Big week ahead as year comes to a close

Believe it or not we only have eight more days until the end of school for 2015. Those eight days are full to the brim with exciting events to celebrate a great year of achievements and experiences throughout the year.

Some of these events include:

**Presentation Day - Thursday 10th December – 9.30am**
The wonderful achievements of our students will be celebrated on what is our biggest celebration of the year. Parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to attend this prestigious event to congratulate our award winners, be amazed by student performances and hear some exciting leadership announcements.

**Year 6 Farewell – Monday 14th December – 5.30-7.30pm.**
After 7 great years at our school, we will finally bid farewell and good luck to our seven year 6 students who are off to high school next year. The night will include dinner and speeches before letting our hair down as we dance the night away.

**Movie/Party Day – Tuesday 15th December – 9am-3pm**
Students will celebrate the year in style with a trip to Maitland Cinema to watch “Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie” as well as a trip to Maitland Park to play on the great equipment and test out our scooter skills. The cost for this excursion is subsidised by the P&C and will only cost $10 for bus, movie, chips and drink. Don’t forget to pack your picnic lunch to have at the park!

**Quality of future leaders on show**

Congratulations to our seven student leadership next year who gave great speeches on Thursday. They process really difficult as all students choose just 2 nominees. Luckily all have been through the leadership become school leaders next year. Vice Captains will be announced on

(Leaders casting their votes (Bailey absent)
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program – A Year in Review

Thank you to everyone for a successful first year undertaking this program. Students have learnt lots in both the kitchen and garden and many have started to use these life skills at home. We have loved seeing the excited faces every Wednesday when students knew it was “Kitchen Garden time!”

Students in Years 3-6 have learnt important life skills in the kitchen including hygiene, knife skills, researching cuisines, washing up, harvesting their ingredients and creating a Chef’s Hat Restaurant for our parents to come and share the experience!

All students did an amazing job creating their first ‘Kitchen Garden Restaurant’ and inviting their parents for an enjoyable afternoon of food, drinks and a tour of the garden. Parents gave some great feedback including “We’ll be back next year!”

In the garden, students eagerly obtained their wheelbarrow and tool licence, created wicking boxes for our hot summers, learnt how to identify herbs, prepared garden beds, learnt about planting and watering, maintenance and staking tomatoes.

Our Baby Peas in K-2 enjoyed harvesting and eating fresh produce and identifying herbs on their monthly garden exploration.

We look forward to a bigger and better 2016...Watch out for our Grand Opening in 2016!

Some quotes from our kids!

“We are one of the only Cessnock schools that do this program.” Nelson
“It was amazing experiencing being able to cook what you have grown!” Angus
“The best part about harvesting is that sometimes you can sneak some of the herbs!” Luke
“I found out that I like lettuce!” Jacob
Reports ready next week

If teachers have been looking more tired than ever over the last 3 weeks, it is probably due to compiling student reports which are due to be handed out Friday next week. This is a huge job for teachers at this time of year, and I thank them for their efforts to ensure our kids and parents get the information they need to help their learning. After a year of LST meetings, nothing in the reports should come as a surprise, however If you have any questions or queries, don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to discuss.

Time to return all books

As the end of the year approaches, students will no longer be receiving Library books or Home Readers to allow us to take stock of all our great resources. Please return all books ASAP!

Principal’s Award

Congratulations to Kyedon who receives this week’s Principal’s Award. Kyedon has been demonstrating respectful, responsible and safe behaviour in the classroom and playground this term. Well done Kyedon!

Week 8 Classroom Awards

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:

**Class Awards K/1/2**
- Stuart McCarry: always being an outstanding role model to other students
- Ella Szkopkowski: being on task in literacy and reading beautifully to self

**Class Awards 2/3/4**
- Joshua Lucock: responsibility preparing his role in our class play
- Ebony Linton: contributing to class discussion

**Class Awards 4/5/6**
- Trent Singleton: always working hard in literacy
- Angus Shepherd: improvement in time management skills

**Library Award**
- Alyssa Singleton: always being a happy and co-operative library student

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Bronze, Silver and Gold Level for Demonstrating Positive Behaviours.

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**Raffle Tickets** - Our end of year raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day next Thursday. Please have all outstanding raffle books returned to the office by **Tuesday 9th**.

**Canteen news**

The next Canteen Day on **Monday 7th** will have a special menu available:

- Chicken Burgers $3.50, Lasagne $2.50, Large Pie $2.70, Potato Bake $2.50, Sausage Rolls $2, Mini Pizzas $1 & Chicken Salad Tubs $2.50.

**Monday 14th** - **End of Year Red Day** with Hot Dogs, Party Pies, Sausage Rolls & Cupcakes.

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**SILVER**

For earning **$40 Millfield Dollars** through Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviours

- Cooper Hollingshed 30/5
- Mason Duncombe-King 30/5
- Sari Carpenter 30/5
- Ella Szkopkowski 30/5
- Chloe Josephson 30/5
- Jade Probst 6/11
- William Russell 6/11
- Kayley Thompson 6/11
- Kellara Dooley 6/11
- Alyssa Singleton 20/11
- Kyedon Harrison-Brown 20/11

**GOLD**

- Stuart McCurry 4/12
- Abigail Bedford 4/12
- Alyssa Singleton 4/12
- Kellara Dooley 4/12
- Sari Carpenter 4/12

**Paryss Morton 16/10/15**

- Matthew Hurley 23/10
- Jorja Shearer 30/10
- Jack Davis 30/10
- Dylan Winship 6/11
- Lily Brell 13/11
- Katelyn Shepherd 20/11
- Bethany Shepherd 20/11
- Riley Dederer 20/11
- Samara Tiedeman 27/11
- Hunter Copeland 27/11

**William Cagney 28/8**

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