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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A very big thank you to Mrs Barry, students and staff for attending the Cessnock Anzac Day March. We had 75 students support the march which was wonderful to see, even though the weather wasn't nice. Congratulations to Cessnock West Public School for winning the shield which will be engraved and returned to be displayed in the trophy cabinet in the foyer. Our students also performed beautifully as part of the CCGPS Choir during the day. A very big thank you to them.

It is amazing the amount of opportunities available for our students to participate in outside of our school as well as in our school. We had students represent Cessnock West PS at the Zone Cross Country with Mrs Killen, Netball with Miss Nasr and our first Starstruck practice with Mrs Peachey. Our students always do their best and represent our school in a positive manner and we are very proud of their efforts.

Our library entry has had a wonderful decorative addition with student's artwork. Thank you to Mrs Rolt and Lex James for making this happen. Have you seen the different book covers on the wall? How many of them have you read?

Communication in our school

There are many times parents need to talk to teachers but it can be difficult to have a conversation with the teacher, as they have many students and tasks to attend to during their day. They would rather give you planned uninterrupted time than a rushed answer to your question which may often offend. Please note the various ways you can talk to a teacher.

HOW CAN PARENTS TO TALK TO A TEACHER



1. Visit the front office and leave a message	
2. Phone the office on 49901637 and leave a message	
3. Email the school with your message on cessnockw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au	
4. Send a message through your child's class Seesaw page.	
<u>Teacher's will call you asap to arrange an appointment.</u>	
Please be mindful teachers want to give you their full attention but are unable to do so during the following times	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation time - Assembly - Playground Duty - Student Learning time 	



Thank you for your understanding.

Homework

Our school will be sending out a survey to parents to collect information about homework. Teachers spend a lot of time planning and preparing tasks for students to complete either online or paper tasks. Homework can often cause anxiety for students if they do not understand the task or they are involved in after school activities and don't have time. This is not and has never been the intention behind homework being sent home. Mrs Floyd will be sending a survey for parents to complete soon.

Donna Madden
Relieving Principal

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 parents and families. 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

Lost Property

As we move into the colder months, jumpers and jackets are being used more and quite often left around the playground when children start running around.

Please ensure all of your child's clothing is labelled and up to date. This is especially important when you've purchased items from the clothing pool as often items are labelled with other student's names and will be returned to that child.

Lost property can be located in the infants hall for K-2 and at the front office for Years 3 to 6.

Payments

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.

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.

Illness

With winter approaching, there are a lot of illness/bugs doing the rounds. We ask that parents keep children home when they are ill. It is also important to ensure children are clear of symptoms before returning to school. We have a number of children with serious health conditions and the spreading of illnesses could have severe consequences for those students.

If you have questions regarding this, you could speak to your doctor or a local pharmacist; contact Health Direct which is a 24 hour health service, staffed by registered nurses (1800 022 222) or visit the NSW Health Website which has a range of resources for parents and families -

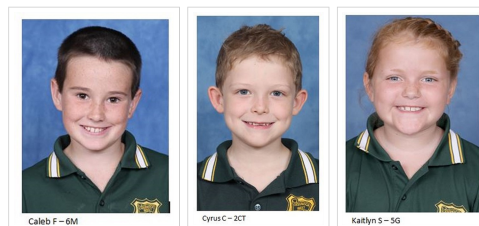
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

Congratulations to the following students



PBL Stars

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Infants Winners

Primary Winners



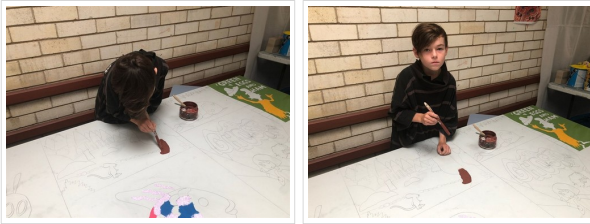
LIBRARY NEWS

Adopt a book

Thank you to all of the families that adopted books last term. The children were so excited to take home these books and I do hope they've all found a spot on your bookshelves. Any that don't fit, or don't suit your family, please pass them on to another family or a charity.

