STAFF ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs Sharon Troy, one of long-term staff members and, familiar, friendly face in the office on Wednesdays has taken the opportunity to work full-time at Cessnock High School, including Wednesdays.

We wish Mrs Troy all the very best and, thank her for her tireless efforts, above and beyond her duty to the school and know that Cessnock High School will benefit even more than they do now. The good thing is, Mrs Troy will still be there for our students when they go into Year 7.

ANZAC DAY

Special thanks to ALL our students, parents and staff that represented our school on ANZAC Day. I was full of pride and admiration in the manner in which our students presented themselves, behaved and respected those around them.

Special praise must go to Jai McG (publicly spoke to the crowd on what ANZAC means to him) and those children who were at both services, laid wreaths and sang in the CCGPS choir. It was great to see Kitchener PS and strengths we have in our school.

YEARS 4, 5 & 6 EXCURSION

We have currently sent out notes for our Years 4, 5 & 6 excursions for 2014. We are asking that parents discuss this with their child and return the note’s tear off section to school. This excursion will fit in with our 3 year cycle of experiences for our older children. Excursions will include -

- **Canberra - 2015**
- **Great Aussie Bush Camp - 2016**

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MOTHERS DAY

I hope ALL our MUMS have a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday and get plenty of joy from their families.

AFL

Congratulations to all students involved in our first AFL gala day. Both our boys and girls teams played extremely well. Well done to our boys teams who have progressed to the AFL finals day later in the term. Special thanks to ALL our parents who came and supported our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the CALENDAR

We will ensure that these dates are updated on our Website and School App:

- **Mother’s Day Stall**
  - Friday 9th May
  - **Year 6 only Thursday afternoon**
- **Year 6 Discover University Day**
  - Friday 9th May
- **NAPLAN—Year 3 & Year 5**
  - Tuesday 13th May– Thursday-15th May
- **Star Struck Practice**
  - Monday 19th May & Thursday 29th May
- **GRIP Leadership conference**
  - (School Captains & Vice Captains)
  - Wednesday 21st May
- **Walk Safely to School Day / Wear RED fundraiser for Star Struck students**
  - Friday 23rd May
- **Small Schools Soccer Gala Day**
  - Wednesday 4th June
- **AFL Boys Hunter Region Finals Day**
  - Tuesday 10th June
- **Star Struck Performances**
  - June 11, 12 & 13
- **School Reports Home**
  - Wednesday 25th June

Mr Osland’s Oracle

Welcome everyone to Term 2 and what we hope to be an amazing term. We have had a number of new students start this term; a special welcome to you all.

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Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids, a 9 week program for men and their primary school aged children coming to Cessnock from Tuesday 20th May, 5.30pm—7pm.

For more information or to register, contact Zane Osborn 0410 866 141 or email zane@pinnacleteamevents.com.au or website www.healthydadshealthykids.com.au

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Towards the end of last term, a Cessnock City Council Ranger observed staff and parents arrive, and park at the school. A staff member received a WARNING letter due to incorrect parking; a parent received a WARNING letter for stopping in a NO STOPPING area (in double driveway) and, a parent received a FINE for parking nose-first in the reverse parking bays.

A Cessnock City Council “Parking and Safety Around Schools” brochure has been given to each family with this fortnight’s newsletter. This lists the situations, penalties and demerit point loss for each applicable situation. All parents are urged to look through the brochure and, to also check the signage on both sides of the street at the school, to avoid unnecessary fines.

Note (as per brochure) “….. You only need to be seen doing the wrong thing by an authorised officer and you will receive a penalty infringement notice in the mail ……..”

50th ANNIVERSARY FORD MUSTANG CELEBRATION CAR CRUISE On Sunday 18th May, 2014 the “Maitland to Mulbring Mustang Muster” car cruise to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang will commence at 10am from Maitland, travel through Mulbring then onto Kitchener for lunch at the Poppethead Park (from 11am—12.30pm) then into Cessnock and Kurri before heading home (some Mustangs are coming from Sydney!!) Students and parents are welcome to come and see the cars at Poppethead Park; around 20 Mustang cars are expected, including 2 x 1964 & 1/2 Mustangs!!

