Veggies shine at show despite loss of shield.

Our reign as veggie champions has come to an end after our vegetables were outclassed by those of Kitchener Public School at last weekends show. Despite submitting some great school-grown and home-grown produce Kitchener took home the overall winners shield that we had won the past two years. We certainly didn’t come home empty handed however, bringing home placings in a variety of categories. We now start the journey to win back the shield again in 2017.

**MPS Show placings:**
1st Place – Scarecrow
2nd Place – Overall Display
2nd Place – Zucchini with stem
2nd Place – Tomatoes with stem
2nd Place – Fruit and veg with stem

Easter Celebrations – 24th March

Our annual Easter Celebrations will be held on 24th March and families and friends are encouraged to attend and join in the fun. As always, highlights will include the Easter Hat Parade, class displays, egg and spoon races and the grand Easter Egg hunt. The day is planned to start at 2.00pm with the Hat Parade. More details will follow next week so stay tuned.
Time to start planning for your child’s excursions

School excursions are usually the highlight of each school year and form memories for life. Our school will again be participating in a range of excursions during 2016 which improve engagement, tie in with classroom learning and allow students to build on relationships with peers and teachers. Depending on the excursion these can add up to a significant sum of money so it is important to add them to your family budgeting plan for 2016. The school encourages installments for expensive excursions to avoid the shock of large totals and these can be paid from now. Final costs have not been determined but we can already give estimates and dates to help with your budget. Don’t forget that financial support is available for excursions if needed by contacting the school office.

Major Excursions planned during 2016

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Other smaller excursions will also happen during the year around creative arts and sport with details available as they come. Many of these are subsidised to reduce the cost for families.

League Tag Day

Many of our Stage 2 and 3 students will head to Carmichael park on Tuesday to participate in the NRL’s League Tag day. This is an 8 a side mixed competition based on the rules of League centering on fun and sportsmanship. We have entered teams in the Year 3 and 4 competition as well as the year 5 and 6 comp. It should be a great day out!
Recognising our safe, respectful and responsible learners

**Class Awards K**
- Harison Brown: being a confident and happy learner at all times
- Mercedes Morton: being an organised and responsible learner

**Class Awards S1**
- Mason Duncombe-King: improving confidence in reading
- Stuart McCarr: extending himself in writing

**Class Awards S2**
- Bethany Shepherd: always trying hard and being an independent worker
- Paryss Morton: showing great skills when working mathematically

**Class Awards S3**
- Cloe Hindmarsh: being an on task learner
- Angus Shepherd: always participating in class discussions

**Principal’s Award**

Congratulations to Cooper who is this week’s Principal’s award. Cooper has been showing responsibility for his own learning and is always kind and considerate to others. Well done Cooper.

**P&C News**

**Sport shirts**

We have now updated our sports shirts stock with shirts now available for some of the smaller sizes. Please contact the office if you need to purchase one of these shirts. Shirts range from Size 6 to Size 16 and are $25 each.

**Canteen Roster (Term 1 2016)**

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Easter Monday – No Canteen

More helpers are always welcome and make the time go even faster!
Come along and celebrate Australia's Cultural Diversity.

Food and Market Stalls & Free Children's Activities

FREE Entertainment
Fully accessible & Inclusive event
Centre 198-202 Vincent Street Cessnock
Venue: Outside in the Courtyard of Cessnock Performing Arts

10am – 2pm
Saturday 12th March 2016

Festival
Cessnock Harmony Day

Adapted from Healthy Kids in Your Backyard resource

• Running & Limping
• Backyard Cricket
• Racing games against a wall
• Crossing games like tag & stick in the mud
• Middle
• Throwing and catching games like piggy in the mud
• Hop Scotch
• Skipping
• Hide and seek

By these games this weekend:

underway,

• rope can all get a game
• a hit of chalk, a ball or a skipping
• be complicated or expensive –
• backyard games don’t have to
• make up games and have fun.

or local park are great places to learn, explore,

Children love to play and the backyard, courtyard

IN YOUR BACKYARD

Good for Kids Good for Life