School Leaders 2013
Introducing our school leaders for 2013. Congratulations to Katie and Brian - School Captains and Jackie, Jett, Kirstie & Monique our School Prefects.
Our Sports Leaders are:
Dodds: Captains - Bianca & Jacob.
Vice Captain - Brodie
Drinkwater: Captains - Tamika & Ali
Vice Captain - Lochlan
Newman: Captains - Gypsy & Mitchell
Vice Captain - Sean
Shakespeare: Captains - Liana & John
Vice Captains - Emily & Kayne
We know you will all be wonderful leaders and role models for our school community.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our students who competed at our swimming carnival and represented their sporting house and school with pride. All competitors swam and participated strongly to gain points for their house team with Shakespeare being the top point scorer on the day. Swimmers who have gained a place in the Zone Carnival have been given information and permission notes along with the carnival program. The Zone carnival will be held this Friday 22nd February at Cessnock Pool.

School Photos
Students are reminded to bring their photo order envelope back to school prior to photo day on Wednesday 27th February along with the correct money. Orders can also be placed and paid for through the Master Schools Portraits website. Parents wishing to take advantage of this facility still need to return the child’s envelope to the school office.

Premiers Reading Challenge
All students have the opportunity to participate in this years reading challenge. Attached to this weeks newsletter is information relating to the challenge. Only parents who do not wish for their child to participate need to sign and return the relevant section.

Calendar Events
- Breakfast Club available every morning from the Canteen
- Student banking every Thursday
- 19 Book Club Orders Due
- 20 Kindergarten Vision Screening
- 20 P& C Meeting 2pm
- 22 Zone Swimming Carnival
- 27 School Photo Day
- 17 P&C Family Portrait Day
- 28 Easter Hat Parade
Vision Screening
Kindergarten parents are reminded to please return their child’s vision screening permission notes prior to Wednesday 20th February.

Snake Tails
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students will be having an incursion on Monday 18th March 2013 called Snake Tails. The cost will be $6 per student and students will receive a permission and information note from Mrs Blair this week.

UNSW Competitions
Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 would all have received notes regarding these competitions. While entry is not compulsory, students who do enter will receive an award certificate and potentially a University of New South Wales medal and certificate acknowledging their achievement. Entries for the competition will close on the 10th April 2013.

Volunteers
Thank you to our parents who have decided to volunteer within our school. Whether you are volunteering in the classrooms or canteen, please come into the office and sign in and out in our visitors book.

P & C News
Thank you to our Mums and Grandparents who came along to the Girls Night In, hosted by the Body Shop. We all enjoyed a lovely night of pampering. Orders can still be placed up until Friday 22nd February and there is a catalogue available in the office.
Thank you to Vanessa, Lee and their great group of helpers who ensured we all had a lovely night.

With Easter fast approaching we are asking families to donate an Easter Egg or item that can be used in the Easter Raffle. Students will be given raffle tickets to take home to sell to their family and friends.
Please join the P&C for their next meeting this Wednesday at 2pm in the Playworks room.

Cessnock East Blues & Gold Basketball Teams
This year Mr Procter, Mrs McGuigan & Mrs Apthorpe are supporting two teams in the Cessnock Basketball competition. Both teams are having a fantastic time learning new skills while making new friends. Team members are reminded of the free coaching clinic that is available this Sunday at the Basketball stadium. Please return notes to Mr Procter to be included.
The Principal  
East Cessnock Primary School  
Old Mailand Road  
CESSNOCK NSW 2325  

Dear Principal  

SCHOOL ZONE PATROLS - KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE PARK IN THE RIGHT PLACE  

The 2013 school year has now commenced and parents and teachers are reminded that the rangers will be out in force throughout Cessnock and surrounding LGA areas to ensure all drivers are parked legally in school zones.  

Cessnock Cty Council rangers are reminding all drivers of school children to park safely when transporting their children to and from school.  

Council’s Ranger Team Leader, Holley Patterson, said it is important for drivers to obey the Australian road rules in school zones. “School zones are an essential part of keeping our children safe when they are entering and leaving school,” Mrs Patterson said.  

A ranger or authorised officer only has to site a vehicle offence in a school zone to issue a fine to the registered owner of the offending vehicle.  

The below offences apply for drivers illegally parked in school zones:  

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Can you please remind all parents in your next school newsletter and/ or notice board of the enclosed information at your earliest convenience.
Dear Stakeholder,

I write to inform you of the new smoke-free reforms in outdoor public places. Amendments have been made to the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 to make the following settings smoke-free from 7 January 2013:

- In public playgrounds within 10 metres of children’s play equipment;
- In open areas of public swimming pools;
- In major sporting facilities and at public sports grounds;
- At public transport stops and stations;
- Within 4 metres of the pedestrian access point to a public building; and
- From 2015, commercial outdoor dining areas.


NSW Health is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000. Where Councils have introduced by-laws under the Local Government Act 1993 which prohibit smoking in settings not covered by the statewide legislation, or where by-laws go further than the state bans, these will continue to be enforced by Local Council officers.

