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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Starstruck 2018

Congratulations to our wonderful students who performed at Starstruck "Connect" 2018. I was privileged to see the show on Friday night and again I never cease to be amazed at the astounding students we have and their talents. Thank you to Mrs Peachey and Mrs McKellar for helping to make this happen for our students. Thank you to the parents for your continued support and encouragement. Well done!

### Beanie for Brain Cancer Day

Thank you to all the students and staff who put on their beanie for brain cancer day. Money raised will go to the Mark Hughes Foundation. We raised an amazing \$269.70

### Year 6 Taster Lessons at Mount View High School

Well done to the Year 6 students who had their first visit to high school last week. While this did prove to be confronting for some students it is important to talk to your child about their feelings and how to manage these emotions. These visits are designed to break down the barrier and are to give students a "taste" of high school. If you would like to discuss your child further, please contact their class teacher.

### Academic Reports

Our semester one academic reports are due to come home on Tuesday 26 June. If the report does not come home on that date for any reason, please contact the office as soon as possible to let us know.

### 2019 Enrolments

If you have a child starting school in 2019 and you haven't already given their details to the office, we would love you to do so as soon as possible. Our Leap into Learning transition to school program has been running with Mrs Barry.

If you know of any local families who have children starting kindergarten in 2019, it would be very much appreciated if you could ask them to contact the school.

### Kids Helpline Webinars

Over the next weeks Year 5 and Year 6 classes will be participating in a webinar run by the Kids Helpline. Kids Helpline counsellors encourage safe, open and inclusive discussions about a range of topics relevant to students' lives. Sessions are all evidence-informed, contain fun, interactive components and may also include scenarios or videos to engage students in problem solving. Students are able to email, call or chat to counsellors on-line.

### Learning intentions:

- Improve students' mental health literacy and emotional intelligence
- Promote positive overall health and wellbeing
- Assist students to develop greater resilience and self-efficacy
- Normalise and encourage help-seeking behaviours
- Enhance students' communication skills within interpersonal relationships
- Encourage positive digital citizenship

### Parents are more than welcome to attend with your child. Please see below for dates and times:-

- 5/6O Tuesday 26 June - 9:30am -10:30am
- 5P Wednesday 27 June - 2-3pm
- 5G Thursday 28 June - 9:30am-10:30am
- 6M Thursday 28 June - 2-3pm
- 6D Wednesday 4 July - 11:30-12:30pm

Where: All sessions will be in 5P room.

### Stranger Danger

In light of what happened in Newcastle last week please talk to your child about being safe when walking to and from school.

Encourage them to walk with a parent or a friend and stay on the path along main roads, if possible.

Please make sure you keep the office up to date with your emergency contacts and address. If you need to update these please call 4990 1637.

## Toastmasters

Thank you to John Quinn from Cessnock Toastmasters club for assisting with the school debating. They provided a judge for the Debating Gala Day on Tuesday 22nd May at Cessnock West and they are happy to assist with future debating and public speaking activities. We appreciate this help.

Cessnock City Toastmasters would like to let the local community know about their group. The Toastmasters program is fun but a highly effective way to develop communication skills, personal confidence and leadership qualities by practising in a friendly and supportive environment.

Cessnock City Toastmasters Club meets on Mondays from 7pm – 9pm at Cessnock Leagues Club. For more information contact Judy on 49904581 or email judytts@bigpond.net.au.

<http://www.cessnock.toastmastersclubs.org/>

Visitors always welcome.

Have a safe and happy week.

**Mrs Donna Madden**  
**Relieving Principal**

## 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.

- Payment closing dates are **final**. No late payments will be accepted.
- 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>

## NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

The following notice is for all families regarding the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD).

Please see Mrs Peate if you have require any further information.

Volunteers needed!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Author visit

Thanks to the Newcastle Writer's Festival, students in Years 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.

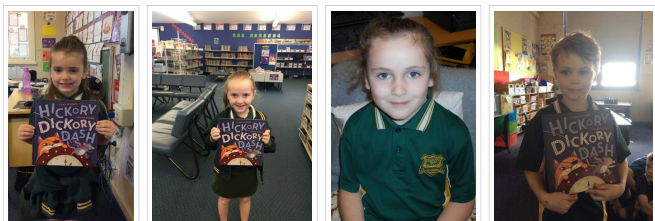
The Newcastle Writer's Festival brought Yvette to us free of charge and were so impressed by our school and our amazing students, they plan on including us in their event again next year. Congratulations Years 2 and 5 on your outstanding enthusiasm, participation and manners.





## National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book. This year the book was Hickory, Dickory, Dash by Tony Wilson. It was read to each class at some time during the day and a lucky winner from each class was chosen to win a copy of the book to keep for themselves. Congratulations to all winners.



## Book Club

Issue 4 Book Club brochures were handed out last week.

Orders are due in by 9am Wednesday June 20th. If paying online by LOOP you have until 6pm on the 20th to place your order.

Remember, if your order is a gift, and not to be sent home with your child, please CLEARLY mark it on the order. You can also contact me via the Seesaw app to remind me if you need to.

**Mrs Rolt**  
**Teacher Librarian**

## P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your Thompson Pie Drive orders.

Delivery and collection will be on Thursday July 5th. Orders will need to be collected from the school hall.

If you would like your order sent home with your child and did not mark it on your order form, please contact the front office.

If it has not been written on your order form or the office have not been advised then we will not send orders home with students.

## 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 July 24th.

## 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

Hi from the canteen.

Please remember to change the price of pizzas on your menus to \$3.00.

We will no longer accept wrong prices and your child will be given something else to the value of what is in their lunch bags.

