Principal’s Report
Well done to the 16 Zone representative swimmers, who participated at the Cessnock Zone Swimming carnival on Wednesday. Mr Burley was impressed with their competitiveness and behaviour throughout the day.
Thank you to the parents/caregivers for taking the children to the carnival.

P&C
The P&C have kindly donated $5000 to the school to cover the costs of classroom resources ($200 per class), Year 6 polo shirts, new Sports uniforms for netballers, soccer shirts and footy shorts and socks, as well as some funds to update home-reading resources in K-2.
Don’t forget the P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} March at 6pm, followed by the next P&C Meeting. This will be held in the school staff room.

Partners in Learning
Thank you to the parents from 2/3A, who were our first visitors to our new Partners in Learning program, which is operating on a Monday morning this year, for coming along and enjoying the Reading AND Maths activities we are working on with the students. 3/4C will be hosting the program next Monday.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Parent/Teacher Meetings will be conducted on Thursday, 5\textsuperscript{th} March, from 3:45pm in the school hall. Notes will be distributed this week, for you to lock in a time to speak with your child’s classroom teacher. This year, our teachers in Years 3 to 6 are working with students to set academic, social and behavioural goals for themselves, a key skill in 21\textsuperscript{st} Century learning. These goals will be discussed during the parent/teacher meetings. Please ensure you respond promptly to book the right time. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Personal Learning Plan
Aboriginal student families will be invited to the school on Thursday, 5\textsuperscript{th} March for a meeting with your child’s classroom teacher to discuss their Personalised Learning Plan. Students in Years 3 to 6 will be setting goals in advance, and these goals will be discussed at the meeting. Look out for the note for this.
**Boys Cricket Team**
Our Boys Cricket team will be travelling to Chinaman’s Hollow on Monday morning to take on Abermain PS in the first round of PSSA open cricket. The boys performed quite well last year and expect to put up a good show on Monday. We wish them all the best.

**Eating out for Kids Education**
Eating Out for Kids Education at The Station Hotel is an initiative to provide the school with $1 for every main meal purchased on a Monday, Thursday or Saturday, if you nominate our school as your school of choice. This is available at both lunch time and dinner, at the Station Hotel. Get behind our local businesses to gain fundraising dollars for our school.

**Breakfast Club Thank you**
A huge thank you to Paul Hughes for his generous donation of delicious watermelon which the kids loved.

**Cross Country**
Our School Cross Country is set down for Monday, 16th March, during Sport time. 11 and 12 year old students will run 3km. 8-10 years will run 2km. The Zone Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 31st March at Cessnock Racecourse.

**Family Support**
Our staff received a visit and talk with two members of the St Vincent de Paul Society last week, who help coordinate support for families with students with disabilities, to connect to the wider community services that are out there.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Icecream Day**
Year 6 have an Ice Cream Day fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, 12th March.

**School Photos**
School Photo Day will take place on Friday, 13th March. Order forms will be distributed very soon.

**Harmony Day**
The school will be holding a special Harmony Day assembly on Friday, 20th March, in lieu of our regular awards assembly.

**Exemplary Student Day**
Our Exemplary student Day will be held on Wednesday, 1st April, for all students who have displayed exemplary behaviour (0-1 visits to planning room) throughout the term.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Our School’s Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 2nd April from 10am in the school hall.
Ride-on Lawn Mower for Sale
The school is putting our current ride-on lawn mower up for tender. If you are interested in buying this machine, please place your offer in an envelope, with your name, address and phone number, and hand it in to the office.
On Friday, 6th March, the mower will be offered to the highest bidder. Details: Ride-on Cox Lawn Mower, 13.5 Hp Honda motor, 32” cutting deck, Hydra-static deck is approx. 10 years old.
The key start is not working (has pull start), steering has excessive wear but is repairable, throttle cable is broken, cutting deck is in good condition.

Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this weeks assembly.
Principal’s Awards: Riley Chapple, Riley Mann
Citizenship Awards: Taya Brown, Riley Chapple


Library Awards: Braydon Q, Jade L.

Live, Live Well at School
Have you had a SunSmart week?
Tick the SunSmart boxes:
I slipped on my sun protective clothing
I slapped on my hat with a brim
I slopped on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
I found shade to eat my lunch or sit and talk
I wore my sunglasses (optional)

Shaun Graham - Principal

JUNIOR CREATIVE WRITING
Junior Creative Writing will be kicking off again this month at both libraries. This free activity takes place between 4 and 5 pm on the last Tuesday of the month at Kurri Kurri Library and the last Wednesday of the month at Cessnock Library. If you’re aged between 10 and 16, and have an interest in writing, come along to our monthly meetings and explore new ways of unlocking your imagination and releasing the storyteller within!

Contact
Karen at Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638, email Karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au,
or Sandy at Cessnock Library on 49934384, email Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au for more information or to register.
LANTERN WALK

Saturday
21 February 2015
from 4pm
Honeysuckle Precinct

Don’t miss the first ever Light Up Newcastle Lantern Walk
Help our local Rotary Clubs raise money for the Mission to Seafarers

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Choose your favourite route to Honeysuckle and enjoy the festivities:

- Dragon boat races
- Lion dancers, dragons, Chinese entertainers
- Marching bands and choirs
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club sail past
- Firing of the Fort Scratchley Guns
- Fireworks

MORE INFORMATION AT www.lightupnewcastle.com.au