Welcome back to all our families, it was wonderful to see our students back at school last week looking great in their uniforms and eager to commence another wonderful year of learning. Welcome also to all our new families that have joined us. We trust all our families had a safe and happy break.

Classes for 2013 are:

KJ  Mrs Bradley    K/1B  Mrs Blair
1K  Mrs Culley    2A  Miss O’Connor
2/3P  Mr Procter    3/4C  Mrs Patrick
4/5G  Mr Wyborn    5B  Miss Black
6C  Mrs Corke  Library  Mrs Payne

Mrs McGuigan will be working with us again as a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and support teacher and Mrs Byrnes (School Councillor) returns to work with our students each Wednesday.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Campkin our Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) and Miss McAllister who will be our Relief From Face to Face (RFF), Science and Technology teacher. We know our students will show Mrs Campkin and Miss McAllister how wonderful our school community is.

A class brochure will be given to all students within the next week, this will have details of class room routines.

**Kindergarten**

To all our Kindergarten parents, firstly congratulations on the wonderful way you have prepared your child for school. All students looked beautiful in their new uniforms and have settled well. We know that starting school is a big step for the students as well as parents, so we remind families to ensure all items are labelled. It makes the routine at school easier and less stressful for your child if they have misplaced a lunchbox, drink bottle, jacket etc.

Finishing times for Kindergarten will be 2.30pm for the first 4 weeks. Parents are asked to wait near the ramp until the class teachers bring the children out. This enables the students to organise their bags and reduces congestion in the hall way.

**Calendar Events**

- Breakfast Club available every morning from the Canteen
- Student banking every Thursday
- 6 P&C Meeting 2pm
- 12 Swimming Carnival
- 14 Girls Night In
- 19 Book Club Orders Due
- 22 Zone Swimming Carnival
- 27 School Photo Day
- 28 Easter Hat Parade

**February**

**March**

Promoting Excellence, Creating Success
Swimming Carnival - 8yrs & up
Will be held on Tuesday 12th February. All students, 8yrs and older were given permission notes on Friday. Please return notes and money by Monday 11th February 2013.

School Photos
Our school photo day will be Wednesday 27th February, order envelopes will be sent home in the near future.

P&C Meeting
The first meeting of the year will also be held on the 6th February at 2pm in the Playworks room. The P&C is a great way to become involved in your child’s education and to be involved in our school. We encourage family members to come to the meetings and look forward to seeing some new kinder families.

Student Information
Attached you will find information regarding photography permission, emailing of newsletters, watching of PG rated programs, & change of student details. It is important that all information for your child is kept up to date.
At the beginning of each term we will send home an information update and would appreciate families taking the time to fill these in and return to school.
Photographs are taken on a regular basis at our school. Photos are sometimes displayed on our school website, in our foyer and used for promotional items. To enable us to do this parental permission is required.
Newsletters are published each fortnight and can be accessed from the school front office, emailed home or through the schools website at www.cessnocke-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Parents wishing to obtain a paper copy of the newsletter are encouraged to remind their child to collect one from the office.
Please read the information carefully, complete and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you

Bus Applications
Bus pass application can be obtained from the office if your child requires transport to school. Parents are reminded, bus travel to school is free for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Primary children who live outside the 1.6 kilometre radius are also eligible for free travel. Students entering into Year 3 will need to submit a new application.

Scholastic Bookclub
Mrs Payne will be handing out Bookclub leaflets to students throughout each term. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please fill in the order forms and return to the office with your child’s details and payment included. The return date for Bookclub orders will be in the newsletter each fortnight.

Canteen
We are always looking for volunteers to help out in our school canteen. If you are able to assist, please leave your name and contact details at the office. The canteen roster will be displayed on the school notice board, under the covered area.

Food Allergies
Parents are asked to be mindful when packing their child’s lunch boxes. We have a number of students who have severe allergic reactions to some foods.
To ensure the safety of these students we ask that the following foods not be brought to school.
- Eggs
- Peanuts or nut based products including Nutella
- Seafood
- Food that contains chicken salt
- Peas
- Avocados
We thank you for your assistance.

School Attendance
The Department of Education and Communities require students to attend school every school day. Parents are asked to notify the school if their child is absent and to provide a written explanation on the child’s return to school.

Uniforms For Sale
We currently have many pre-owned uniform items for sale at the office. Please call in if you are interested in any of these items.
Dear Parents,

It is important we keep our records up to date. We therefore ask you to complete the following information sheet for your family and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Should your details change throughout the year we would appreciate immediate notification, preferably in writing.

Student Name: ______________________________________________________________

Student Name: ______________________________________________________________

Student Name: ______________________________________________________________

Student Name: ______________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Parent 1 Name:___________________________________ Number:_____________________

Parent 1 Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Parent 2 Name:___________________________________ Number:_____________________

Parent 2 Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact Name 1_________________________________ Number:_____________________

Emergency Contact Name 2_________________________________ Number:_____________________

Medical Condition: ___________________________________________________________________

Medication Required at school: ___________________________________________________________________

Change in family circumstances: ___________________________________________________________________

I consent to photographs being taken of my child and used for promotional purposes

YES [ ] No [ ]

I give permission for my child to watch programs rated PG.

YES [ ] No [ ]

I would like to receive the fortnightly newsletter via email.

My email address is: ________________________________________________________________

Print Name: ________________________ Signed: __________________ Date: ____________

Office Use

Details updated: Information Card [ ] ERN [ ]

Medical Information Updated: Health Plan [ ] Indemnity [ ]

Comments: _______________________________________________________________________

Data updated by: ________________________ Date ________________
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