

Thursday 22nd October

9:30



Diary Dates:

Kindergarten Transition commences: Monday 12th October (see all dates inside our newsletter)

Grandparent's Day - Thursday 22nd October 9:30 - 11am

Emergency Drill - Tuesday 27th October

Locked Down Drill - Thursday 29th October

Road Safety for Kids - Thursday 5th November

Sculpture in the Vines excursion - Thursday 19th November

Beach Days - Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December

Report Cards Home - Monday 7th December

Carols at Congewai - Friday 11th December

School Presentation Day - Wednesday 16th December

Welcome to Week 2, of term 4.

We're off and running into term 4 with our first week done and dusted already and off into the second.

Yesterday saw our first Kindergarten Orientation day for the year with our 'almost Kinders' eagerly participating in lessons and learning with Mrs Beneke and Miss Naysmith. Finishing after recess, they didn't want to go home, a good indication that they enjoyed their first day.

We start our Waterwatch lessons tomorrow with a short walk to the Congewai Creek and back. At the creek, we'll be taking note of the vegetation growing along the creek, the wild life that is easily visible and the visible health of the water. We'll be collecting water samples from the creek and looking at it under magnification to see what it looks like close up. This will be the first of our three visits over the next few weeks and we'll observe changes and keep a record of our findings.

Our swimming lessons commence next week at the Cessnock Swimming Pool. Miss Naysmith and I will be conducting the lessons with the children and I'd like to remind parents to return the swimming information note if you haven't already. Permission and medical information notes have been included with this week's newsletter.

We'd like to invite all Grandparents to our Grandparent's Day on Thursday of next week, where our children will show off their school and their learning and participate in activities with their grandparents. We'll finish off the day with morning tea, yummy treats and recess for the kids.

*Until next week,
Donna Stackman*



Swimming Lessons Timetable

Friday 23/10/15	Cessnock Swimming Pool
Friday 30/10/15	Cessnock Swimming Pool
Friday 6/11/15	Kurri Aquatic Centre 12-1:30
Friday 13/11/15	Cessnock Swimming Pool
Friday 20/11/15	Cessnock Swimming Pool
Intensive swimming dates still to be confirmed	

News from the classroom:

Notes out today

- ◇ Whole school: Swimming permission and medical information notes
- ◇ Child protection notes

Speaking and Listening topic: Our topic will be of their own choice this week.

Genius Hour: The primary students commenced this last week and will continue as part of their Friday's learning.

Friday - Library: Children who borrow this week will receive a sticker on their chart.

Kitchen Garden: In gardening this week we'll be weeding and watering, and adding good nutrients to our soil. We'd love some help if you're free.

Sport: For this week, we'll be again practice fundamental movement skills, along with all the things we learned in gymnastics. We'll also be practicing ball games and ball sports. Next week we start our swimming lessons.

Beep Test: We're getting better in the beep test! Even the new 'almost Kinders' did it with us. We'll be putting the challenge out to parents soon, so be ready!

Waterwatch: We'll be walking to the Congewai Creek on Tuesday, for the first of our Waterwatch lessons. Children will be walking in single file along the edge of the roadway, behind teachers, with a teach in the middle and following behind. Teachers will all wear safety vests for traffic visibility.



*A Special Invitation for
Very Special People*

*We'd like to invite all
Grandparents and those who
play this role in our
children's lives, to our
Grandparent's
Day*

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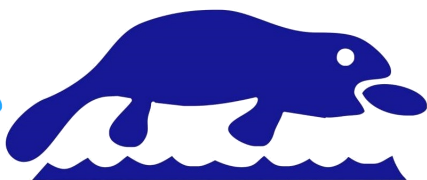
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Don't forget...Head Check Friday!

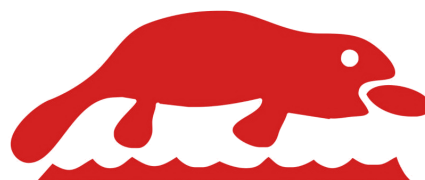
On Friday afternoons, check kids hair, give it a good going over because the crawlies do like to hide, and treat if necessary.



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