FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Stronger Smarter**
As mentioned in an earlier newsletter six staff members from CWPS were funded to complete the Stronger Smarter workshop series and the online modules. Last Wednesday was the last day of the workshops and I’m pleased to say our 6 staff members have shown great commitment and leadership qualities throughout the training. As a group we made a workplace commitment to “Build a culture where high expectations of all our school community and positive relationships are the norm”. Congratulations and thank you to Ms Hayley Reid, Ms Sarah Skewes, Mrs Rachel Betteridge, Ms Nicole Blackadder, Mrs Marissa Floyd and Ms Jess Kime for your commitment to the students at CWPS.

![Group photo of staff members]

**Autism Awareness Day**
Last Wednesday was Autism Awareness day and it was great to see the CWPS students support the day by wearing blue.

![Students in blue]

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Permission Notes & Payments Due**

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EFTPOS is available at the office for payments of school excursions and performances.
Assembly
Last week 3B led the assembly and entertained us with a Dreamtime story and a song called Kangaroos and Didgeridoos. Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Assembly. This week the School Leaders will be running the assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at assembly time.

Emergency Evacuation
As part of WHS (Work Health and Safety) requirements schools are required to hold emergency evacuation drills. Last Monday we held a drill and the students at CWPS are to be commended on the sensible way they exited the building and congregated in our evacuation area. Through this process we are able to identify areas and procedures that we need to improve or update.

School Banking
Last Monday Karen from the Commonwealth bank was at school to help parents open accounts for school banking. There was a terrific response with over 50 accounts being opened. Thursday 3 April was the first day of school banking. Banking will be every Thursday during school term. If you would like to open an account for your child this can be done at the Commonwealth bank.

Stage 2 Salvation Army Drive
Today was another very proud day for CWPS community. Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) have been learning about services in the community which provide support to families. Early in the term a representative from the Salvation Army spoke to the students about the support they provide. To help the Salvation Army the students held a food drive and today they presented a number of food hampers to Darren Lloyd from the Salvation Army. Congratulations to all the students in Stage 2 and their families for your support of this drive.
Zone Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who will be representing our school at the Zone Cross Country. We wish you the best of luck and know that you will represent our school with pride.

Livelifewell
Great reasons to be active for children and parents
✓ boosts confidence
✓ improves fitness
✓ makes bones and muscles stronger
✓ improves posture
✓ helps maintain a healthy weight
✓ lowers the risk of heart disease
✓ reduces stress
✓ improves sleep
✓ reduces the risk of cancer
✓ improves self confidence
✓ teachers you new skills
✓ develops better motor skills
✓ makes a person happier with their body
✓ lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

Easter reminder
Don’t forget the Easter Egg guessing competition (20 cents a guess) and the Easter Hat and Mask parade and Disco this Thursday.

Holidays
The last day of Term 1 is this Friday 11th April. I’d like to wish all students, staff and parents a safe and relaxing holiday. School resumes for teachers on Monday 28th April and for students on Tuesday 29 April. All staff at CWPS will be participating in CCGPS (Cessnock Community of Greater Public Schools) initiative on the SDD (School Development Day) on 28 April. The SDD will be offsite so the school will not be open on Monday 28 April.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Ruth McGlashan

ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day falls on the last Friday of the holidays. We would like as many children as possible to participate in the march to represent the school. Children assemble at the Performing Arts Centre at 10.30am.

P&C News
Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day stall will now be held on Friday 9th May. Donations for the Mothers’ Day stall would be greatly appreciated. If you have any spare plastic bags at home can you please send them in with your child.

Disco
On Thursday we will be selling drinks, chips and lollies at the school disco. If anyone could spare any time for either the disco or to help out at the Mother’s Day stall it would be greatly appreciated.
The following students will be presenting their Radio Show on the School’s Playground Radio Activity during this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week.

**PLAYGROUND RADIO**

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To listen to their Radio Show Podcasts and check out what’s happening on Playground Radio go to our Website:

http://cwps-playground-radio.wikispaces.com/

**THE BEST GIFT FOR 2014—THE GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH!**

As we look forward to 2014 with expectation and hope for a great year ahead, it’s a great time to reflect on the things that matter to us. Ask any person “What is the most important thing for you in life?” and most would say something like “to be healthy and happy”. Yet if we take a closer look at our home lives, they are often hectic, chaotic and jam-packed with kids activities, leaving little time to plan and shop for healthy meals, let alone fit in some much needed exercise! Yet these are two of the “biggers” when it comes to achieving the healthy lifestyle that so many of us wish for! Imagine if you could gift the gift of good health to your family in 2014? In 2013, Hunter New England Local Health District have given many families an opportunity to “turn over a new leaf” through their FREE Go4Fun program. These families are now well equipped to begin their journey towards better health and happiness in 2014. There is a GoFun Program running at Cessnock West on Tuesday in Term 1. All families at Cessnock West Public School are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will be provided. For more information, visit www.go4fun.com.au or call Katie on 0407 763 075! Cheers to a healthier and happier 2014 for you and your family!

**Easter holiday activities @ your library**

**Baby Rhymetime** — ages 0-2
Monday April 14th, 2014
Cessnock Library
10:00 – 10:30
FREE

**Easter Storytime** — ages 2-6
Tuesday April 15th, 2014
Kearny Library
10:00 – 11:00
FREE

**Easter Rhymetime/Storytime** — ages 0-6
Wednesday April 16th, 2014
Kearny Library
10:00 – 11:00
FREE

**Easter Craft** — ages 5-12
Tuesday April 15th, 2014
Cessnock Library
2:00 – 3:00
FREE

**Easter Craft** — ages 5-12
Wednesday April 16th, 2014
Kearny Library
1:00 – 2:00
FREE

Come along to this free Easter craft workshop, create a special Easter bunny basket, and learn how to transform a face cloth into an Easter gift.

**Movie & Craft Afternoon — Charlie & the Chocolate Factory**

**Kitchen Scientist Afternoon** — ages 8+
Monday April 14th, 2014
Kearny Library
3:00 – 4:00
FREE

**Pizza, Wii and Games** — ages 6+
Tuesday April 15th, 2014
Kearny Library
5:00 – 6:30
$5.00

Please ring Cessnock Library on 93 54 52 or Kearny Library on 37 16 30 to enquire.

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