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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

25th October

"Day for Daniel"

- Wear Red & Educate

31st October

Kindergarten Orientation

7th November

Kindergarten Orientation

11th November

P&C Meeting

14th November

Kindergarten Orientation
Talent Show

21st November

Kindergarten Orientation

27th November

Year 6 Farewell
Presentation Day

28th November

Year 6 Breakfast/Fun Day

29th November

Year 6 Last Day



UPCOMING FUN DAY

Event for **ALL** Students



On Thursday, November 28, the Year 6 Fun Day will take place. This promises to be a very exciting event for **all students**. On the day, students from **all classes** will have the opportunity to enjoy two action-packed amusements - a Giant Inflatable Slip 'n' Slide and a Giant Inflatable Obstacle Course. This event will be a reward for students who have met PBL expectations this term (ie no more than 1 Formal Notification) and will cost approximately \$15.

We look forward to seeing all students enjoying this awesome event!

This issue:

Year 6 Fun Day

**2014 Kindergarten
Enrolments**

**Cessnock High School
- information session**

**Careers Through
Reading - Aim High**

*Mrs Roberson/Mr Power
Year 5-6 Teachers*





PBL LUCKY DRAW

Term 4

Week 2

Infants - Shanaya Burrell

Primary- Zac Hughes

PBL PAWS BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:-

Mykalia Rumney

Tom Reading

Joshua Chapman

Daniel Robertson

Grace Bennett

Deacon Fellowes

Bethany Schwager

Tabitha Hendrix

Nakeshia Innes

Emily-Cate Allaway

Haylie Chapman

Keali Hepworth

Caiden Fenwick

Kaitlin Philip-Dent

Luke Robson

Samantha Appleyard

Ebony Flannery

Darrian Burley

Adam Gilbert

Cheyenne Follan

Finlay Page

Cooper Darcey

ROCK & WATER - Year 3 & Year 4

Students have commenced the Rock and Water program for this term. Their first week saw them working with others to complete set challenges, exploring the concept of trust and thinking about how they can utilise team work and cooperation in their daily lives. I look forward to working with the group as they tackle some very interesting activities.

Mrs Hourigan

Teacher

You are invited to attend a ROCK AND WATER information session presented by the program founder FREERK YKEMA during his visit to Australia in November.

Parents play an integral role in achieving a whole school/community approach to the program. If parents understand the benefits and learn the basic skills of Rock and Water, they can support their child and school by incorporating the same philosophy, skills and language in their home.

Find out how and why ROCK AND WATER has helped over 2 million children worldwide.

WHEN: 11.30am - 12.30pm Saturday, 16th November

VENUE: The Forum, University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

COST: FREE

WHAT IS ROCK AND WATER?

ROCK AND WATER IS ABOUT EMPOWERMENT

- Developing positive communications skills
- Raising awareness of one's own feelings and emotions
- Developing a feeling of safety and identity
- Developing positive relationships
- Increasing self-confidence

Increasing respect for one's self and others

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity - hope to see you there!

RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE:

Events Team, Family Action Centre p. 02 4921 7743 or email: FAC-events@newcastle.edu.au

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australian being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contribute funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Mrs Roberson

Teacher

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STOP WALK TALK

Our students are to be congratulated on their ability to use Stop, Walk, Talk strategies in our playground.

Keep up the great work!



2013 KULLABURRA AWARDS

Recently three students from Abermain Public School received awards at the 2013 Kullaburra Awards. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate *Joel Lucas*, *Riley Layer* and *Tanika Stoker*. The awards in which they received were:

- Joel Lucas - "Academic, Musical & Sporting Involvement"
- Riley Layer - "School Leadership & Providing Cultural Knowledge"
- Tanika Stoker - "Excellent School Attendance"

STUDENTS STARTING IN YEAR 7 AT CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014

Parents and students who are due to start at Cessnock High later this year are invited to attend an information session at the High School on Thursday October 31st starting at 6pm. The session will take place in the MPC. Fees can be paid at this time, and uniforms and book packs are available for purchase and collection.

CAREERS THROUGH READING - AIM HIGH

Students in both Year 2 and Year 5 this week participated in an initiative from the University of Newcastle Australia. This initiative is designed to complement existing school literacy programs and introduce the concept of careers and study pathways to Year 2 children. Students in Year 5 are introduced to university and play a leadership role for the younger students. Students are actively engaged in these activities and will continue participating in this initiative over the next few weeks. An update will be provided in our next Newsletter.

USEFUL "APPS"

Premier's Spelling Bee app

The app is free at Samsung Apps and features two categories for junior and senior primary school aged children, with a number of levels that increase in difficulty. Most adults would find the high levels in the senior category a challenge! Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/premier-s-spelling-bee>

Quick Maths - \$1.99

This app is perfect for students to improve their maths in all areas. Quick Maths improves mental strategies and helps with numeral formation, as you need to write your answer with your finger. This app allows students to work at own pace and build confidence, while racing against the clock. Students can track their progress with individual feedback. Great for students in years 2 – 6.

