Great to see everyone back healthy and recharged after two weeks break. Kids and teachers have hit the ground running and are looking forward to a busy term full of great learning experiences.

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our NAIDOC week assembly and celebrations today. It was great to see the kids immersed in culture, aided by a range of special guests. Students participated in a range of activities including traditional art, indigenous games, an artifacts presentation by Uncle Les, bush tucker tasting and traditional story time. Check out Facebook and the Website next week for photos of the event.

**Off to the theatre – Andy Griffiths**

Students in years 4-6 have been offered a great opportunity during Education Week (Week 3). Students will be heading off to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle for a live performance of Andy Griffiths ‘26 Storey tree house’. With sold out performances this is a wonderful opportunity to experience live theatre based on one of their Australia’s best loved children’s authors. Cost for this excursion is $27 dollars which includes, transport and ticket to the show.

‘**Sousaphonics’ bring a festival atmosphere to school**’

Students were treated to a performance by the Sousaphonics yesterday as part of our schools Musica Viva Program. If you wandered down an alleyway in Rio during Carnival, you might hear something like The Sousaphonics. This in-your-face party group proved that sometimes music is just better when it’s zany. Their toe-tapping performance brought the sounds of afro-beat, circus, Balkan folk, mardi gras, samba, carnival (and just about every other festival in the world) to our school.
**Debating team victorious**

Congratulations to our debating team who had a victory over Kearsley on Wednesday. The students great public speaking skills were the difference maker in a close contest around the topic of “Parents should not have to pay their kids pocket money”. Out team will now head to Bellbird next week for their final debate.

**Soccer Round 2 announced**

Our school’s soccer team will head to Carmichael Park on Thursday next week to play in the second round of the small school’s knockout. We will be playing Toongabbie East (Sydney), with the match starting at 11.30am. Good luck team!

**CATS Program starts**

You may have noticed some slightly smaller than usual students hanging out in the K/1/2 room on Thursday. This was due to the start of our CATS (Come and Try School) program for 2015. 10 students who will be attending Kindergarten at our school next year were in attendance, getting to know Miss Pringle and their future classmates. This will continue each Thursday afternoon for Term 3 and 4.

**School Vandalism**

Unfortunately we had some unwanted visitors enter our school in the first week of holidays and do some minor damage in the COLA. Some names have been passed onto Police regarding the incident. As is usually the case, vandalism is often done by kids with no past or present affiliation with the school. It is worrying to see however, many of our young students hanging out with these students out of school. Please ensure you know what and who your children are playing with out of school, as there is potential for them to be easily influenced by older kids.

Please report any suspicious behaviour to the:  
School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021 or Cessnock Police – 49910199

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**From the Kitchen Garden Corner**

**Radishes and Carrots**

The Radishes and Carrots were busy in the gardens this week. We worked hard to rejuvenate our Bush Tucker Gardens for our NAIDOC Day. We found lots of worms in our soil so we know it is very healthy! We were amazed to see how our lettuce, spinach, broccoli and cauliflower are growing along with some grass popping through which we removed. We learnt the importance of tool care including making a temporary washing line for our gloves! Come along of a Wednesday from 2pm and 'lettuce' show you our thriving gardens!

**Baby Peas**

We thought Miss Cornish was crazy when she pulled a little piece of fruit off our new orange tree! She taught us that the new tree needs energy to spread its roots instead of using energy to make fruit while it’s growing. We learned how to pick oranges off our mature orange tree and hope to have a taste test next week!
Private Conveying Delay notice - from NSW Transport

Update: PVC Semester Return Publishing for the first half of 2015

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay.

This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools.

We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time.

Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

Kind Regards
PVC Subsidy Team
Transport for NSW

CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Awards K/1/2
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Alyssa Singleton outstanding contributions to classroom discussions
Lakota Kasteel outstanding work in mathematics this week

Class Awards 2/3/4
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Preston Burgess working hard on maths goals
Jye King reading with fluency and accuracy

Class Awards 4/5/6
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Dylan Dederer working hard during maths
Erin Jackson creative and well presented research task

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Bronze Level for demonstrating Positive Behaviours.

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Aby Bedford 22/5
Alyssa Singleton 22/5
Sari Carpenter 22/5
Stuart McCurry 22/5
Lakota Kasteel 22/5
Chain Gollidge 22/5
Kayley Thompson 22/5
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Kellara Dooley - 22/6
William Russell – 22/6
Elia Szkopkowski – 22/6
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Mason Holbert 26/6
Kaleb Henry 17/7
Paige Holbert 17/7
Bethany Shepherd 17/7 | Kyedon Harrison-Brown 15/5
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**P&C News**

**Spring Fair Meeting** - Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Fair meeting on Wednesday. It is shaping up to be another great event. If you have any more ideas or wish to help out in some way we’d love to hear from you.

**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 20_.

**From the office**

Semester 1 vehicle conveyance will not be paid in these holidays as there is a problem with the transport online site. It will not be completed now until the beginning of next term.