

Newsletter



VISION STATEMENT
WORKING TOGETHER,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
WITH EVERY CHILD

Dates to Remember This Newsletter

Monday

- 12 Mar **Back2Stanford Day**
- 19 Mar **P&C Meeting 6pm**

Tuesday

- 13 Mar 3Way Conference—
Emu

Wednesday

- 14 Mar 3Way Conference—
Platypus

BAKER BAKER and
fruit break Roster—
now located on
Award Page

All permission notes
will only be available
from the Office for
you to sign

Thought of the Fortnight



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Term 1 Week 6

6th March, 2018

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on the 12th February and it was wonderful to have such interest from parents wanting to support our school. Thank you to each of you for your willingness to help.

The people voted in for 2018 are:

President:	Amber Parry
Secretary:	Maria Ackerman
Treasurer:	Anne James
Canteen Co-ordinator:	Leigh James
Fundraising Committee:	All members of the P&C.

P&C Meetings are on Monday nights at 6pm. The next meeting is Monday 19th March. Our meetings are very relaxed and informal and we discuss items pertaining to the school over coffee. This forum is open to all of our parents and community members.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2018

Our school is charging **\$30** voluntary contribution fees this year. This covers us providing such items as art resources, tissues, toilet paper and hand wash.

KIDS COUNCILLORS FOR TERM ONE

I would like to thank Miss Pollock who will conduct regular meetings with our eight Kid's Councillors.

Each class has two representatives each Term. In the Kookaburra class they are **Billie-Roze** and **Cohen**. In the Kangaroo class they are **Bella** and **Hudson**. The Emu class has **Lhotse** and **Danial**. **Jessie** and **Juliet** have been selected for the Platypus class. I know these children will do a wonderful job helping students in the playground and assisting in our fundraising for the charities we support.

AUTHOR VISIT AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our school has been invited to listen to Kate and Jol Temple, two talented children's authors when they visit our area as part of the Newcastle Writers Festival. Kurri Library have been successful in their grant application to fund this program. All we need to do is pay bus costs of \$3 per student. We have 80 students at school and the biggest bus we can get only has 61 seats. So several Year 1 and Year 2 students will be driven by the staff to Kurri Public School. Car seats will be provided if the students are under 7 or if they require one. If we had to order two buses it would cost each child \$6. *If you would like to order a signed copy of either book, please complete the order form on the back page and bring the money into the office by 19th March.* **PERMISSION NOTES ARE AT THE OFFICE.**

EASTER RAFFLE

As part of our Easter celebrations we would like to have an Easter Raffle. It would be very much appreciated if each family would please be prepared to donate one Easter egg for the Hamper. If you are able to do this, please hand your donation into the school office. Thank you.



MAKING EASTER HATS IN CLASS

Children will be making their Easter hats in class on Monday 26th March. Bell times will be changed so they can begin at 1:30-3pm. We would appreciate any parents and grand parents who may be available to come and help teachers and children to make these in class. Please send in any items that you may like to see on your child's hat such as feathers, ribbons, cottonwool, eggs or straw.



EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

It would be appreciated if families would be able to sell the Easter Raffle tickets attached to this newsletter. If you are able to, please send in the sheet at the back of this newsletter, to the school office, by Wednesday 28th March. Prizes will be awarded at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29th March. More ticket sheets are available from the Office.

EASTER HAT PARADE HERE 1:30PM THURSDAY 29TH MARCH FOR ALL FAMILIES.

The children will be performing two songs for your enjoyment. Then the classes will parade their hats before the students all enjoy an Easter Egg hunt. We will conclude by drawing the Easter raffle prizes.

EASTER BREAK

School will be closed on Good Friday, 30th March and Easter Monday, 2nd April. Students return to School on Tuesday 3rd April.

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week	Breakfast Club	Student Banking Play Group 9.30 to 11.00am		Fruit Platter Supplied School Assembly @ 2.15pm	
WK 6 Mar 5-9				Present work at Assem- bly—Kookaburra	Free K-2 Program "Just like You"
WK 7 Mar 12-16	Back to Stanford Day 3.30 to 4.30pm	3 Way Conference Emu-Miss Wood	3 Way Conference Platypus—Miss Pollock	Present work at Assem- bly—Emus	
WK 8 Mar 19-23	P&C Meeting @ 6pm			Present work at Assem- bly—Platypuses	
WK 9 Mar 26-30	Making Easter Hats in Class			Easter Hat Parade 1.30pm	GOOD FRIDAY
WK 10 Apr 2-6	EASTER MONDAY	Teddy Bears Picnic for 2019 Kinder 3 Way Conference Kookaburras—Mr Ping	3 Way Conference Kangaroos— Miss Humbles/Mrs Mac- gregor	Author Talk at Kurri Kurri Public School "Silly Rhymes and Silly Times" Present work at Assem- bly—Kangaroos	
WK 11 Apr 9-13				Class of Term Party Present work at Assem- bly—Kookaburras	LAST DAY OF TERM Fun Day Ac- tivities/Out of Uni- form Day

PARENTS CORNER

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law. Thank you.

