FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

A very warm welcome to Cessnock West Public School for 2013, particularly to the families new to our school.

Congratulations to all our students who have settled in so well to new classes and routines. It’s wonderful to see the children so positive, full of energy to learn and succeed.

Our new Kinder students have benefitted by their attendance at Leap into Learning last year, as they have quickly made themselves at home in the playground and classroom.....there were more teary eyes from parents than children on Day 1!!

You may have noticed the area in the lower playground that is fenced off. This is the area that the 'long awaited' pavers are to be laid by some of our wonderful parents over the next few weeks, so we look forward to that project coming together.

You may have heard the wonderful voices of the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) choir. They perform at a range of events, and after recent auditions, I am very pleased to say our school has a strong representation in the choir, with nine of our students being selected to join. Congratulations to Sofia K, Laura B, Mikayla R, Sylvia C, Caitlin O, Emily M, Savannah L, Ellie M, and Daniel S. We are proud of you, and I certainly look forward to listening and watching you perform!

It was reassuring to receive such positive feedback from parents about the children being placed in their classes on Day 1. It does reduce anxiety and enabled us to get off to a great start. This year we have planned our ‘Meet the Teacher’ talks for this week and next, so that both parents and students can meet with the teachers to hear about plans for the year ahead. We decided to try the 2.15pm – 3.00pm timeslot, with sessions starting in the school hall then moving to classrooms.

Parents of Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 5th Feb 2.15pm school hall

Parents of Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 6th Feb 2.15pm school hall

Parents of Kinder
Tuesday 12th Feb 2.15pm school hall

Parents of Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 13th Feb 2.15pm school hall

Coming Events
Week 2
6th Feb Information Sessions 2.15 –3pm Yrs 3 & 4 (including Yr 4 from 4/5T) in school hall

Week 3
12th Feb Information Sessions 2.15-3pm Kinder in school hall
13th Feb Information Sessions 2.15-3pm Yrs 2 & 3 in school hall

Week 4
19th Feb Swimming Carnival
P&C Meeting 6.30pm Library
22nd Feb Zone Swimming Carnival
23rd Feb Cessnock Show

Week 6
4th Mar School Photos

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These sessions are not for individual parent teacher meetings, but a more general information session about expectations, requirements and events for the year. For the parents that cannot make the daytime session, there will be information handouts sent home.

My ‘Principal’s Class of the Week’ award goes to 5/6B this week, as they all had their school hats at school – a terrific start to the year demonstrating responsibility and school pride. Well done boys and girls!

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Cathie Ferguson

**P&C News**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families of Cessnock West Public School. I hope that everybody had a great Christmas & New Year. The next P&C meeting will be held in the School Library on Tuesday 19th February at 6.30pm. Access via the Alfred St double gates. All welcome.

Megan Donn
Secretary

**Canteen News**

Welcome back for 2013. Please check your new price lists as some prices have changed.

Also I am now selling frozen pineapple on a stick for $1.30. Very yummy.

Thank you for all your good wishes for when I wasn’t well. Hope everything is fine now.

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