Principal’s Report

I would like to thank our students, staff and teachers for their undertaking of the NAPLAN Assessment in the past week. All students conducted themselves confidently, and with purpose, during this assessment and it is a credit to parents and our teachers for providing them with the necessary support. The results and feedback for these assessments will be available in September. More information will follow, in relation to what these results will mean for the school and your child. Well done, Year 3 and Year 5.

Staff Movement

Mrs Ross will be on long service leave from now until 11th August. Mrs Palmer will be relieving as the Learning and Support Teacher, in Mrs Ross’s absence. Miss Roach and Mrs Ford will also be working extra days to cover Mrs Ross’s leave.

Mrs Corke returns next week from her week-long Long Service Leave. Mrs McLellan will also be on leave for the rest of this term. Library lessons will be covered by Mrs Farrell, during Mrs McLellan’s leave.

Simultaneous Storytime

All of our students will be participating in the Simultaneous Storytime event on Wednesday, 21st May from 11am. National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. In 2013 over 430 000 children across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum. This year’s story is called ‘Too Many Elephants in This House’ and is written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner. All students and teachers in our school will meet in the Hall to watch this story being read to them via the internet.

If you have a preschool child you are very welcome to come and join us for the reading of this book.
**Pancake and Pyjama Day**

Pancake and Pyjama Day will be held on Thursday, 22nd May from 8:30am. We are raising money for the Year Six gift to the school. Children are encouraged to wear their winter pyjamas and enclosed footwear (no thongs), for a gold coin donation. The gold coin donation will be collected by the Year Six students throughout the day. We are providing two pancakes and optional Milo for a fee of $2. Children are asked to pay for their pancakes when they receive them. Correct money would be appreciated.

We will be selling pancakes from the canteen from 8.30am. Children are asked to line up at the canteen to purchase their pancakes. Please line up at the ramp and go down the stairs after you receive your pancakes.

If you are able to help cook and serve next Thursday morning, please let the Year Six teachers know in advance. This would be really appreciated. Thank you for supporting this Year Six fundraiser.

**Partners in Print**

During Term 2 we will be running a parent involvement program for students and their parents/caregivers. The program is called ‘Partners in Print’ and is aimed at developing a three way partnership between parents, teachers and children that helps children learn and develop to their full potential. During Term 2 ‘Partners in Print’ is for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 and their parents/careers. The program will focus on reading development and empowering parents (who are a child’s first teacher) to support students with their reading and language development at home and to become a strong, positive and caring force in their children’s reading development.

Partners in Print will be held on allocated Friday mornings, with a different class involved each week. Teachers will lead small group activities based around reading with parents/caregivers and their child. In small groups, teachers will work with the students and model a strategy that parents and caregivers can use at home to support children’s reading and language development.

Parents and carers will watch how the teacher works with the students and then work with their own child one-on-one to practise the strategy they observed the teacher implement. The process is child centred, relaxed and enjoyable.

Please find below a timetable for classes to participate in Partners in Print for Term 2. Parents from each class will receive a letter home the week before the class participates in the program.

**Partners in Print – 9.30am to 10.30am Fridays.**

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**Athletics Carnival**

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 28th May at Birralee Park, Kurri Kurri. This carnival is for all students K-6 and is a very important event on our annual school calendar. Permission notes with more details will be going home on Monday.

**Assembly**

Next Friday’s Assembly we will be watching a performance from the Boy’s Drumbeat group. The girl’s group was very entertaining, so we anticipate the same from the boys.

**Dogs on School Grounds**

Can I please ask that all dogs be kept out of school grounds during school time, including before and after school. Some children can be quite frightened of dogs and we would appreciate if your dog was kept on a leash outside the school grounds, if you, indeed, need to bring it at all. If you would like your child to share the story of their pet at school, please ask the classroom teacher prior to bringing in your child’s pet.

**Socceroos Excursion**

Several of our students, staff and parents will be heading down to ANZ Stadium, in Sydney, next Monday, 26th May, to participate in a March Past for the Socceroos, when they take on South Africa in their last friendly before going to Brazil for the World Cup. Should be an exciting trip!
Walk Safely to School Day
Our school will be participating in the Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 23 May 2014. All students are encouraged to walk to school with their parents/carers on this day. If you do have to drive, you can park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way. We recommend that all students be supervised by an adult when walking to school.

Girls Soccer
Our Girls’ Soccer team played against Abermain Public School today. It was a close game with a score of 2 all. Our team won on corner kicks. Well done girls!

Eco Explorers Week 3
Shawn 1K, Sophie 1K, Chelsea C 1K & Chelsea W 1K.

Live Life Well at School
Be healthy – be active
Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

Shaun Graham - Principal

Junior Creative Writing
Are you a writer? Come along and share your thoughts with other young writers and learn new ways to bring your ideas to life!

Who: Children and Young adults aged 10-16 yrs
Where: Cessnock & Kurri Public Libraries
When: Monthly
How?: Contact the library for more information and to join our group

Cessnock Library:
Sandy Ryan: PH: 49934384
sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Kurri Kurri Library:
Karen Bruce: PH: 49371638
karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au
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Charity Golf Day

10am Registration for 11am Shot Gun start

GOLF: Non Member $75 Member: $35
GOLF and DINNER: $115, includes green fees, light lunch, some drinks during the round, Dinner, and great prizes.
DINNER ONLY: $45

Presentation, Prizes and Dinner from 5.30pm
MC - Australian Olympic Gold Medallist, Sarah Ryan.
Entertainment by local music talent - Taylor Eyeington

Friday 23rd May
Stonebridge Golf Club
Cessnock

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Chase has a rare genetic condition - Phelan McDermid Syndrome and needs your help!