ENGINEERING GAMES SUCCESS
Our school has again had great success at the Engineers Australia Engineering Games. Our team of Lara, Hope, Isabel, Adam and Kalani competed against fourteen other schools and were faced with the following challenge:
A large earthquake has just hit Newcastle and we need your help! As budding regional engineers we need you to design a tower that will withstand such a shake! To succeed in this challenge you must build a tower that has the best load bearing ability; that is, the highest ratio of the load the tower supports to the weight of the tower (the lightest tower to hold the most weights).
Our team of engineers ultimately took out second place for their towers load bearing capability and first place for the design of their tower. This outstanding result continues to demonstrate the school's growing educational excellence in science. Mr Procter was very proud of the team’s efforts and how well they represented the school. The whole team greatly enjoyed this experience and our young engineers potentially could be constructing your future world. Based on what we have seen, we will be in safe hands.

Calvary Retirement Village Christmas Visit
This Wednesday 9th December from 11am-12pm, students in 3P, 3/4F & 4D will travel by bus to Calvary Retirement Village to sing Christmas songs to the residents. This is a wonderful way to promote citizenship within our school community. Students are to be dressed in full summer uniform including black school shoes. The P&C have kindly offered to pay for the bus, so this will be a free event to students. Thank you for your continued support. Please advise if you do not wish your child to attend.

Class Parties
All students have been given an information note for their class end of year party being held on Friday 11th December. All notes and money need to be returned to the office by 3pm on Wednesday 9th December 2015 for catering purposes.

Cessnock East’s has Got Talent!!!
Congratulations to our Talented students who entered into this years Cessnock East’s Got Talent! Once again the judges had a difficult time choosing the winning acts and all contestants should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Calendar Events

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Carols By Twilight
Thank you to all our families who joined us for our Carols By Twilight. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying this evening. We also raised over $500.00 that will go towards the 2016 Year 6 farewell.

Presentation Day
Congratulations to all our reward recipients from Presentation Day. It was lovely to see so many families on the day celebrating their children’s successes with us.
We would like thank: Strive for Autism, Mr Clayton Barr, Mr Joel Fitzgibbon, Cessnock View Club, Jurds Real Estate, Sports Power Cessnock, ADFAS-Pokolbin Branch, Prescott’s Automotive, Carbon Based Environmental & Cessnock Wine Country Lions for their generous donations, not only for Presentation Day but throughout the year. Your support is extremely appreciated.

P&C News
Crazy Hair Day Thursday 10th December
The P&C will be having a “Gold Coin Donation, Crazy Hair Day”. Students are able to come to school with the craziest hairdo they can manage and are asked to make a gold coin donation on the day.

Thompson’s Pie Drive
Orders will be available for collection from the school hall on Monday 14th December after 10am.

5c Challenge
The winning class of the 5 cent challenge is K/1B! Thank you to the parents who have supported this fundraiser as there has been over $150.00 raised throughout the year. Notes will be sent home tomorrow with K/1B advising parents of the day the children will receive their hot chip lunch.