Principal’s Message

Our last newsletter for term 3 and what a busy term we have had. Between excursions, Zone athletics, parades, open days, horse sports, university programs, transition days, award ceremonies and library visits we have had a hectic schedule in and out of the classroom.

Father’s Day Breakfast: A big thank you to the dads, grandfathers, uncles and other significant males who came along and enjoyed a bacon and egg roll on Friday morning. It was great to see so many able to come along and have a great start to the day, I know the kids enjoyed having you here as well. A big thank you must go to the mums who gave up their time to help cook and prepare the food, along with Miss Fradd who organised the event with her Year 6 students.

School Production: Rehearsals are in full swing at the moment, with costumes, props and practices happening everywhere. Tickets are still for sale at the office for our two performances next week. Food and drinks will be available to be purchased before the night performance, but will be limited so get in quick!

Tell Them From Me Survey: Last week you should have received a note from the school requesting you complete a survey online. This is valuable to allow the school to plan for the future, giving you a say in our directions. If you require access to a computer/internet to complete the survey we will make our computer room available before and after school for parents to come in and use. If you have any issues please feel free to come and see us and we will try our best to help you.

Have a great holiday break. I hope you can find some family time and enjoy the good spring weather. The staff will be back refreshed and better than ever, ready to tackle Term 4!

Luke Somerville

‘Fall seven times, stand up eight’  Japanese Proverb

Upcoming Dates

**Incorrect Date (Tuesday 15th September)**
Year 6 ACE Class Testing **Correct Date ~ Thursday 15th October**

Monday 14th September ~ 2.35pm Whole School Assembly ~ NOTE change of day

Wednesday 16th Sept ~ 12noon
“Alice” Matinee Performance

Wednesday 16th Sept ~ 5.30pm—6.30pm Parent Information Evening Cessnock HS (Yr 6 students welcome)

Thursday 17th Sept ~ 6pm
“Alice” Night Performance

Friday 18th Sept ~ Last Day of Term

Sunday 4th Oct ~ Daylight Saving Starts

**TERM 4**

Monday 5th Oct ~ Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 6th Oct ~ Students Return Term 4

Thursday 15th Oct ~ Year 6 ACE Class Testing Cessnock High School

Thursday 22nd Oct ~ Year 6 Transition to Year 7 (2016) Cessnock High School Orientation Day & Evening

Monday 26th Oct to Friday 6th Nov Intensive Swimming Program ~ Yr 2—Yr 6

Monday 30th Nov ~ Year 6 Start Year 7 at Cessnock High School

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

LAST ONE FOR THE TERM

****** IMPORTANT ******

The Week 10 Whole School Assembly has been moved to Monday 14th September due to practice and preparation for the school performance, ‘Alice’. 

KINDER ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation, with new students and their parents, Grandparents or carers, will be held on ~

Wednesday 21st October 10am—12pm

Kindy Visits are ~

Wednesday 28th October 10am—12pm

Wednesday 4th November 10am—12pm

Wednesday 11th November 10am—12pm
**Digging in the Garden**

**Fruit or vegetable or herb?** Mark each box with either F (fruit), V (vegetable) or H (herb), write your name/s and class/es and return to the office by **next Wednesday (16th Sept)** to receive a Gotcha ticket.

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**Spring Seed Packs - $15**

- Capsicum – California Wonder
- Zucchini – Black Beauty
- Cucumber – Crystal Apple
- Cucumber – Lebanese
- Pumpkin – Jap
- Lettuce – Cos Verdi
- Tomato – Tommy Toe
- Tomato – Grosse Lisse
- Carrots – All Season
- Beans – Blue Lake OR Corn - Popcorn

Only 3 or 4 packs are left, so if you had planned on grabbing a pack, now is the time. They are on sale in the office.

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Our teacher, Ms Bec Munday and one of our students, Riley of Year 3/4 are both in this production.

