Cessnock Public School
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Term 1, Week 5: Monday, 22nd February, 2016

Principal’s Note will be sent out tomorrow.

Children’s University
Please find attached a form which we would like you to complete if your child participates in learning activities outside of school. If they participate in more than one learning event please include the same information for all activities. We would like all information returned by Friday so that the Children’s University can contact the providers and arrange to have them certified to mark off the time your child participates in the event. Until they are certified they cannot mark hours participating off. If you child joins a club/activity during 2016 please call in to the school and let us know so that we can have the club/activity validated.

PBL Corner - Week 4/5
This week in PBL lessons, students continued the fortnight focus on BEING WITH YOUR CLASS AT LEARNING TIME. It is vital that all students remain with their class at all learning times, as this ensures that they are SAFE and participating in LEARNING. PBL Awards for this week are for students in each class who consistently demonstrate this expectation.

Stage 2 Camp – 18th to 20th May (Wednesday to Friday)
There has been a note sent home to all Stage 2 students last Friday so if you haven’t seen it please collect a copy from the tumbler at the front office. Numbers are limited and the cost will be $270.00. We require a $50 deposit and the rest may be paid in instalments to the office before 6th May.

Stage 3 Camp
Is still in the process of being organised but at this stage will be either Week 7 or Week 8 in Term 3.

Animals on the school grounds
At each gate there is a sign which states “No animals past this point” to remind parents/carers that animals are not to enter the school grounds unless prior permission is obtained for a pet to come for a news session. This is to ensure that there are no children in the room or school who have allergies and/or reactions to the animal. If pets are at school for a news session they must be taken home directly after by parents/carers.

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)

Cessnock Show Fruit & Vegetable Competition
Primary schools and individual students are invited to enter the Fruit & Veg Competition at Cessnock Show this year. All produce must be grown by or with the assistance of a student in the school or home garden and entries can be made with the student or class name included, or just the school’s name. If you wish to enter the competition, Mrs Lambkin has kindly offered to submit any entries on behalf of students and the school. The more entries we have the better our chance of winning the trophy. Your entry will need to be either delivered to Mrs Lambkin at school by Wednesday 24th February or alternatively you can personally deliver it to the main pavilion at the Showground Thursday 25th, 4-6pm or Friday 26th, 8-9am or to Mt View High School Office on Thursday 25th before 3.30pm. If you would like further information please call Mrs Lambkin on 4990 3346 or see the brochure located in our Notice Board.
**P&C News**

It is on again! The Domino’s Pizza Dough Raisers Night. Monday 29th February between 4pm and 8pm, with every pizza sold your P&C will be given $1.00. Tell your family and friends across town, everyone’s Pizza will count. A reminder note will be sent home. The very popular Easter Hamper Raffle tickets will be handed out later this week so watch for your first book of tickets to buy or sell. These hampers are huge with only the best quality chocolate to be won. Cessnock Bakers Delight are generously supplying fresh baked hot cross buns, there will be more hamper content details in the coming weeks. Winners drawn after the Easter Hat Parade festivities. The class that sells the most tickets on average will receive a gift. The P&C sell hair lice Hit-Nitz solution and spray. Sales of these raise funds towards P&C student programs and are available in the front office. Also a Big Thank You to all the brave people who attended the P&C AGM. Please check out our brilliant Cessnock Public P&C Facebook page for more details.

**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 it.

**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 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
- Friday 18th – Sports Carnival

*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 1st April – Last Day of Term 1

**Term 2 Week 1**

Wednesday 27th April – Students return to school

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