NEWSLETTER

9th December 2013

Last Newsletter for 2013
This will be the last newsletter for this year. The staff of Cessnock East Public School would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone back here in 2014, refreshed and ready for an exciting new year of learning.

Stage 2 ~ Calvary Visit
Tomorrow, Tuesday 3 December 2013, all of Stage 2 will visit Calvary Retirement Village to perform for the residents. There is no cost involved, however, a permission note should have been returned for your child to go on the bus. If you are yet to return this please ensure to bring to the office first thing Tuesday morning.

Swim School
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th are the last days for Swim School. Please ensure that your child remembers their swimmers and a dry towel for the remaining dates. It is preferable for students to bring a packed lunch and recess, however children still requiring a lunch order will need to mark their order into the canteen by 9am. As soon as the bus gets back from Calvary on Tuesday, the students will then go to their swim session.

Cessnock East’s School App
The school has just purchased a School App which is available for free for both Apple and Android mobile phones. This new form of communication will allow the school to keep you constantly up to date with newsletters, alerts, reminders and also provides a place for you to update your contact details and send absentee notes for when children are absent from school. You can visit either Google Play or the Apple Store, search for Cessnock East Public School and install application. As this is a very new application, it won’t be totally operational until 2014, but feel free to download and take a look. This is an exciting new piece of technology which should enhance the school’s communication with parents and carers.

Carols by Twilight
This year the P & C will also be holding a “Christmas Fair” from 4pm-5.30pm before the “Carols by Twilight”, which is to take place this Wednesday 11th December, 2013. Each class will be responsible for running a stall at the fair. Remember to speak to your child’s classroom teacher to see how you can help. If everyone does a little bit, it will allow everyone time to visit all the stalls.

All classes will be performing from 6pm so be sure to bring along your picnic blankets or camp chairs to relax on the field and enjoy the merriment of Carols by Twilight.

Children can wear their Christmas T-Shirts, dresses or clothes preferably in Christmas colours.

A BBQ providing steak and sausage sandwiches, along with cold drinks will be available on the night.

Aboriginal Dance Group
Just a reminder for those students that have been taking part in the Aboriginal Dance Group at Cessnock High School that there will be a performance next Monday 16th December at 10.30am. Students are to be in the Aboriginal Learning Centre by 9.30am to get ready.

Calendar Events

* Breakfast club available each morning
* Last week for student banking - Thursday

December
10,11 Kurri Swim School
10 Stage 2 - Calvary 11am-12pm
11 Carols by Twilight
16 Class Parties
18 Last Day of School for Students

January
29 Students Years 1-6 return to school
30 Kindergarten students start

Promoting Excellence, Creating Success
Class Parties
Individual classes have sent out notes regarding their class parties which are being held on Monday 16th December, 2013. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned by Friday 13th December, 2013 so that teachers can organise purchases of food, drinks etc.

School Canteen
Just a reminder that the school canteen closes for the year this Friday 13th December, 2013. Some items of food and drink may not be available everyday. A note regarding the Draft Menu for 2014 and opening hours was sent home last week. If you have any ideas or suggestions we would really like to hear from you before school finishes for the year.

The school canteen for Term 1, 2014 will only operate Wednesday to Friday. There will be no breakfast, recess or lunch orders available Monday or Tuesday. Please ensure that your children have a packed lunch and have eaten a good breakfast on these days.

If you will be available to volunteer in the school canteen next year, from Wednesday to Friday, please let the office staff know. Even if it is only once a month, the more helpers we have makes it easier on everyone who helps.

Overdue Library Books
Overdue library notices were issued to students in preparation for library stocktake. We ask that you please try to track down these books and return as soon as possible. If the books cannot be located could you please notify the office staff. A small cost, to help cover the cost of replacing the books will be charged.

Congratulations to our Caught You Being Good winner:

Week 8 ~ Brock, 2/3P
Week 9 ~ Cory, 1K

Spelling Stars Term 4, Weeks 8 & 9:

1/2A - Week 9 ~ Chloe, Reanna, Madison.
2/3P - Week 8 ~ Andrew, William, Brock, Lizy, Makenzie, Leveni, Amelia, Kayla

Well done to all our students.

School Hats
Many children on a daily basis visit the school office saying that they have lost their school hat. Please check with your child/children if they still have their hat. School hats can be purchased from the school office for $10.

Collection and Messages to Students
If your child is being collected from school earlier than school finish time (3pm) and is not being collected by yourself or the nominated emergency contact, please phone the school in advance on 4990 1549 and send a note with the person collecting your child. In order to protect the welfare and safety of students, please be aware that proof of identity will be required.

Also, if you require a message to be sent to class, keep in mind that not all classes have telephones and office staff are not always able to go straight to classrooms to collect children. Please allow at least 10 minutes for collection from class. Thank you for your cooperation.