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10 April 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As many of you may be aware, Mrs McGlashan has taken leave until the end of next term. I will be here as relieving Principal until then with the possibility of an extension. I have been made to feel very welcome by students, staff and parents through many warm and friendly smiles. I have visited many classrooms and enjoyed watching students involved in their learning.

I was excited to see The Magic Flute visiting performance on my very first day and to see the excitement on the student's faces was fantastic.

I would like to make mention of the wonderful staff and their dedication to the learning and wellbeing of the students from breakfast club in the morning throughout the day in the classrooms and in the playground.

There are so many great things happening at CWPS, I feel privileged to be part of this school as I'm sure you do.

Leap into Learning

March 27th was the first visit for our 2019 Kindergarten students to come and visit "big school." I believe they had an exciting time making iced biscuits and decorating them for Easter. If you have, or know of, a child starting Kinder in 2019, please make sure you complete an EOI via our front office. This will ensure your child is included in our Leap into Learning Program.

Starstruck

Congratulations to Mrs Peachey and Miss McKellar for assisting students gain entry into Starstruck again this year.

This will require the students and teachers to be part of the practice days which will have some disruption to normal classes. As with all classes when teachers are away at training or with groups of students we will do our best to get a replacement teacher. This is not always possible at short notice

but we do our best. We thank you for your understanding in this.

Have a safe and happy holiday break!

Banner Awards

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Medallion
Harlow D			
Skye C			
Cooper C			

Donna Madden
Relieving Principal

CHANGE TO TERM 2 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school in conjunction with the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools is this year focusing on developing the skills and expertise of our staff in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

A STEM learning event has been organised for staff on May 11th, bringing numerous high profile experts in the field together in the one place. To ensure the maximum number of school staff can gain from the high quality professional learning on offer on this day, a variation to the Term 2 School Development Day is needed.

As a result, please note that our school's School Development Day for Term 2 has been changed from Monday 30th April to Friday 11th May.

As a consequence students: are required to attend school on Monday 30th April and NOT on Friday 11th May.

This change will affect all public schools across the Cessnock area, with the exception of Mount View High School.

Children's University Holiday Activities

Wollombi School Community Education Trust (WSCET) will be holding two Children's Holiday Workshops at Wollombi School on Wednesday April 18, 2018 (for ages 6-12 year olds).

With Artist Kes Harper

10am - Noon: "Wireworks" - Make a small insect, spoon, necklace or sculpture out of wire. Wind, weave and wrap wire with wood to make a beautiful object to take home.

1 - 3pm: "Botanical Prints" - Collect plants and, using inks, produce a series of beautiful unique prints on beautiful papers.

Cost \$10 per session, all materials supplied.

To avoid disappointment, book with Kes. (02) 49988556 kesharper@hotmail.com.

There will also be a musical workshop in the school holidays: Introduction to musicianship for 6-12 year old.

The date for this has yet to be finalised, but all queries can be directed to Fiona Burless, (02) 49983339, fiona.burless@bigpond.com.

SEESAW

Have you downloaded Seesaw yet?

Our students and teachers are having a wonderful, engaging time bringing parents into classrooms via Seesaw.

Students have shared photos, videos and audio recordings with their

Seesaw has begun in classrooms. If you've not yet done so, download the "Seesaw Family" app then scan the QR code sent home with your child to access your child's journal.

Please remember that Seesaw is completely safe, only you, and anyone you share the QR code with, can access your child's journal.

Please see the attached brochure for further details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Searle at school.

OFFICE NEWS

Payments

We thank parents for your understanding and patience with the ongoing payment issues experienced this term. All systems are back up and running again.

A few reminders regarding payments

- EFTPOS is available but only for amounts \$10 or over.
- Please avoid using large notes when paying for excursions. We do not keep money on premises and we cannot change \$50 notes.
- A reminder that payments can be made online via the "Make a Payment" tab on our website. Online

payments close **one** day before the payment due date.

Bus-fare Evasion

A message regarding bus travel to and from school:

Students must present a working Opal card to "Tap on" and "Tap off" every time at their respective locations or if they do not qualify for a Student Opal card, they must pay a fare.

If their Student Opal card does not work they must pay a fare until their new Opal card arrives, unless they can produce an official letter from Opal stating that their new card is being processed.

The fares for Students are: \$1.30 each way, cash or they can pay with a Child/Youth Opal card which are available at Rover's office or any participating Opal outlet (Unregistered). They can register them at some time in the future if they wish through Opal 13 67 25.

Change of details

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, etc over the holidays, please ask at the office for an information update (pink) form. That way, we are able to contact you, when needed.

