FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Thank you for your support of the Parent Teacher Information sessions last week. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 sessions are on this week. Hopefully your child has given you the handout from the teacher if you were not able to attend on the day.

It came to my attention last week that the latest batch of school shirts sold by Flanagan’s has a spelling mistake on the collar. I contacted Flanagan’s immediately, and they too were very surprised that over 200 CWPS shirts had been sold, and not a parent, child or salesperson had noticed the error.

Nevertheless, Rob Flanagan was fantastic, and contacted the supplier straight away. He is happy to replace all shirts with a new one at no expense. It’s just that the new order won’t be in the shop before the first or second week of March. The reason Rob decided on a new supplier was that he had noticed the previous range of shirts was not as strong as he would like in terms of the hems and stitching. So he found a better quality shirt which would add another $2 to the price. In the interest of servicing our community, he did not pass the price increase onto us, which is very decent of him.

Meanwhile the children can continue to wear the shirt as it is. I will let you know when the new shirts are available.

As many parents would know CWPS has a Facebook page, which was set up by a group of parents as a quick and easy tool to communicate information to our community. It is managed by a staff and parent team. As anyone in the world can see the page, I would urge parents and community members to use it in a supportive way, and reflect our school in a positive light.

If you have issues, questions and/ or complaints, please contact me or the school in the first instance rather than put it out on Facebook. This week our Facebook team posted this reminder on the site about the agreed ‘netiquette’ for use of the page.

“Hello and Welcome to all of our “Likers” old and new.

The purpose of this page is to provide a service to our school community where we can provide information and parents/community members can interact with one another to help with this journey of parenting we are all on.

A few things we would like to remind everybody of at the beginning of the new year.

This Facebook page is like a “birds eye view” into our school – anyone can click on the page and see what is happening. (This is why we never use children’s names or photos) As such, we would like to promote a positive image of our school and ask that inappropriate language (swearing, etc) not be used on this page. – We already know how great it is but, we’d like others to know that too!

Also, just a reminder that the page is run on a volunteer basis by staff and parents, as such we may not always be able to answer your questions immediately, although other parents may be able to. If your question is urgent, or you have a problem, question or query, please contact the school on 4990 1637, or email cessnockw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au”

I am looking forward to the school swimming carnival next Tuesday.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Cathie Ferguson

Coming Events

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Laptop Bags
I’ve had a bit of a clean up during the holidays and have a number of laptop bags to give away. They vary in their condition from brand new to used, but they all need a new home. If you would like a FREE laptop bag, please see me in the library any afternoon this week.

Mrs Rolt
Teacher-Librarian

Chess
A one day individual chess tournament will be held on Sunday 17th March at Newcastle PCYC. Entry is $8. Please see Ms Larkin for further information.

P&C News
Just to remind everyone that the first P&C meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 19th February in the school library at 6.30pm. Access to the school is via the double gates in Alfed St. All welcome. If you don’t already receive the P&C minutes by email and would like to, please leave your name and email address at the front office and I will add you to the list. P&C meetings are a great way to meet other parents, teachers and to find out what is happening within the school and upcoming school events. I hope to see you there!

Megan Donn
Secretary

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) General Meeting

Monday 25th February 2013
Kitchener Public School
3.30pm – 5pm

RSVP – Thursday 21st February
Contact: Kitchener Public School or Stephanie Earl - AECG
Secretary 0410 303 538 or s.earl@bigpond.com