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Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Lachlan Cain</i>	<i>Andrew Passfield</i>	<i>Zealon Love</i>
<i>Wayne Harris</i>	<i>Samantha Appleyard</i>	<i>Ellie Kirschner</i>
<i>Heath Southeron</i>	<i>Ebony Fernance</i>	<i>Joshua Conroy</i>
<i>Cody Bushell</i>	<i>Kaitlin Mitchell</i>	<i>Shae Smith</i>
<i>Rory Turkington</i>	<i>Zac Humphreys</i>	<i>Allira Rockley</i>
<i>Jacinta Harding</i>	<i>Haylie Chapman</i>	<i>Emily Sykes</i>
<i>Madison Hall</i>	<i>Blake Smurthwaite</i>	<i>Shay Wilson</i>
<i>Jacinta Harding</i>	<i>Ebonie Fernance</i>	<i>Jak Woodbury</i>
<i>Zac Hughes</i>	<i>Rohan Pearson</i>	
<i>Paeshence McDonald</i>		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Current enrolments for Kinder 2014 are 28. This gives us a projected 209 students for 2014. Whilst this maintains our current class allocation a small drop in numbers could see us go down a class in size.

Naplan results for 2013 were sent home to parents earlier this week. There are several areas for celebration. These include Mathematics and Spelling. Both of these areas have been target programs in the school over the last two years so it was great to see the results of quality teaching and learning coming through in the Naplan results. One area which was not as good as we would have hoped was Grammar and Punctuation. Staff will be looking at the results in detail so that we can further improve student outcomes. Any parent of students in Year 3 or Year 5 who have questions about their child's results are encouraged to contact the class teacher for an interview.

Schools have changed significantly over the last few years. One of the best changes in my opinion is that there is no longer any tapering off of learning as the end of the school year approaches. All classes set out to maximise their learning right up to the last day of term. The message to parents is that every student needs to be at school every day. Make every day count!

Mr Boughton
Principal

2014 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are now taking registrations for Kindergarten students who will start school in 2014. Any families who have a child starting Kindergarten in 2014 are asked to contact the School Office on 4930 4210, or come to the office during school hours to register their child for Kindergarten 2014.

A letter detailing Kindergarten Orientation details was sent home to all registered families at the end of Term 3. Parents will need to ensure they have returned the enrolment form and their child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address before Kindergarten Orientation.

CANTEEN

**OPEN
Monday
Wednesday
Friday**
Starting 21st October

UNIFORM SHOP

**OPEN
MONDAY &
FRIDAY**
9am-9:30am

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2015

Application is required by mid November 2013 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015. Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 15 October to 18 November 2013. Application information is available on the Department's internet at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in government primary schools, selective high schools, network offices and NSW State Office at Bridge Street from 22 October 2013. Paper applications must be submitted to the student's school principal by 18 November 2013.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014. In NSW there are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and a virtual selective class provision, offering selective placement in Year 7.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools. A complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on 1300 880 367. Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.

Getting off the lounge

It's never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You'll find the benefits aren't just health-related. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better>

Getting organised

Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you're super organised why not download October's? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Kids' holiday camps

Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=615882415134701>

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LIBRARY NEWS

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Welcome back to the library for Term 4. At the end of Term 3, Mrs Guthrie and myself started a stocktake of the non-fiction collection in our library. During this process we take all the books from the shelves, scan them into the computer and delete any resources that are damaged or out-dated.

As part of our stocktake we have deleted a number of books that are out-dated – where things have progressed and changed, for example our Solar System. These books will no longer be part of our collection, but will find themselves being enjoyed by school-aged students in Papua New Guinea as part of a Rotary charity that builds schools and helps train teachers in this disadvantaged country.

Students are noticing a few changes in the library. I am slowly making subtle changes to the library so it is engaging and a fun place to be. One change is our new non-fiction book dividers, which are really helpful in locating the books students want. The book dividers were purchased with money raised from our book fair during book week. Another change is the Solar System rug in the junior fiction section, purchased using the points earned through students buying from book club.

Miss Craig

Teacher Librarian



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CANTEEN RE-OPENED

Due to the availability of more volunteers, we are pleased to announce that the school canteen will be opened on **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY** starting Monday 21st October, 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have volunteered their time to enable the canteen to reopen on these days. If you, or someone you know, are able to spare some time to help in the school canteen could you please contact the office - Ph: 4930 4210

P&C STALL - KURRI FESTIVAL

The P&C will be holding a stall at the Kurri Kurri Festival on **Saturday, 26th October, 2013** at Kurri Rugby League Sports Ground. We would like to encourage all to attend to help support the P&C raise much needed funds for our school and students. The Festival will be starting at approximately 12 noon.

P&C CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The P&C would like to ask for your support with donations of non-perishable items for this years Christmas Hamper. If you would like to make a donation, could you please bring your non-perishable items to the front office.

SCHOOL BANKING



Keep saving to win more Dollarmites' treasure.

Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Treasure Chest Prizes.

- Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
- 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *HOP*

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