Library Mural

The library mural is now complete and it looks AMAZING. Thank you to all of the students involved and Lex James, artist (you can find him on Facebook – Art by LJ). If you haven't seen it with your own eyes yet, please take the time to pop in and have a look.



Author visit

Thanks to the Newcastle Writer's Festival, students in year 2 and 5 were able to listen to author Yvette Poshoglian talk about the importance of interesting characters in stories. Yvette gave examples of great characters from well known books and talked about why they were so interesting. Students were able to give their input into this as well – making them think more deeply about what a character needs to be unforgettable.

Yvette then told the students about her characters and books and where she finds inspiration for her stories.

The Newcastle Writer's Festival brought Yvette to us free of charge and we were so impressed by our school and our amazing students, they plan on including us in their event again next year. Congratulations years 2 and 5 on your outstanding enthusiasm, participation and manners.



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 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.

Overdue books

All books borrowed over the holidays are now overdue. Many students didn't have their books on their library day as the days changed. If they miss their library day for any reason, they are always welcome to return and borrow new books at lunch time.

Borrowing days for term 2 are:

Monday – 4N, 2V, 1N

Tuesday – 3K, 1R, 6D, KM

Wednesday – 6M, 5P, KG, 3W

Thursday – 5/6O, 1W, 5G

Friday – 2CT, KB, 4L

P&C NEWS

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

On April 10th, our 2018 Annual General Meeting was held. We would like to thank our 2017 Executive Members and wish to congratulate the following members on their election for the 2018 Committee.

President – Nicole Newsome

Vice-Presidents – Lisa Bender

– Angela Wallace

Secretary – Ian Glover

Treasurer – Marissa Floyd

Fundraising Co-ordinator – Kaylene Snape

Assistant Fundraising Co-ordinator and Clothing

Pool Manager – Danielle Towner.

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 next meeting is 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.

Canteen News

Our menu has now changed, with more streamlined pricing and the removal of items that are not often sold.

Menus were sent out to all families on Tuesday May 1st. Please be aware that there was a printing error and Ice Monis are incorrectly priced at \$2 – they are only 50 cents so please update your menus accordingly.

Please also be aware that pizzas are incorrectly priced on the menu as \$2.50 each when they are in fact \$3.00.

A cash register has now been installed in our canteen. We ask that parents ensure the correct money is sent for lunch orders. Don't forget you can order online via the link below.

<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Keep an eye on our noticeboards and the school's Facebook page to see special items introduced over the term. As the weather gets colder, we will be offering delicious, homemade soup to warm little bellies.



Homemade Pumpkin Soup

Linda Fernance
Canteen Manager

SPORTS

The following students represented Cessnock West PS at the Zone Carnival on Friday May 8th. Congratulations to all students, we are proud of you and your achievements regardless of your final result.

Year 2

Jayda W
Kira J
Lily S
Kendall P

Year 3

Damika T
Jayden H
Ella M
Michael S
Tyger L
Cael N
Taj B
Alexis K
Zane W

Year 4

Brayden B
Maliyan D
McKenzie Way
Jack K
Harley E
Ryder H

Year 5

Jack W
Sophie S
Paige C
Lucy B
Tamika M
Pyper J
Hudson L
Mavrick D
Paige F
Connor O
Courtney H
Harmony L
Jessica P
Emilee B
Cooper E
Melissa D-S
Jacob S
Setayah M

Year 6

Jack K
Oliver B
Shikira H
Ethan G
Kalani W
Chellsy F
Hayley W

SCHOOL EVENTS

StarStruck

On Friday 4th May, our Group 1 Star Struck dancers travelled to Maitland High School to attend their first rehearsal for this year's show. It certainly was a busy day with the students learning their entire routine in just 4 hours. They conducted themselves beautifully throughout the day showing persistence, enthusiasm and respect.

The students made CWPS and Mrs Peachey very proud! Congratulations on such a successful first rehearsal boys and girls, you did an amazing job!

We look forward to our Aboriginal Dance Group attending their first rehearsal at Newcastle Basketball Stadium on the 23rd May and wish them luck.



StarStruck performances are being held on June 15th and 16th. Please see the flyer below for further details to purchase tickets.