Under the reforms, occupiers of certain premises (swimming pool complexes, light rail platforms, railway platforms, ferry wharves and from 2015, commercial outdoor dining areas) will be required to display signage to indicate that smoking is not permitted. The new law also allows the Ministry of Health to work with Local Councils and other Government agencies to develop signage appropriate to the different types of settings.

A statewide community education campaign is being carried out prior to the commencement of the new smoke-free laws to ensure a high level of awareness and compliance by the general public and business community. Samples of the factsheets developed as part of this campaign are attached. These materials are available online at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smokefree-legislation.aspx and copies can be ordered from the Resource Distribution Unit via phone on (02) 9879 0443 or by emailing tobinfo@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

We would welcome further dissemination of these materials via your existing communication channels and networks.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your local Public Health Unit (contact details attached) or phone the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr Kerry Chant
Deputy Director-General, Population and Public Health
and Chief Health Officer
Section 6A of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free.

From **7 January 2013**, smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. The ban on smoking within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building will be delayed for licensed premises and restaurants until **6 July 2015**. The delay has been allowed to support consistent application of the ban on smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas across these settings.

**What types of public buildings will be covered by the smoking ban?**

Smoking is already banned in enclosed areas of public places in NSW. The law extends the smoking ban to cover the area within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building, such as:

- ✔ professional, trade, commercial and other business premises;
- ✔ Local, NSW and Federal Government premises;
- ✔ shopping centres, malls and plazas;
- ✔ restaurants, cafes, hotels and clubs;
- ✔ schools, colleges and universities;
- ✔ community centres, halls and places of worship;
- ✔ theatres, cinemas, libraries and galleries;
- ✔ accommodation hotels and motels;
- ✔ fitness centres, bowling alleys and other sporting and recreational facilities; and
- ✔ childcare facilities.

**How will the new law affect residential buildings?**

Buildings used only for residential purposes such as private houses or multi-unit residential accommodation (such as boarding houses, buildings in caravan parks and residential accommodation in community or strata schemes) are not covered by the ban on smoking within 4 metres of the building entrance or exit.

Buildings that have multiple uses, such as residential and commercial purposes, will be subject to the ban on smoking within 4 metres of the building pedestrian entrance or exit only at those entrances and exits which are used for non-residential purposes.
Will a person break the law if they pass by a public building, such as a convenience store, while smoking?

No. The law creates appropriate defences to ensure that it will not be an offence to pass through a smoke-free area outside the entrance of a public building, such as a convenience store, while smoking.

Will there be signage to indicate where smoking is not permitted?

The law does not require signs to be displayed to indicate that smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. This is due to the diverse range of public buildings that are captured under the law.

The law allows the Ministry of Health to work with Local Councils and other Government departments to develop signage appropriate to the different public buildings.

How will this be enforced?

NSW Health is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000. NSW Health Inspectors are authorised to enforce the ban within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building.

Penalties of up to $550 apply for anyone who fails to comply with the law.

Why is this Act in place?

The number of people who congregate immediately outside the entrances of buildings can be significant. People entering and exiting from public buildings are exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke and smoke drift can occur from outside buildings to the indoor areas.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette.

In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. It can exacerbate the effects of other illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. Exposing ex-smokers to other people’s tobacco smoke increases the chance of relapsing to smoking.

For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children’s airways are smaller, and their immune systems are less developed, which makes them more likely to suffer negative health consequences of second-hand tobacco smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.

Creating smoke-free outdoor areas, such as outside the entrances of public buildings, can provide a supportive environment for those who have quit and make smoking less visible to children and young people.

How does this affect Local Council bans on smoking?

Many NSW councils, under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, have progressively introduced their own smoking bans. Where these bans are in place, they can continue to be enforced by Local Council rangers.

NOTE: The ban on smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas and within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from licenced premises, restaurants and cafes does not apply until 6 July 2015.

For more information

Please contact the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412 or visit the NSW Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au

The Tobacco Information Line can be accessed by non-English speaking people via the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50.
2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge

ONLY RETURN THE SLIP IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE

18th February 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013 is about to begin. This is a free challenge that encourages children to read and participation is free. To complete the Challenge, all that your child has to do is to read a library book from the Challenge list.

Throughout the year, an online record will be kept by the school to track the number of books read by your child. To complete the Challenge your child will need to read:

**Kindergarten to Year 2** 30 books on the list and these books can be read to your child or your child can read them independently.

**Years 3 to Year 6** 20 books read independently

The Challenge will be completed by Week 3 of Term 3 so that records can be submitted. All participating children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate as well as be mentioned on the Premier’s Honour Roll.

If you DO NOT wish for your child to participate, complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 22nd February 2013.

Thank you

Mrs Payne
Librarian

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2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge

I do not wish my child/children ___________________________ of class/es _________ to participate in the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Signed: ___________________ Print Name: ___________________ Date __________

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