



All ready for a busy day of face painting!

Diary Dates:

Thursday 2nd April - Hat Parade + morning tea 11am

School resumes term 2 - Student 21st April

Welcome to our last week of term 1, it has certainly come around very fast.

Many thanks to all who assisted in the preparation of our very successful Harvest Festival yesterday. It would not have been such a great day without the continued support from our school staff and their families, our parent community and our wider community. Many attended our working bee, helped set up and pack up and manned positions of the day, and we'd like to say a heartfelt big thankyou for all the help.

We'd like to congratulate our pie bake winner and our pumpkin carving winner. Mrs Pynsent, Cessnock's Lady Mayoress, judged Neil Lindsay's pie the best and we'd like to thank him for donating his \$100 prize back to the school. Mr Barnes, Cessnock's Art Gallery Director judged Vanessa Blackmore's pumpkin to be the winning entry. Congratulations to the two winners.

We'd also like to congratulate K. Fickin one of our stall holders, who was the winner of our fabulous raffle. This great prize consisted of two beautiful hand painted cushions, donated by Leah Art Design, 4 bottles of wine from Pepper Tree Wines and a bottle of wine from De Bortoli Wines, along with a chocolate bouquet from Bouquet Addiction.

Many thanks must also go to Music for Life, for organising great busking throughout the day. As a local Cessnock business, they were very happy to support our school and bring many of their music students along for the day to share their talents.

As this is our last week before commencing the Easter Holiday and our term break, we will finish the week off with our school Hat Parade on Thursday. Parents are reminded that hats are to be made at home and brought into school on Thursday morning. We won't be making the hats in class time.

Our parade will be at 11am followed by morning tea. We'd like to invite all parents and families join us and request that all bring a plate of yummys to share.

We've certainly had a very busy term and our children have been busily learning, creating and enjoying school life. Next term will be full of learning wonders, enjoyment and fun.

We do hope that all our families enjoy a restful holiday break, and I personally would like to encourage our school staff to have a well earned rest and relaxing holiday.

I'll see you all back at school on Tuesday, 21st of April.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

For Sale

Beautiful mulching hay

\$6 per bale

Collect at school



Hat Parade

Wear your best home made hat for our Hat Parade. Family members too. What theme will you have?

Thursday 2nd April at 11am

Families are invited to join us for morning tea.

Bring a plate of yummies to share.



News from the classroom:

Morning speaking and listening topic: This week our students have a 'free' choice of topic. We have discussed in class the importance of having a quality topic, not just 'on the weekend I....', where the skills we've learnt in class are still applied in presenting an interesting speaking topic. They are, as always, encouraged to bring in props etc, to add emphasis to their speaking topic.

Home Readers: we've asked all our students to return their home readers last week with homework folders. Please send them in this week if unable to do so last week. They'll be ready and waiting for them to start off term 2.

Library: Thursday will be our last library day for the term. This will only be for returning and borrowing. We'd like to encourage our students to borrow reading books for the holidays to keep their skills high.

Congratulations to our competition winners and thank you to our judges, Mrs Pynsent and Mr Barnes.