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**NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service ~ Biodiversity Day ~ NPWS Blue Gum Regional Park**

10am—3pm Thursday 24th September


**Phone Shani Milgate  Discovery Coordinator**

Visitor and Tourism Service Unit | Customer Experience Division | NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
Central Coast Hunter Region | Lower & Upper Hunter Areas | Office of Environment and Heritage

**P** 49464112 | **F** 49464110 | **M** 0409736237 (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Our new school zone flashing lights, which operate from 8am—9.30am and 2pm to 4pm each school day, including Staff Development/Pupil Free Days were turned on, up and running from last Friday (4th Sept).

**Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 4th August 2015**

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**Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 1st September 2015**

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Stage 3 Reading + University = Career Choices

The University of Newcastle’s Aim High Team is in our school running the Careers Through Reading program. University students will lead small reading group sessions and start conversations about

The program is being used to strengthen the existing literacy block already provided in the school.

During the five visits students will continue to learn to interact confidently with their peers and speak confidently in group discussions to listen strategically and to read with comprehension.

The cross-curricular activity-based model for Careers Through Reading aims to strengthen the students’ love of reading whilst linking the importance of reading for positive educational outcomes.
Kitchener Public School Presents...

Alice!

Wednesday 16th September, 12 noon and Thursday 17th September 6pm
Tickets available now at the office $5.00 all tickets

LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ see Ms Wilson in the Office

Thank you to our volunteers for the Wednesday Lunch Runs. Our roster is ~

Wed 9th Sept ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6)       Wed 16th Sept ~ Yvette (Abby K/1)

Term 4
Wed 7th Oct ~ Linda (Ella Yr 1/2)        Wed 14th Oct ~ Yvette (Abby K/1)
Wed 21st Oct ~ Linda (Ella Yr 1/2)       Wed 28th Oct ~ Yvette (Abby K/1)
Wed 4th Nov ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6)     Wed 11th Nov ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6)

We would like to thank our Lunch Run volunteers for the great job they are doing.

Technology Tips

Technology, especially computers and the Internet, play an enormous part in our daily lives. With this comes changes to everything we do, especially our children. The Department has released some new resources for parents to assist with your knowledge.


Facebook

The school is investigating setting up a school Facebook page to help with communication amongst parents and to celebrate some of our successes.

We understand that people have different views regarding Facebook so we want to canvas the communities thoughts before proceeding. If you have an opinion, for or against, a concern, or a suggestion then we would love to know. Please come and talk to Luke, our Principal, or send an email or a letter with your ideas.
Cessnock City Council has arranged a **FREE Mattress Drop-Off day for Saturday 19th September from 8am to 12noon at Hunter TAFE Cessnock Campus, Darwin Street, Cessnock.** Mattresses will either be re-used or recycled.

Conditions apply ~ Cessnock City Council residents only ~ proof required. 5 mattresses or bases accepted per household. No pedestrian access ~ vehicles only.

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**STUDENT INVOICES ~ TECHNOLOGY LEVY & RESOURCE LEVY**

Remind Student Invoice Statements for outstanding payments for the Technology Levy ($20) and Resource Levy ($20) were sent home with students on Tuesday (18th August). Details of payment options were included with the Student Invoice Statements.

**WORKBOOKS & SCHOOL LEVIES**

In the past, parents have paid for students’ Mathematics Work Books (Maths and, Maths Mentals). This year, the school will once again replace Mathematics Work Books (Maths & Maths Mentals) with an online Mathematics program (Mathletics). The school is asking for 2 small levies to assist our school in providing online access for students. The levies are ~

- **$20 Technology Levy; and, $20 General Resource levy.** This works out at $40 per year, per child. Payments can be made either in full, or, as part-payments.

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**September Holiday Activities @ your library**

Places limited, pre-booking essential, no phone bookings

Movie and Craft; Baby Rhythm Time; Spring Story Time; At the Easel Art Workshop; Roger Fletcher Cartooning Workshop; Art Attack; Board Games and Wii; Make a Noise! – Recycled Instruments; Noisy Story Time.

