FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 3 June at Turner Park. We hope many of you will come along to show your support for the school. It is expected that all children attend the Carnival so please return permission notes and money by the due date. The Athletics carnival is for all children K-6. There will be no staff at school to supervise children who do not return notes.

Just a reminder that spectator areas at sports grounds are smoke-free.

Road Safety
Please take the time to remind your children about road safety rules and where and how to cross roads. There have been numerous occasions where the safety of some Cessnock West children has been jeopardised due to unsafe behaviours on or near the road. When waiting for the lights to change on Wollombi Rd please stand back near the fence and parents please hold the hands of younger children when crossing the road.

Assembly
Last week 1W did a fantastic job of running the assembly and performing Monster Colour and If You’re a Monster and You Know It. This week 1S will be running the assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at assembly time.

How Can You Help Cessnock West PS
When shopping at Ritchies and by using a community benefit card/tag linked to Cessnock West Public School then Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by staff, students and their families, grandparents, neighbours and so on.
If you would like to support our school and you don’t have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at a Ritchies store. All you do is nominate Cessnock West Public School, it’s that easy! Use your card or tag every time you shop, even if you only purchase a couple of items it all adds up.

www.facebook.com/CessnockWestPS http://twitter.com/CessnockWestPS

Upcoming Events

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Permission Notes & Payments Due

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This is an easy way for us to raise funds for our school with no costs involved! So far our school has received $11,927.00 in donations from Ritchies.
Go on shop at Ritchies whereby Cessnock West Public School will benefit!

SPORT
Last week was a very busy week with many sporting opportunities for our primary students. On Monday Ms Nasr took our netball team to compete against other schools in our area. On Tuesday Mr Kingston took a league team to compete in the Knights Knockout competition. Although we didn’t win Mr Kingston was extremely impressed with the talent on the team and has decided to use his RFF time to train the team for future competitions. Last Thursday Mr Vogel took a softball team away to compete against Cessnock PS and CWPS were the victors. Every team displayed good sportsmanship and represented our school with distinction. Thank you to Ms Nasr, Mr Kingston and Mr Vogel for giving up your time to train the teams and for providing these opportunities for the students.

Grip Leadership Conference
On Wednesday 21st May our Student Leaders and Miss Blackadder travelled to the Newcastle Panthers Club to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference. Over 70 schools attended the Newcastle conference. The conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW. Our leaders discussed with each other and other schools their ideas and strategies for making positive changes in schools. As a result, our School Leaders have devised several goals to work towards completing by the end of this year. These goals will involve all students, staff, families and community members to work together to make a positive change at Cessnock West Public School. The School Leaders represented our school admirably.

Discover Uni Day
On Friday 23 May Ms Nasr and our Year 6 students travelled to Newcastle for the “Discover Uni Day” at the University of Newcastle. This day allows students to experience and learn about some of the career options that would be available to them if they went to university. A great time was had by all and congratulations on your excellent behaviour Year 6.
Dogs in the Playground
The Department of Education and OHS guidelines stipulate that dogs are not allowed on school premises. If you walk your dog to school to collect your child please wait outside the school.

Livelifewell
Easy ways to add physical activity to your day:
- walk to the store, the school or the playground instead of using the car
- allow time for children to play outdoors
- park the car away from the shops
- get off the bus one stop earlier
- don’t use the remote control
- plant a veggie garden
- take the stairs instead of escalators or lifts
- schedule regular time each week for your family to be physically active together
- limit television time to no more than two hours per day or 14 hours a week.

Barber Of Seville
On Thursday 19 June P.I.E productions will be presenting “The Barber of Seville” by Opera Australia’s Oz Opera to the students at Cessnock West. We have been fortunate to secure sponsorship for this event and have included a letter from our sponsor.

Dear Parents and Friends
The members of ADFAS Pokolbin (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society) are delighted to be sponsoring the Opera Australia Schools Tour performance of “The Barber of Seville” at Cessnock West Public School on 19th June 2014. The students will be entertained by professional performers who will show them what is involved in staging opera, including costumes, stage set, music and voice. The opera has been especially adapted for primary school students and will provide a wonderful opportunity for them to learn all about performing arts.

At ADFAS Pokolbin we have an active Young Arts Programme, which aims to inspire young children with a knowledge and love of all aspects of creative arts. We raise money through raffles and various activities to help fund these projects.

Following an approach by your School Principal, Mrs McGlashan, seeking assistance in supporting The Opera Australia Schools Tour visit to Cessnock West Public School, the ADFAS Pokolbin committee was pleased to fully fund the operatic performance so that each student can attend and enjoy this magical experience.

Should you wish to know more about ADFAS Pokolbin, please contact me via email pokolbin@adfas.org.au or visit the website www.adfas.org.au

Paula Cameron
Chairman

Everyone at Cessnock West Public School would like to thank ADFAS for their generous assistance to the students at CWPS.

Many thanks for your support.
Mrs Ruth McGlashan

Softball Boys
Last Thursday the CWPS boys Softball team played against Cessnock Public and were triumphant. This is the first year we have entered the PSSA Knockout competition. The boys have made it to countless early morning practices and have learned, in a few short weeks, how to play softball. At the end of the game the score was held at 11-19. Every player played with tremendous skill and upheld the values of CWPS. A special thanks to Mrs Mercer for umpiring the game and to Mrs Floyd for becoming the new team manager. We will be advancing to round four of the PSSA Knockout competition. Games and time to be announced.
SMS Absence Notification
Last week saw the beginning of our SMS service for absences. If your child is absent, you will receive a text message from the school.

It will say:
**Cessnock West PS: Your son/daughter _____NAME______ was absent from school ___DATE____. Please contact on 4990 1637 or reply to explain this absence.**

The easiest, and preferred, way to explain this absence is to simply reply to the text with the reason for this absence. Your response will be automatically logged in our systems. There is no need to call the school, unless you need to query the absence or explain further.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Marissa Floyd, Community Liaison Officer

Canteen News
Please disregard the prices for large pies, party pies, sausage rolls and hot dogs on the sports carnival note. The new prices are Large Pies $3.40 sausage rolls $2.70, party pies $1.80 and hot dogs $2.20. Orders must be handed into the canteen no later than 30th May. Late orders will not be accepted.

Primary recess will now be sold over the counter at the canteen. No pre-ordering is required. Potato skins are now available from the canteen. Price is 70¢ with bacon and cheese filling.

Thank you
Linda Fernance

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**PLAYGROUND RADIO**

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.

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