today all children in Years One to Six attended a show called ‘Being Brave.’ From their website: “A welfare program that uses educational theatre to provide simple strategies to build resilience and emotional wellbeing. Being Brave gives children strategies to deal with their emotions through good communication, persistence and positive self-talk – making them more resilient. This inspiring show uses song, dance and drama to give children strategies to bounce back after dealing with bullying, loss and change. Researched and developed in consultation with teachers and school counsellors and carefully crafted to ensure children can relate to the scenarios.”

Here at Cessnock Perfect we try very hard to create a calm happy environment where all children feel happy and safe. We rely on all members of the school community to help us create that.

Our annual Swimming Carnival is this Friday at Cessnock Pool. I encourage all children in Years 3-6 to attend. Year 2 students who are turning 8 and can swim are also invited. It is a fun day for all even our Primary non-swimmers. We have novelty events and the school will be buying all children who attend an ice block on the day. Every event or race the children participate in earns them their Sporting House points. Hope you can join us for a great day. Please see War Cries for the Houses attached. Perhaps you might like to practise at home.

Have a good week & as always please contact either the school staff or myself if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,
Jenny Rozynski
Principal
Classes will be completing the revision of universal and classroom expectations for all students.

Stage 2 Camp - 18th to 20th May (Wednesday to Friday)
This year we have decided to move the Stage 2 camp into Term 2. This allows for a separation between the Stage 2 camp and the Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra later in the year.
There has been a change in venue to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The camp has a range of activities for the students and as part of the price they will also get to visit the Shark and Ray Centre at Bobs Farm. Transport will be by bus to and from the camp. Students will need to be following school expectations to be able to attend.
The cost will be $270.00 and can be paid in installments to the office.

Parent Information Sessions
These sessions are to allow teachers to outline to parents what the class will be doing during the year, special events and recommend how parents can assist their children (resources needed for school and tips for homework/home reading). These sessions are not one-to-one with teachers to discuss individual children – this will occur at a later date. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher individually please make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.
Primary - will be held on Wednesday 10th at 3:45pm
Infants - will be held on Monday 8th at 3:45pm

Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival is taking place this Friday 5th February, at Cessnock Public Pool. The cost to students is $2.50 which is paid to their classroom teacher on Friday morning.
Ribbons will be given directly to students as they complete each race/heat however people who will go to zone will be decided upon by their times and will be notified at a later date.

Children’s University Keyboard/Piano Lessons
As part of Cessnock Public School’s involvement with the Children’s University, Mr Kermode will be offering free half-hour keyboard/piano lessons in the school library on a Tuesday and a Thursday during the lunch break.
This will be a structured course where students will be taught music theory as well as keyboard/piano skills. The course will be a 20 hour course and will require a commitment from students because each new lesson builds on what was learnt in the previous lesson. Student numbers will be limited. If your child is interested in being considered for this course, please see the office ladies and complete an expression of interest form by Friday, February 26. (Week 4)

Book Club
Book Club Issue 1 should be handed in to the office by Friday, February 19. (Week 3)

Hats & Water Bottles
It is now hot weather and water bottles are being used more frequently. Please ensure that they are cleaned out with hot water and refilled with cold water each day. Water bottles which are not cleaned effectively and frequently can develop very nasty stomach bugs and make students ill. The broad brimmed hats required at school must be worn when students are in the playground or they play under the cola area. School hats are available for purchase from our canteen in sizes S, M, L and XL.

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.
Term Reminders

Term 1

Week 2
Monday 1st – Performance – Being Brave
- Kindergarten students first day
Friday 5th February – Swimming Carnival

Week 3
Monday 8th – Infants Parent Information Meeting at 3:45pm
Wednesday 10th – Primary Parent Information Meeting at 3:45pm

Week 4
Wednesday 17th - Launch of The Children’s University
Thursday 18th - School Photo Day

Week 5
Friday 26th – Cross Country

Week 6
Wednesday 2nd March – Careers Through Reading for Year 5 with University of Newcastle
Friday 4th - Clean up Australia Day
- National Ride to School Day

Week 7
Wednesday 9th – Careers Through Reading for Year 5 with University of Newcastle

Week 8
Wednesday 16th – Careers Through Reading for Year 5 with University of Newcastle
Thursday 17th – Close the Gap

Week 9
Wednesday 23rd – Careers Through Reading for Year 5 with University of Newcastle
Thursday 24th – Easter Hat Parade 10:30
Friday 25th – GOOD FRIDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – CHILDREN DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

Week 10
Monday 28th – EASTER MONDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY – CHILDREN DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

Week 11
Friday 8th April – Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Week 1
Wednesday 27th April – Students return to school

Community NewsFlyers are available for viewing on the school website.

House War Cries

PATERSON
Booma wacka, Booma wacka, We’re the team. Paterson, Paterson, The best you’ve seen.
Win or lose, We’ll play the game. Paterson, Paterson, Is our name.
P.A.T.E.R.S.O.N. Yeah! Paterson

LAWSON
Ricka ticka, Ricka ticka, Yah, Yah, Yah. Ricka ticka, Ricka ticka, Best by far.
Lawson, Lawson, We are the best. Lawson, Lawson, Ahead of the rest.

GORDON
Extra, Extra, Read all about it. Gordon’s the best, And we’re going to shout it.
Shout it to the east, Shout it to the west. Come on Gordon, We’re the best.

KENDALL
Boom chicka boom, Boom chicka boom, Boom chicka chicka chicka, Boom boom boom boom.
Ra, Ra, Ra, Here we are. Kendall, Kendall, Best by far
K.E.N.D.A.L.L. Yeah! Kendall.