**Lots of activities for a wide age range.**

Please ring Cessnock Library 4993 4399 or Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan  Children’s Services Officer  4993 4384

Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

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Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council’s Relay for Life each year.

An experience with fun activities and moving ceremonies to raise vital funds for research, prevention and support services. Help us make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Call 4923 0708 for more information or 1300 656 585  Register now at relayforlife.org.au Cessnock Relay for Life  Baddeley Park Cessnock 10am to 10pm  Sat 17th October  Register. Participate. Donate.

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Booral Public School is celebrating 150 Years of Education on Saturday 10 October (this year). Booral is near Stroud; Stroud school has asked that we pass on this information for anyone who may have attended Booral Public School or, know of anyone who has, so they can attend the celebrations. Contact Booral Public School on 4994 9266 for further details.
Young Parents Playgroup ~ For Parents under 25 Years Every Friday 10am—12 Midday Cessnock Public School Grounds (Koe-Nara) Morning tea provided for the children, tea/coffee for parents.

Playworks ~ Every Monday 10am—12n Cessnock Public school Grounds (Koe-Nara) Includes stories with Mr K, School Librarian. Every Thursday Cessnock East PS 9am—11am Music & Stories with Lyn.

Let's Play ~ Every Tuesday 10am—11.30am Koe-Nara Morning tea provided. Story & Music with Lyn.

Baby & Me ~ Every Thursday 12.30pm—2.00pm Koe Nara Just for babies under 18 months and their Mum, Dad or Grandparent.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program ~ Easy-to-learn Parenting Solutions that work. For parents with Children 2-12 Years. Phone Robyn on 4990 4507.


Community News

Hunter Wetlands Centre ~ Spring School Holiday Program
1 Wetlands Place, Shortland Ph 4951 6466 Web: www.wetlands.org.au

Tuesday 22nd Sept ~ 12.30pm Make It Workshop! 7—10 years ~ Kites, puppets, giant bubbles and more! Cost $20 per child. Bookings essential.

Tuesday 29th Sept ~ 12.30pm Bush Skills Adventure 8—12 years ~ Have fun making a bush shelter, cooking and eating damper, learn knotting and other bush skills. Cost $20 per child. Bookings essential.

Wednesday 23rd Sept & Tuesday 29th September ~ 12.20pm Wriggly Wetlanders 5—8 years ~ Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities. Cost $20 per child. Bookings essential.

Thursday 1st October ~ 10am—12.30pm Cartooning Fun 8—12 years ~ Learn basic cartooning skills and have fun creating your own characters. Cost $20 per child. Bookings essential.

Any time during the school holidays 9am—4pm 7 days a week ~ Wetlands Explorer 5—12 years ~ Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize. Cost ~ FREE !

School Holiday Camps

The Department of Sport and Recreation is holding camps during the school holidays. For further information and details, contact www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps

School Holidays Animal & Garden Care

We wish to thank the four families who have volunteered to care for our school chooks during the coming school holidays. A key for the chook house will be given to each family (4) during the last couple of days of the term.
Garden Update

Spring is a busy time in the garden, thankfully there have been lots of student helpers, and lots of support from parents and teachers. Last week a number of students from K/1 and Year 1/2 helped thin out the carrots and plant a new bed full of corn, not just any corn either – the variety is Popcorn!

The Garden Group meets at 1pm Wednesdays ~ all parents are welcome

If you were near the school on Tuesday afternoon you would have noticed our new Garden Gate initiative. Once a week we are bringing garden produce to the front of the school. The aim is to make the garden produce available to families (asking for only a coin or two as a donation in return), and to make the school community more aware of what is happening in the garden, and even encourage families to try their hand at a bit of gardening themselves. This week we had cabbage, lettuce, snow peas, lemonades, passionfruits, and a variety of herbs. The stall will be run at least once a week, including every assembly day. All donations help support the school garden.

Containers

Yoghurt, butter, punnets of fruit, all come in containers and we need them all. Please don’t throw yours away. Rinse them and drop them into the school. We will be needing lots of containers very soon to transplant seedlings into.