Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday we attended our Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Well done to all our students who tried their best and had a great time.

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to the Zone Athletics Carnival.

Cloe Hindmarsh  Jorja Shearer  Jessica Butler
Erin Jackson  Makayla Cagney  Jasmin Harris
Mason Holbert  Tane Carpenter  Drew Dodgson
Jacob Dederer  Alex Lombardi  Jack Atkins

Debating

On Thursday, Drew, Angelina, Erin and Blake went to debating with Ms Durie at Bellbird Public. We first met our opposition, Cessnock West and then decided the topic and decided who the affirmative and negative teams were. We were affirmative for the topic ‘Homework should be banned in Primary Schools’. Next we went into the planning room for an hour to write our arguments and summaries.

Blake was the first speaker, followed by Erin, then Drew and Angelina was the silent speaker. Blake spoke about how homework was a waste of time. Erin talked about the lack of support and how you have already learnt it at school and Drew summarised everyone’s points and rebutted the negative points.

In the end, the adjudicator announced the winner was Cessnock West and what we needed to work on.

Written by Blake and Drew
**Intensive Spelling**

Results for the Term 1 Intensive Spelling Competition were announced Friday after some amazing work by students last term. All students were given individual lists of sight words that they needed to learn at school and home from weeks 5 – 10. Students were tested at the start and the finish of the program with the champion and the most improved receiving medals for their efforts. Many students improved by more than 50 words.

Congratulations to:

**Champions:**
- K - Chloe Josephson
- 1 - Stuart McCarry
- 2 - Paige Holbert
- 3 - Jacob Riley
- 4 - Kyedon Harrison-Brown
- 5 - Blake Bodycote
- 6 – Erin Jackson

**Most improved:**
- K – Lakota Kasteel
- 1 – Sari Carpenter
- 2 – Kaleb Henry
- 3 – Alex Lombardi
- 4 – Dylan Winship
- 5 – Drew Dodgson
- 6 – Angelina Bodycote

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**GRIP Leadership Course**

On the 18th of May, the captains and vice-captains of the local Primary Schools went to Newcastle Panthers Club to do a GRIP Leadership Conference. Firstly at 7:30am we hopped on a bus at Cessnock West Public School and then stopped at Cessnock East and then we were on our way. When we arrived at Newcastle Panthers we went into a very big hall where we were greeted by the GRIP team. Next we worked in a work booklet and then a lady spoke on stage about what rock, paper, scissors really meant. There was a couple more sessions about being a good leader and loud noises – which was showing expression. We then returned back to school on the bus.

School Leaders – Jack, Erin, Keegan and William

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**PSSA Soccer**

This coming Wednesday, we will be sending a team of students to represent our school in the PSSA soccer. This will be held at Speers Point leaving at 8:30am and returning by 1pm. Transport will be by private vehicle. Students need to wear their sports uniform and the game will kick off at 10:30am. Can you please return your note if you have not already done so.
Students have been busy in the Kitchen and Garden again this week. Check out the reports below to see what they got up to.

**Radishes Group**
This week the Radishes were in the kitchen with Miss Pringle and were working towards our knife licence. We made 2 dips called hummus and avocado dip. We had lots of fun!
Jessica Butler

**Broccoli Group**
The Broccoli team this week were working towards our tool licence. We were learning to use all types of garden tools. Some people knew how to use them. We did a sheet and learned how to use them and had fun.
Kyedon Harrison-Brown

**Carrots Group**
This week the Carrots went to the garden with Mr Anderson to get our wheelbarrow licence. First everyone had a go, then Mr Anderson showed us how to dig, and then put the dirt in the wheelbarrow. Next we took the dirt to the garden to fill it up and spread the dirt with the shovel.
Jacob Dederer

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**Class Awards K/1/2**
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
**Sara Lethbridge-Coyle** being a beautiful class member of K/1/2 and always putting a smile on everyone’s face!
**Hayley Butler** always helping and caring for others

**Class Awards 2/3/4**
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
**Jorja Shearer** always giving 100% inside and outside the classroom
**Jack Davis** being a self sufficient independent worker

**Class Awards 4/5/6**
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
**Trent Singleton** improved participation in class discussions
**Erin Jackson** excellent organisation skills

**Library Award**
Congratulations to this week’s award recipient:
**Thomas Effer** showing initiative during library activities

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William Cagney 15/5 |
Head lice Reminder

With the approach of cooler weather, it is always prime time for these annoying little creatures. It is important to regularly check your child’s hair for eggs of live critters, regardless of how clean your child’s hair is (they like clean hair the best!). Remember to treat and remove all eggs from hair if they are found.

Tips for tackling kids head lice

- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb every time you wash your kids hair. Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles. The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
- Ensure you also treat pillows, hats and bed linen.
- Tie all long hair up and using hair spray or gel in hair often works as a deterrent.
- For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website
  

P&C News

Uniform Shop full of winter warmers!

Thick girls tights are now available from the uniform shop sizes 4-6, 7-11, 11-14. They are $11 each (or 3 for $30).

Other winter items available for purchase include:

- Beanies – $10
- Tracksuit pants $10 (Sizes 4-16)
- Girls Bootleg Pants $20 (Sizes 4-16)
- Warm Winter Jackets with logo $25

Horse Sports Helpers needed

We are asking for any volunteers who are willing to help in the canteen at our horse sports day at Cessnock Showground on the 12th June. Any amount of help would be appreciated. See Teresa, Mel, or leave your name at the office if able to help out. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year.

Entertainment books.

The P&C is selling entertainment books this year. Books are $60 and contain a wide range of food, accommodation, entertainment and local attraction vouchers. There are plenty of ways to use it in our area and money can be made back with as little as 1 or 2 uses. Vouchers are valid until 30th June 2016. Digital editions for use with your smartphone are also available. Contact the office for orders or more information. The books are now available from the office.