Also remember to pack your child a plastic spoon or fork if your child needs one to eat their food from home.

There will be a charge if your child requests one from the canteen.

We now sell homemade soup for the winter months.

Varieties are pumpkin and chicken and sweet corn soup both cooked in our slow cooker. Price is \$3.00.

**Linda Fernance**  
**Canteen Manager**

## SCHOOL BANKING

Please be advised that beginning in Term 3, School Banking will now be held on a Tuesday instead of Thursday.

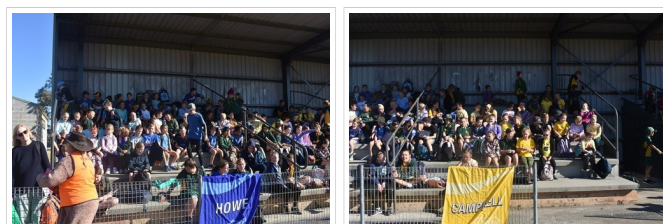
We thank Mrs Matthews for her ongoing support of our school banking program.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all of our students for their great participation in our 2018 Athletics Carnival. A terrific day was had by all.

Congratulations to our students who will be moving on to Zone Athletics next term.



### Stage 3 Hunter Factory Excursion

Stage 3 had an amazing day visiting the Chocolate and Cheese Factories around the Pokolbin Vineyard region.

The excursion was part of their Project Based Learning. All of their hard work and learning will come to fruition at our Mini-Fair on June 19th.



## 5G Robotics

5G have had an awesome time in class with Lego robotics.



## Cyber Safety

Senior Constable Michael Steele visited CWPS to talk to our Stage 3 students and parents about Cyber Safety and Cyberbullying.

We thank Senior Constable Steele for his time and sharing his knowledge with our students and parents.

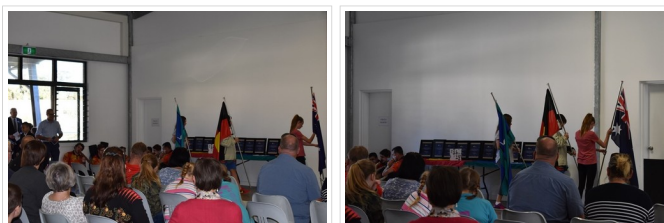


## Galuwa Camp

Jordan M of Year 6 was awarded the Galuwa Scholarship for 2018. Jordan is one of only 10 students across the Hunter Valley to receive this scholarship.

Jordan recently attended her first Galuwa camp with other recipients. During the Official Ceremony, Jordan was honoured to be a flag bearer for the ceremony.

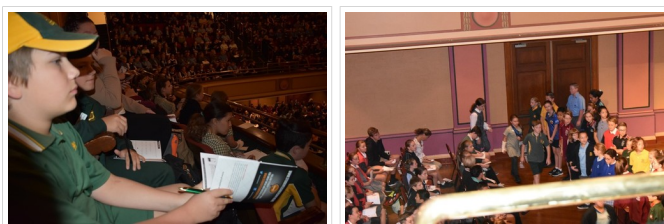
Congratulations Jordan.



## Leadership Conference

Miss Dorahy and Mrs Floyd accompanied our Stage 3 Leaders and Moani Executives to the Grip Leadership Conference in Newcastle.

The students had a wonderful day filled with fun and learning.



## Public Speaking Competition

On Monday, 4th June, Cessnock West Public School held the Semester 1 Public Speaking Competition in the hall.

Well done to all of the finalists who presented their amazing speeches! They were very entertaining and displayed a variety of public speaking skills.

Thank you to the parents and community members who attended and showed their support to the students.

Congratulations to all of the winners. The winners and runner ups will be invited to represent our school at the Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition held at Kurri Kurri Public School later in the year.

	Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Winner	Eli S	Tyler L	Lincoln H	Cameron H
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Koby M	Nevah L	Jack M	Paige C

### Public Speaking Finals – Semester 1



## StarStruck 2018

Wow! What another spectacular year of Star Struck.

The week of Star Struck began with the second major movement rehearsal on Wednesday followed by the technical and dress rehearsals on Thursday and matinee and evening performances on both Friday and Saturday.

It was a long week with many early starts and late finishes but everyone gave 110%!

The students' behaviour was outstanding and their performances were exceptional, they should be extremely proud of themselves and all that they have achieved throughout Star Struck.

Miss McKellar and I are very proud of them all!

Thank you to all of the dedicated and patient parents who supported their children through this amazing experience and also endured the early starts and late finishes.

We appreciate your support and we couldn't do it without you. We hope that all of the students had a fantastic week and have made memories that will last a lifetime!

We look forward to doing it all again next year.

**Mrs Peachey & Miss McKellar**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 18th to July 3rd

PLP's for Aboriginal students Kinder to Year 6

### June 25th

Oz Tag Gala Day

### June 26th

2V Lunch Date

Reports Sent home

Girls Touch Football

Leap into Learning – 2pm to 3pm  
5/6OC Kids Helpline – 9am – Parents Welcome

### June 27th

5P Kids Helpline – 2pm – Parents Welcome

### June 28th

5G Kids Helpline – 9.30am – Parents Welcome  
6M Kids Helpline – 2pm – Parents Welcome  
Disco – Infants - 4pm – 5.15pm  
Primary – 5.30pm – 7pm

### July 2nd

Children's University Excursion

### July 3rd

Parent Teacher Interviews – Times TBC

### July 4th

6D Kids Helpline – 11.30am – Parents Welcome

### July 6th

Last Day Term 2

### July 23rd

Staff return – Term 3

### July 24th

Students return – Term 3