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NEWSLETTER

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Week 6 Term 3



Robo Legends competing in Sydney

Robocup Competition

Congratulations to our Robocup Teams who recently competed in the Robocup Jnr Regionals held at the University of Newcastle. Both teams competed in the rescue challenge, where teams were required to design, build and program a robot capable of making its way through an obstacle course to save a victim, being a shiny can, from a simulated chemical spill.

Both teams worked hard with new and challenging problems to solve on the day of the event. Our two teams delighted in the fact they got to complete and one team, the Robo Legends, tied in 3rd place, just missing out on the Grand Final by mere seconds. The result was still good enough to compete at the State Robocup Junior competition held in Sydney. The Robo Legends left school at 4:50am on Monday the 20th of August to compete against the best in NSW, while they didn't make the top three to move on, the team learnt a lot and walked away 18th out of 42 other teams from across NSW. It has definitely left our students keen to keep learning about robotics and programming and they are already talking about preparing for next year's competition!



Robo Stars at the University of Newcastle competition

Stage 2/3 Great Aussie Bush Camp

We are now only 4 school weeks away from going to camp. Families are reminded that full payments must be made by **Wednesday 12th September**, which is only 2 weeks away. We do have a waiting list so if you have not paid in full by this date your child's spot will be offered to someone on the list. Students who do not demonstrate our school values may be withdrawn from camp and the position given to someone on the waiting list.

Stage 2 Author Visit Cessnock High School

Students in 3B, 3/4C and 4B have been given a detailed permission note regarding an excursion to Cessnock High School to hear from Jackie French a renowned and accomplished author. This excursion will be held on **Wednesday 19th September**. The visit is free to students thanks to the generosity of Cessnock City Council, however students are required to pay \$5.00 for the bus and seating is limited. All students will need to be dressed in full winter uniform and be at school by 8.45am.

Hunter Life Education Programs

Starting on **Monday 24th September to Wednesday 26th September**, Healthy Harold from Hunter Life Education will be visiting our school. Hunter Life aims to deliver programs which aim to motivate encourage & empower children and young people to make life choices for a healthy future. It does this by providing relevant and innovative drug and health education in a safe and supportive environment. These programs would normally cost \$10 per student. This year however, we have been fortunate to receive funding from ANSVAR Insurance enabling all students to attend free of charge. We thank ANSVAR for their generous support. Merchandise will be available and we ask that all permission slips, orders and correct money be returned to the office by **Friday 21st September**.

Calendar Events

August

- 30 Father's Day Stall & Raffle
- 31 CHS Taster Lessons for Year 6 Transition
- 31 Canteen Pre-orders Due
- 31 Father's Day BBQ 8.45am

September

- 3 Pre-loved Book Sale

Cessnock High School Year 7 Transition

Students attending Cessnock High School for Year 7 2019 have been given a detailed note regarding taster lessons on **31st August and 13th September**. Please sign and return the permission form as soon as possible for your child to be involved in this exciting program.

Father's Day Breakfast

We are happy to invite you to our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast on **Friday 31st August from 8.45am**. We look forward to sharing this time with you.

Creative Canteen Pre-Order Lunch

The School Canteen will be having a fun \$6 pre-order lunch on **Tuesday 4th September**.

Recess will be as normal, however, only pre-ordered lunches will be available at lunchtime. **Please have your order and payment returned to the canteen by Friday 31ST August** Thank you.

Journey of Discovery – Kindergarten 2019

Our 'Journey of Discovery' program for pre-schoolers has commenced. The program will continue on **Friday 7th September from 9.30am-10.30am**. If you know of any families who are starting their child next year please have them call into the office to be part of this exciting adventure. Enrolment packs are available to collect from the office at any time. The school will require to have a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation Records, Proof of Residency and enrolment forms returned as soon as possible to enrol them for Kindergarten 2019. We are also happy to take uniform orders for families to make regular payments towards before the end of Term 4. If you have any questions regarding your child commencing Kindergarten please call into the office for a chat.

Science & Maths Challenge

On Wednesday the 15th August a group of Stage Three students participated in a Maths and Science Challenge and Bridge Building Competition at Cessnock High School. The 6 students employed the Deep Learning Skills and were very successful, winning both competitions. Congratulations to Courtney, Gabrielle, Jake, Levi, Naomi and Pepe for your teamwork and exemplary representation of our school.

Library News

Ninjas, Harry Potter, Elsa, even Minecraft characters (just to name a few) made an appearance at last weeks annual book character parade.

It was great to see so many students put imagination and creativity into their costumes. A big thank you to all family and friends who helped with costumes and came along to the parade. Your support at these special events is very important to our students. We know they love sharing these event with you all.

Also another big thank you to all the students that have worked so hard at becoming responsible borrowers. It is great to see so many books being borrowed and returned from the library on a weekly basis.

Photos from the book parade can be viewed on the school

website.

Pre-loved books will again be on sale on Monday 3rd September at first half lunch. Bring a bag and grab a bargain. All money raised will be donated to "The Wombat Foundation"

Merit Award System

Merit Awards are given to students throughout the year who display quality work, good behaviour, exceptional sportsmanship and the list goes on. Each time your child receives five merit awards bring them into the office to pass onto Mrs Sweeny.

5 Merit Awards = Principal's Award

10 Merit Awards = Whole Staff Award

15 Merit Awards = Gold Award

20 Merit Awards = Excellence Award

21st Century Deep Learning Skills

What does this mean?

At Cessnock East, we like to focus on teaching important skills our students will need in the future.

Our 5 Deep Learning Skills are:

- * *Communicate*
- * *Reflect*
- * *Collaborate*
- * *Critically Think*
- * *Create & Innovate*



For the next 2 weeks, the Deep Learning Skill we will focus on is **CREATE and INNOVATE!** This involves students feeling compelled, enthusiastic and passionate about their learning, by going beyond expectations and using technology to achieve success.

Early Stage 1 students will:

- * Ask Questions
- * Work independently and keen to try new things
- * Create solutions

Stage 1 students will:

- * Be motivated to lead their own learning
- * Confident exploring and developing deeper thinking
- * Present ideas imaginatively showing consideration of the audience

Stage 2 students will:

- * Creative lines of inquiry
- * Link different ideas together

Stage 3 students will:

- * Be highly driven and self-motivated to follow a line of enquiry
- * Have the confidence to step out of the comfort zone to create something unique