I	is	and
here	am	look
we	in	dad
up	come	you
mum	go	a
the	big	went
to	on	can
see	for	at
little	my	said
are	down	me

I am including a copy of the first 30 sight words we teach to Kindergarten children that are the basis for helping them become successful readers and writers.

I have also included a copy of the first 42 phonic sounds we teach. Put these on your fridge so you can revise these with your children as they are being taught.

PLAYGROUP FOR 0-5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

*Playgroup is held every
Tuesday from 9.00am
to 11.00am during School
Terms and is a Gold
Coin Donation to attend*



Our playgroup is an opportunity for young children and their Parents/Carers to:

- *Meet new friends and other parents*
- *Be in a safe, relaxed and child friendly environment*
- *Engage in creative play*
- *Encourage the development of gross & fine motor skills*
- *Be a part of a School readiness program with independent play & group sessions*



CHILDREN BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN HERE NEXT YEAR 2019.

Tuesday 3rd April 12:30-1:30pm

Please come to the office and inform us if your child or a friend you know has a child that will be enrolling here next year to begin Kindergarten. We will begin our Transition to school program this term by holding a teddy bear picnic here and reading stories, singing songs related to bears as well as making sandwiches.

3 WAY INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 1 AND 2

Miss Wood is conducting 3 Way Interviews for her students on Tuesday 13th March and Miss Pollock is conducting her 3 Way Interviews on Wednesday 14th March. They are when goals are set for students and they last for fifteen minutes. The teachers will post an interview time sheet on their doors of their classroom tomorrow for you to indicate your preferred time slot.

Anne Carr Principal.



Schools Program Cessnock 2018

Thursday 5 April

The Newcastle Writers Festival Schools Program is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with their favourite authors and be inspired in a fun, educational and interactive way.

For the first time since the program's inception, writer presentations are free.

In these popular sessions, writers perform from their work, talk about their craft and take questions from the audience.

The workshop series offers students a more intensive, individual learning experience.

In 2018, we are thrilled to be taking our program to Cessnock as part of a new partnership with Cessnock City Council.

Special thanks to our sponsors, as well as MacLean's Booksellers and The Book Den, Cessnock.



Festival Contact Details - Cessnock Program

Contact // Susan Davy 4993 4382

Email // susan.davy@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Years K to 2

Silly Rhymes and Silly Times
with Kate and Jol Temple

This interactive presentation will focus on Kate and Jol's picture books. The creative pair will take students on a journey that explores the world through visual literacy and word play. They also discuss what it's like to be an author and how little books can contain big ideas.



9.30am - 10.15am Kurri Primary School

10.45am - 11.30am Pelaw Main Primary School

1.30pm - 2.15pm Weston Primary School

Years 3 to 4

What a Character!
with Yvette Poshoglian

Explore what makes a great character with Yvette Poshoglian and find out what your favourite (fictional) people all have in common.



9.30am - 10.15am Cessnock West Primary School

10.45am - 11.30am Bellbird Primary School

1.30pm - 2.15pm St Phillips Primary School

Years 5 to 6

The Fall
with Tristan Banks

Tristan will take students behind the scenes of his new crime-mystery novel *The Fall* and his CBCA Honour book *Two Wolves*. The presentations will be full of laughs and valuable tips on how students can use their own lives to feed their stories.



9.30am - 10.15am St Phillips Primary School

10.45am - 11.30am Cessnock Public School

1.30pm - 2.15pm Rosary Park Primary School, Branxton



CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR IN YOUNG CHILDREN

A workshop for Parents and Carers

"Challenging Behaviour in Young Children" looks at typical development in Children 2-8 years, the things that affect children's behaviour and strategies to support challenging behaviour.

How behaviour is affected by:

- Communication
- Special Needs
- Anxiety
- Sensory processing
- Trauma
- Social / emotional competence will be explored.

