**NEWSLETTER**

**Week 4 Term 3**

4th August 2014

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**Education Week**

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend for Education Week. I am sure families were excited to see all the marvellous work our students have been doing so far this year.

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**Parenting Workshops**

Our next workshop is starting on **Monday 11th August, 12.30pm-2.30pm** and continuing for four weeks, along with the Family Action Centre, we will be getting together for two hours of "knitting and nattering." We are inviting any interested parents or carers to come along, learn to knit, crochet or improve their skills while we chat about different topics of concern to us as parents. Some special guests will be coming along to discuss topics such as women's health, children's health issues and a range of other subjects. So join us for afternoon tea and an informal chat while we make some items for our school and for charity. Also commencing on **Monday the 8th Sept** will be ‘Succeeding with your teens’ workshop. This workshop is for parents who are raising or about to start raising teenagers. Further information is attached, if you would like to attend please let the school office know.

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**Bookworm Kindergarten 2015**

If your child is commencing Kindergarten in 2015 our Bookworm transition program is commencing from **Wednesday 13th August**. These sessions are held for the next 6 weeks on a Wednesday morning from 10am-11am. You and your child are invited to participate in an hour of literacy activities based on quality picture books guided by our qualified teachers. If you know of any children starting Kindergarten next year please let them know to contact the school to secure their place.

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**Stage 3 Sydney ADFAS Excursion**

Once again Stage 3 have been given the opportunity by the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society-Pokolbin to travel to Sydney and attend a free performance at the Sydney Opera House on **Friday 15th August**. The expectation is that all Stage 3 will attend, parents are advised that numbers are limited to 57 places on the bus. A signed permission note must be returned. Permission notes have been given out to all Stage 3 students. Full winter school uniform is expected to be worn, if your child requires to hire a uniform please arrange with the office as soon as possible as there is limited items available.

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**Calendar Events**

- Breakfast Club available every morning from the Canteen
- Parent Voice 8.50am each Monday in Library
- Student banking every Thursday
- Homework Hub 8.30am every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday in the library

**August**

- 11th Knitting & Nattering Workshop
- 11th-13th Book Fair (Week 5)
- 13th Bookworm for Kindergarten 2015
- 15th Stage 3 ADFAS Excursion
- 18th-22nd Book Week (Week 6)
- 20th Bookworm for Kindergarten 2015
- 27th Bookworm for Kindergarten 2015
- 27th Lion King Performance

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**Jump Rope for Heart**
Book Week

Book Week is on in Week 6 – Monday August 18th – Friday August 22nd. This year’s theme is “Reading to connect, connect to reading”. During this week we will have activities in the library to promote reading, and of course the annual Book Week Parade will take place on Wednesday 20th August.

Further Information will be sent home shortly explaining our Book Fair in Week 5, and ‘Curl Up and Read’ activities and the annual Book Week Parade in Week 6. Please remind your child every week to bring their library bag to school on their library day to encourage borrowing and reading.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 1st August. Students were all well behaved and enjoyed the day competing.

P&C News

We hope all our families and students enjoyed the two movie nights last week. Thank you to all our volunteers who assisted the P&C on both nights.

Winter Uniform

Please remember now the cooler months are approaching your child will need to start wearing their winter uniform. We have available for purchase from the office:

- **School Jackets** $45.00
- **Blazers** $145.00
- **Vests** $18.00
- **Stockings** $9.00
- **Gloves** $5.00
- **Raincoats** $15.00
- **School Bags** $45.00

The girls winter tunic is to be worn with a white skivvy or white long sleeved Peter Pan shirt and grey stockings, as tracksuit pants under dresses are not part of the girls uniform.

The boys winter uniform is a white embroidered collared shirt and long grey pants. These items of clothing are available from Flanagan’s Menswear in Vincent St, Cessnock. Grey pants are available from Best & Less, Target and Big W. We have the girls tunic on display in the office, and a raincoat designed to fit over a student’s school bag for $15 each.
endavour to include this with the recipe. The item or your children making the recipe. We will
be included in our school recipe book. Feel free to attach a picture of
family recipes that you would be willing to share.

The pack are working on a recipe book that will
be available for purchase later in the year. If you,

Recipe Book

September: Spoonsing forms will be handed out soon.

This year's walk-a-thon will be held on Thursday, 17th

Walk-a-thon

September. Donations can be left at the office. Volunteers

The morning's day will be held on Thursday, 4th

Parents' Day

September. The competition will run through until December.

The Scan Challenge. Money will be given per each

The Scan Challenge

Exceller with improved work in class.

McDonald's: Students are reading for the book. For

to every student, students are required to

McDonald's Bookmarks

when the class who makes the most money, receiving a prize.

Choose your favorite students with the feelings of wanting to

Your Teens

Children about to become teenagers.

The Family Action Centre

Another great workshop from

Free workshop

Succeeding with Your Teens

Succeeding with Your Teens

Support of the

Cressock East Public School

Time: 12 noon - 2:30pm

Date: Monday, 9th & 15th September

Wrap: Cressock East Public School

Topics covered:

behavior

motivation and

skills

social

relationships

Teamwork and communication.

incorporating and

leading

developmental
trends

adapting

development

Parent/Teen relationship.

Parenting and maintaining the

behavior needs of parents who are working into the

teenage years.

For parents of teenagers.

Your Teens

13 -17 years and parents with

Sexual Health Education

The Family Action Centre

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