Tickets can be purchased via the link below

<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=STARSTRU18>



Star Struck 2018 "Connect" tickets are now on sale.
Show dates are:
Friday 15th June Matinee and Evening Performances
Saturday 16th June Matinee and Evening Performances
Tickets are available through Ticketek by calling 4921 2121 or visiting
<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=STARSTRU18>

School ANZAC Commemorations

On Tuesday, May 1st, Students attended our school ANZAC Commemorations.

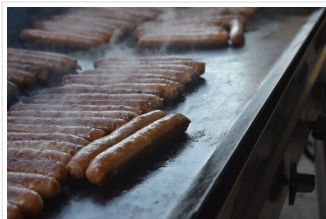
Students displayed respect and reverence as we commemorated 100 years since the end of World War 1. Thank you to Riley H in 5G for his wonderful photography skills on the day.



Mother's Day BBQ

On Wednesday May 9th, we held our Annual Mother's Day breakfast. This year, we also provided breakfast to our students. Over 400 sausages were cooked and served on the morning.

A special thank you to all of our Mums and Grandmas for attending. Thank you to our staff for their wonderful efforts and a special thank you to Mr Floyd for coming in to cook the BBQ. A thank you to Kaleb F in 3W for his wonderful photography skills throughout the morning.



Tourette's Awareness Day

On Thursday May 10th, we held an out of uniform day to support the Tourette's Syndrome Awareness' TICNIC ride for 2018.

A total of \$318.85 was raised.

Congratulations to Nevaeh L of 1R for correctly guessing 91 lollies in the lolly guessing competition.



Opportunity Class 2019

A reminder that applications for the Opportunity Class in 2019 close this Friday, May 18th.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Applications can only be made online and can be done so via the link below

<https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>

ANZAC Day 2018

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

Students and Parents braved the very wet weather and marched with reverence and pride.

Mrs Barry, Mrs Blackadder, Miss Dorahy, Mrs Floyd and Miss Guilmartin were so very proud to march beside our students.

We also congratulate our students who participate in the CCGPS Choir for their outstanding performances during the ceremony.



Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) Choir

On Thursday May 10th, 9 students from CWPS joined their choir peers to perform as the CCGPS Choir at the 2018 Choral Fest at Warners Bay.

We are delighted to report that the group were the first place winners in their category!

Well done to all students but a very big congratulations to our super talented CWPS Students - Caleb C, Ebony J, Elli G, Jaiden D, Jordan M, Kaitlyn G, Lilly H, Maddison B and Melissa D-S. We also send a very big thank you to Miss Guilmartin who gives up her own time each week to assist and supervise the choir in their weekly practices along with attending events with the students as required.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15th – 17th

NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5.

May 17th – 11.30am

Cybersafety talk with Senior Constable Mick Steele
Stage 3 and Parents

May 21st

School Athletics Carnival - Turner Park, Cessnock

May 22nd

KG Lunch Date – 12.45pm to 1.20pm
Josephine wants to Dance – Kinder, Years 1, 2 and 3.
Galuwa Scholarship Presentation – 1.30pm @ Great Aussie Bush Camp

May 23rd

Starstruck Aboriginal Dancers – Rehearsal 1
National Simultaneous Storytime

May 24th

Grip Leadership Conference – School Leaders & Moani Executive

May 29th

1W Lunch Date – 12.45pm to 1.20pm
ICAS – Science

May 30th

StarStruck First Major Rehearsal

June 4th

1R Lunch Date – 12.45pm to 1.20pm

June 5th

Moani AET Networking Meeting @ KKHS
Leap into Learning -2pm

June 11th

Public Holiday

June 12th

1N Lunch Date 12.45pm to 1.20pm

June 13th

ICAS – Spelling
Starstruck 2nd major rehearsal – day 1

CLASSROOM CALENDARS

After the success of this year's Classroom Calendars, we have again decided to have our own, personalised calendars printed, which are free to our school and community.

To keep this wonderful service free of charge, Classroom Calendars seek sponsorship from local, appropriate businesses.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be involved in our 2019 Classroom Calendars, please see the flyer below for further details, including a "School Family" ONLY discount.