1964 & 1/2 Black Coupe Ford Mustang

INDIGENOUS ART and CULTURE PROGRAM

Catholic Care Social Services Hunter-Manning Youth and Family Support Service has organised and funded an Indigenous Art and Culture Program. This program is FREE to any young person (12—18 years) and their parent/carer for Sunday 8th and 15th June at Les Elvin’s Studio, Aberdare Road, Cessnock. “…This would not only strengthen bonds between parent/carer and young person but have the shared experience of culture and art education from their heritage…..”. Local artist and Elder, Les Elvin will facilitate the program. For more information and bookings, please contact Kylie on 0409 921 083.
Cessnock United Football Club (Soccer) need players for their Under 6’s and Under 10’s teams. Any child turning 5 or 6 years and 10 years during this calendar year can play. Please contact Ann Skinner (Secretary) on 0416 001 979 or email skinnerfamily5@bigpond.com.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL & “RED” STAR STRUCK FUNDRAISER ~ FRIDAY 23rd MAY

On Friday 23rd May we will be combining the Walk Safely to School Day and a “RED” Star Stuck Fundraiser MUFTI (Out-of-Uniform) Day. Students are able to wear RED clothing to school that day for a gold coin. These funds will go towards the Star Struck Fundraiser. A cake stall will also be held with students able to purchase cakes and slices at lunch time.

We would appreciate donations of cakes and slices, fruit etc (RED/PINK, if possible) for our cake stall. These can be left in the staff room on the morning of Friday 23rd May.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

We have established a Community Notice Board on the door of the school office and the windows beside the office counter. Posters and information received from organisations are displayed for items that may be of interest to parents or, students. Basic details are published in newsletters, with additional information on posters.

The Ashton Scholastic Book Club “orders and money” due back date will also be displayed on the Community Notice Board. The return date for Book Club orders and money will continue to be stamped on the top of the order form on the back page.

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**Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 6th May, 2014**

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AFL Paul Kelly Cup, at Rutherford
Girls’ Team and,
Boys’ Team

Jesse, Year 6
Galuwa Camp Presentation

Cessnock ANZAC Day Service
Jai, photo second on the left.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Term 2 2014

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The term “Resilience” can be heard mentioned in many areas throughout the community, sporting teams, schools, work places and in the media.

Resilience is defined as a person “able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions”. Resilience is a skill that is developed over time.

I like to think of resilience as being like an emotional toolbox. Some problems require different tools. In the emotional toolbox there are a variety of tools and each tool performs a very different and unique job.

Throughout this term, I will focus on “The Emotional Toolbox”. Each week I will introduce and explain how the different tools can assist in developing resilience.

This tool focuses on the positive powerful people in your life.
List the all the positive people who you feel comfortable being around. They can be relatives, friends, teachers etc.
These are the people who you trust and you have a healthy relationship with. These are the people who, if you want to talk, you would feel comfortable talking over your problems. Go visit these people, give them a call, arrange for a catch-up/playdate etc. Surround yourself with positive powerful people.
School News

School Fees

Reminder for payment of student invoices for Technology Levy ($20.00) and Resources Levy ($20.00). We are offering an alternative to cash payments at the office, with online banking payments an option. Our school account details are:

Kitchener Public School Admin Account     Westpac Bank       BSB 032 001                Account # 142 365

Reference <<child’s initial and surname & reason>> etc J Citizen Fees

These details are also listed on the bottom of each invoice. We do stress that when making online banking payments that you include your child’s initial and surname as a reference. This will ensure that your child’s fees are credited correctly. If families need assistance with the payment of school fees, please see the office for a Student Assistance application form.

The Department of Education and Communities information for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement for 2015 (this would be for our current Year 4 students) are available online with applications closing on Friday 16th May, 2014. Parents can also apply on paper applications, which are available at our school. If you would like further information and details, please see Mr Osland (Principal). The office has all the documentation needed on file.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL ~ Friday 9th May

The P&C have purchased bulk Mothers’ Day gifts for this year’s stall; there will be no need for families to donate items for the Mothers’ Day stall.

The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held:

⇒ this Friday (9th May), in the SPR, after the morning assembly.

⇒ There are enough gifts for students to purchase 2 items, if they wish.

⇒ Students will be able to purchase a gift for mum, with gifts ranging from $1 to $5.

⇒ Students are encouraged to bring a plastic bag to school to take their gift home.

⇒ Please note ~ Year 6 students will visit the Mothers’ Day Stall after recess tomorrow (Thursday), as they will be attending the Discover Uni Day on the Friday.

We wish all Kitchener mums and grandmothers a wonderful Mothers’ Day.
Welcome to the Kitchener P&C news. This is to inform parents, carers and friends of our school community of the P&C tasks and initiatives for the year, where and when our meetings are held and above all, to invite new members at any time to support us and join in the activities.

**NEW P&C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

At the P&C AGM Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April, a new P&C Executive Committee was elected

President ~ Tamara Philips;  
Vice President ~ Debra Burgess;  
Secretary ~ Sonya O'Neil;  
Treasurer ~ Dannielle Ellis.

We congratulate the P&C Executive Committee on their election and look forward to a great year ahead.

**MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS ~**

These are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, during school terms. Our next meeting for the 2014 year will be held at 4.30pm Wednesday 7th May, in the Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

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**Ideas or Suggestions?** Do you have fundraising ideas or just a general suggestion that can strengthen our school but don’t have the time to attend P&C meetings? You can send an email kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au via the school.