FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all the students in Years 3 & 5 who completed the NAPLAN tests last week. The teachers were impressed with the maturity of the students throughout the testing period. Results should be available by the end of term 3.

Ka-u-ma Play 2 Learn
This is a reminder that the next Ka-u-ma Play to learn playgroup is on Monday 26 May 2014. The playgroup will run from 9:30am - 11:30am in the school hall and is open to families with children 0-6yrs who are not enrolled in school. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and for children to socialise and participate in activities suitable for their age groups. If you know of families in your neighbourhood who would be interested, please pass on this information. Morning Tea will be provided.
For more information please call Hunter Prelude: 49374549.

Assembly
Last week 2T did a fantastic job of running the assembly and performing Puff the Magic Dragon and showing some of their fabulous creative craft work. This week 1W will be running the assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at assembly time.

School Safety and Security
Parents/carers are reminded that the gates in Wollombi Rd and Alfred Street will be locked each morning at 9.15am and

Upcoming Events

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EFTPOS is available at the office for payments of school excursions and performances.

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will be opened again at 2.40pm. We need to do this to keep trespassers out and to ensure the safety of students and staff. If you need to enter the school grounds when the gates are locked please enter through the main building located in Campbell St.

With the safety of your children in mind, please do not send them to school with any glass bottles or metal cans (e.g., cans of tuna) which could cause injury.

MANTLE Conference
Last week Mrs Rolt was a guest presenter at the Maitland and Newcastle Teacher Librarians’ Conference. She presented to an audience of her peers on ways to positively promote a primary school library. This was great for Cessnock West’s community profile. Well done Mrs Rolt

Whilst there she was fortunate enough to meet, chat and have photos with Jackie French (author and Australian Children’s Laureate) and Mark Wilson (illustrator and author).

Livelifewell
No time for breakfast?
Try some of these quick breakfasts children can enjoy “on the go”.

- reduced-fat yoghurt, or a yoghurt drink
- reduced-fat milkshake
- healthy cereal in small plastic bag (a small carton of milk can add a calcium boost)
- slice of banana loaf or other low fat fruit loaf

Many thanks for your support.
Mrs Ruth McGlashan

Bravehearts K-3
Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure! Coming to Cessnock West on 10th June.
This excellent program provides our children with the basic principles of personal safety, and gives them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.
A gold coin donation will help cover the cost of the program.
Please read through the note to parents which is attached to the newsletter.

K-2 Buttai Barn Excursion
A reminder that the outstanding balance for this excursion is to be paid by 23rd May, 2014 – Term 2, Week 4 – this Friday.

No money will be accepted after this date as numbers must be finalised with Buttai Barn.
**KB Lunch date**
On Tuesday lots of parents, siblings and grandparents came to the KB lunch date. The parents provided some delicious treats for all the children to share. It was a good opportunity for the children to demonstrate their social skills and their good manners. Well done KB. It was also a great opportunity for the adults to mix with each other and the siblings really enjoyed the "party" too. Thank you to everyone for supporting this activity, the great food and a chance to chat.

Mrs Barry

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**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
A number of people have seen me recently about the Premier’s Reading Challenge and wondering how to get their child involved. If your child is in K-2 they are doing the challenge automatically through books they read in class and library time. If they are 3-6 they need to complete the challenge themselves. I have all the instructions written out for anyone who needs them.

**Overdue books**
Overdue (orange) notes were sent home last week. Thank you to the families who have already found and returned the late books. If you think a book has already been returned, please let me know. I have been away for three weeks and our borrowing system can be a bit temperamental at times.

**Parent helpers**
Thank you to all the parent helpers who have been coming in to help in the library - I love seeing your happy faces. Whilst I don’t always get time to have a chat, I do notice you are there and really appreciate the time you are giving up.
If anyone would like to learn how to cover library books, I’ll happily teach you at 2.30pm this Thursday. Once you know how to use the covering machine and you are comfortable with it, you are welcome to come in any time and cover books.

Thank you
Mrs Jae Rolt
Teacher-Librarian
Special Olympics
New South Wales
Hunter Valley

**CESSNOCK FOOTBALL - (SOCCER)**

The Special Olympics Cessnock Football Club is an opportunity for those with special needs, of all abilities to have some fun and make some new friends in a relaxed environment.

Enjoy the opportunity to develop fitness, skills and friendship within a friendly, patient and accepting environment.

*Where:* Hornets Ground, On Aberdare Road, Aberdare
  (Behind Tennis Courts, Next to Turner Park)
  
*When:* Friday Afternoons 4PM - 5PM

*Contact:* Troy Crosdale 0413411766
[facebook.com](http://facebook.com)\[HunterValleySpecialOlympicsFootballClub\]

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**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

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