Where—Rutherford Public School, Weblands St Rutherford

When—Thursday 22nd March 2018

Time—9.30am-12.00pm Cost-Free

Register online @ www.stickytickets.com.au

For more information please contact Sharyn Ferguson on 49374549

Limited childcare available please phone Rasna Gandhi on 49325900 to book.



HARRY HARTOG
BOOKSELLER

Newcastle Writers Festival



KATE & JOL TEMPLE AUTHORS

BOOKS FOR SALE AND SIGNING
THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2018

SCHOOL NAME -

CHILD'S NAME - CLASS -

NAME FOR INSCRIPTION (IF DIFFERENT) -

BOOK TITLE	COVER	NUMBER REQUIRED	TOTAL
Room on Our Rock A wonderfully creative story about sharing that can be read two ways – front to back and back to front! Join these seals as they learn that there are two sides to every story.			
\$25			
Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers X Marks the Spot Join Captain Jimmy Cook as he discovers a dinosaur footprint behind the toilet block – totally out of bounds! But will that stop him making the discovery... unlikely!			
\$13			
	TOTAL		

Pre-ordering will ensure you will get the book of your choice.
LIMITED Stock will be available on the day.

Please return this form
before 19th March 2018.

Payment is to be made on the day of the event, exact cash only.

STUDENT AWARDS

Kookaburras

Scarlet V

Settling into routine with Enthusiasm

Miley C

Having a growth mindset and trying everything

Kangaroos

Harvey W

Confidence and enthusiasm in Reading

Shelbi S

Working hard to learn her numbers

Platypus

Lincoln B

Confidence in Maths

Cam S

Using a growth mindset

Emu

Maeve P

Working hard and showing Persistence

Kade H

Effort and enthusiasm in all Areas of his learning

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK

Kookaburras

Marley D

Charlotte S

Kangaroos

Phoebe B

Platypus

Charlie S

Naomi Mc

Emu

Lhotse C

Jade C

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS

Kookaburras

Be Safe— Walk on hard Surfaces

Esther Mc

Be Safe— Right place, Right Time

Thea H

Kangaroos

Ruby A

Lachlan D

Platypus

Juliet M

Mia W

Emu

Charlotte P

Tahj D

HOME READING AWARDS

Bronze

25 nights reading

Mitchell W, Cooper J, Malikye W, Tye M, Anthony C, Ellenor J

Silver

50 nights reading

Gold

75 nights reading

Double Bronze

100 nights reading

Double Silver

125 nights reading

Double Gold

Royal

200 nights reading

Double Royal

250 nights reading

Excellence

300 nights reading

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Wyatt B, Jazmin L, Abbigale L, Cooper J, Naomi Mc

BAKER BAKER

9 Mar

Kookaburras

Miley C

Kangaroos

Hudson C

Emus

Mackenzie D

Platypuses

Sarah R

16 Mar

Kookaburras

Logan D

Kangaroos

Lachlan D

Emus

Tahj D

Platypuses

Stella F

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

8th March
15th March

Dianne Davies
Linda Gee

ENJOY WORK BY THE EMUS CLASS



If I were a Spider I would



I would pull pranks on my mum and dad also human beings. I would tighth a web or spin a web to a water fountain and when a human comes and they start drinking from it I would connect it to there^{the} mouth so then I could go in there^{their} mouth.



Such a scary spider!

By Jade



If I were a Spider.....



I would trap ^{flies} FLYS
and save them for
dinner and I would spin
a web near a light
and eat them. I would
live on a roof so I
can't get sucked up
in the vacuum ^{cleaner} me up.

By Cooper

If I were a Spider.....



If I were a spider I would
catch insects in my strong
beautiful web. I would eat
them for my dinner ^{dinner}.

By Mackenzie

If I were a Spider.....



If I were a spider

I would ^{catch} ~~catch~~ create a web and I
would ^{fly} ~~catch~~ a fly and I would eat it.
The fly was ^{yum} ~~yummy~~ and I would
^{create} ~~create~~ a ^{bed} ~~bed~~ and I would ^{to} ~~to~~ sleep in it.

By Danial



Grace



Neve



EASTER RAFFLE



Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct
payment **(cash only)**

With child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Please return by Wednesday 28th March.

Raffle Drawn on Thursday 29th March.

\$1—1 ticket

\$5.00—10 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle	SMIS Easter Raffle
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone	Class or Phone
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