Early Leavers

If parents are collecting children early from school, a reminder that we require photo identification to do so.

If a person, other than the parent or emergency contacts, arrive at school, we cannot allow a child to be taken without prior parental consent.

These matters are for the protection of our students and are not meant to inconvenience parents.

We also ask that students not be collected, as much as possible during recess (11am – 11.25am) or lunch (1.20pm -2pm).

We appreciate your understanding in these matters.

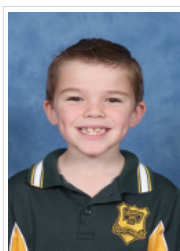
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Gotchas

To promote kindness towards others and the upholding of our school's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning teachers will be looking for students who display random acts of kindness to nominate for "Gotchas". Each week a lucky winner will be drawn by our PBL team and will receive a merit award at assembly.

Our "Gotcha" winner is:

Tyler L – 2CT
Congratulations Tyler!



to school dressed up and spending money on great books instead. Costumes can be ones they already own, sports uniforms, anything really - whatever your child wants to wear, just find a book that goes with it.

It would be great to see children carrying the book (or a copy of the cover) that their character comes from. Sometimes some of the more creative or quirky costumes go a little unnoticed as parents and students don't know the book—this will help.

Holiday borrowing

Students with no overdue books may borrow 2 extra books for the holidays. Please remember that K-4 students require a bag to borrow extra books.

P&C NEWS

Our P&C looks forward to working with our school and parents to support our students in their endeavours in 2018.

Meetings

A reminder that our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5pm. Meetings are held in the staff room and access to the school is via the Alfred st gates, near the hall and canteen. New members are always welcome.

Our meetings for Term 2 are: May 15th and June 19th.

Clothing Pool

Our clothing pool is open every second Monday from 8.30am to 9am. The clothing pool is located in the old canteen, near the bus bay.

Orders can also be made via the front office. Payments must be in cash only.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all of families for amazing support of our 2018 Easter Raffle. Due to the kind and generous donations, we had over 30 prizes available at the Easter Hat Parade.

The Class Winner of the donation competition was KB.

Students in KB were each given a chocolate bunny from a very special Easter Bunny helper.



Canteen News

There are a number of changes coming next term to our canteen including a more streamlined menu, items that are not popular will also be removed and all drinks will have a single price.

PBL Stars

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Infants Winners



Kailey A – 1/2W

Primary Winners



Jack M – 4L



Nevaeh L – 1R



Zahra D – 3W

LIBRARY NEWS

Adopt a book

Starting this week, students can adopt an ex-library book. These are books that have been removed from the library collection and need to find a new home. Please send in a shopping bag for the books so children can take as many as they like.

Library Mural

Work has begun on the library mural and it is looking fantastic. Lex James (artist) has been working with selected students from years 3, 4, 5 and 6. They are painting about 50 book covers which will go on the library walls, hopefully, before the end of term.

Book Fair - advanced notice

The annual Book Fair this year will be held on Thursday October 25th, 2018. The theme for the children to dress to is "Favourite book character". Book Fair dress up time is not about spending money on a costume, it is about having some fun, coming

A new menu will be issued to families by the end of term and Flexischools will be updated during the holidays to reflect the changes.

Linda Fernance
Canteen Manager

SPORTS

Congratulations to all students who participated in Friday's Cross Country. You all tried your very best and received amazing results.

The Zone Cross Country will be held on May 4th (Term 2, Week 1). Students who have been successful in making it to zone, have been given a permission note this week. Notes and payments are due by this Friday, April 13th.



SCHOOL EVENTS

The Magic Flute

Due to the continued support of ADFAS, we were delighted to have Opera Australia visit us again this year to perform The Magic Flute on March 19th.

We cannot express our gratitude to ADFAS Pokolbin for their generous involvement in our school, giving our students, and staff, these amazing experiences, every year.

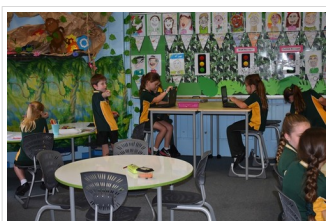


Harmony Day

We celebrated Harmony Day during the week of March 19th to 23rd with a range of activities.

We made class sunflowers with Mrs Tulloch which are proudly displayed in our school hall.

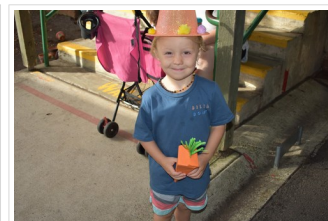
Each class also completed a range of activities in class including delicious food creating and tasting as well as research different countries around the world.



Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday, March 29th, we held our annual Easter Hat Parade. It was terrific to see so many wonderful creations from Kinder right through to Year 6!

Well done everyone!



Blue Day for Autism

On Tuesday, April 3rd students were invited to come to school out of uniform wearing blue. A cake stall was held at recess along with nail painting and a guessing competition.

Thank you to the generous donations of our students and families, a total of \$608.05 was raised for Strive for Autism.

The winner of the lolly guessing competition was Lilly H of 6M who received a huge jar full of lollies.



Stage 2 Glenrock Excursion

On Thursday April 5th, Students from Years 3 and 4 set off to Glenrock as part of their project based learning topic of Environments.

We arrived at the top of the Yuelarbah walking track and stopped for fruit break and Aeroguard, so much aeroguard.

Each class was given a National Parks and Wildlife Service ranger to guide us through the track and to show us all of

the amazing sights along the way. At the lookout, which is the halfway point, we swapped rangers so everyone got a different perspective on their walk. It was terrific to have local Aboriginal rangers attend with us so they could tell us the cultural significance of plants, animals and objects through the national park.

We made our way to the lagoon and Burwood Beach before arriving at the Glenrock Scout Camp for a much needed rest and lunch.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers who came along on the day, your help is greatly appreciated by staff and students.



App Changes

In line with our change of newsletter, we will also have a new app. This app is managed by SchoolZine and will keep a lot of our online communication, in the one place.

Our Skoolbag App is no longer active. If you have the app on your phone, please delete it as it is no longer used.

If you've not yet downloaded our new app, search on Google Play or the App Store for SZApp and follow the simple instructions to access Cessnock West Public School.

Marissa Floyd
Community Liaison Officer

Opportunity Class 2019

Soon applications will open for Year 4 students to apply for the 2019 Opportunity Class.

Below is the information pack for parents along with an Intention to Apply. Parents are asked to return the intention to apply to Mrs McDonald as soon as possible. Please note, this is not the application, it is only notifying the school of your intent to apply for your child.

The information pack is from the High Performing Schools Unit and gives you all of the information you need before applying to sit the OC test.

The website for applications will open on Tuesday May 1st and close on Friday May 18th. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

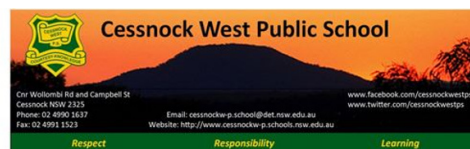
ANZAC Day 2018

This year marks 100 years since the end of World War I (1918-2018).

The Cessnock ANZAC March will be held on April 25th at 11am.

Students are asked to meet Mrs Barry and CWPS staff in the area between the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and Peden's Hotel, no later than 10.45am.

Students who intend to march as expected to wear full school uniform.



ANZAC MARCH 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Cessnock West PS will be participating in the Cessnock City Anzac march on April 25th. This year commemorates 100 years since the end of World War I (1918-2018).

Our school is always well represented and even though it is still school holidays, we would like as many children as possible to be part of our school contingent especially given the significance of this year.

Those students who wish to march are asked to meet teachers in the area between Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and Pedens Hotel no later than **10.45am**. Students must wear **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**.

The march will begin at 11am sharp, travel down Vincent St, turn onto Cooper St then continue to the Memorial in the TAFE grounds.

Ann Barry
Assistant Principal



ANZAC DAY 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday April 13th

Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday April 25th

ANZAC Parade – 11am

Monday April 30th

Staff and Students return – Day one of Term 2.

Tuesday May 1st

Opportunity Class website opens

Thursday May 3rd

PSSA Netball - CWPS vs Ellalong PS

Friday May 4th

Zone Cross Country

Monday May 7th

Mother's Day BBQ RSVP's due.

Wednesday May 9th

Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast

Thursday May 10th

Mother's Day Stall

Friday May 11th

School Development Day – PUPIL FREE DAY



Shim Jang Holiday Program



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

TUESDAY 17TH APRIL

9am – 3pm
(Ages 5 – 16yrs all levels)

Come along and join us for a fun packed day of
Tennis coaching, with games and prizes to be won !!

Cost Per Child - \$45 per day

\$25 half day for the younger ones (9am – 12pm)

Children are to bring along: racquet -we can provide a racquet if
needed, hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes, joggers,
morning/afternoon tea & their own water bottle

Fruit will be provided throughout the day

Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided

CESSNOCK TENNIS COURTS

Aberdare Rd, Cessnock

Bookings are essential as limited numbers only!!!

Sonya 0433 782284

Email. willoneiltennis@bigpond.com

Tennis Holiday Program