Thursday 26th March 2015

Video games

Age appropriate video games can be an amazingly engaging activity for children, sharpening reflexes and concentration. Multiplayer games can provide for a social experience and provide a common interest for children.

We are becoming concerned about children engaged in age inappropriate games, exposing them to adult themes. We are seeing the games played out in the playground, along with these adult themes.

I am particularly concerned about imaginative play increasingly involving aggressive language, creating a normalisation of violence towards women and a lack of regard towards the welfare of others. Students report these themes are linked to video games.

It is well worthwhile reviewing the classification of video games to ensure that these are age appropriate—further information can be found via www.classification.gov.au

School dress

The current school tunic has been worn by female students for more than 30 years and we are looking for a more modern uniform for our students. We are examining an option that will allow for purchase from a variety of suppliers at a reasonable price. We are also keen to ensure a fit that will suit a range of students and be suitable for Bellbird’s climate.

Next term I will be seeking opinion regarding this new option. As with our sports shirt proposal in 2014 significant community support will be required to move forward with any uniform change.

Luke Hubbert
Principal

Safetytown website – A road safety education program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit https://www.safetytown.com.au

Easter Hat Parade

Next Thursday from 12pm we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade—all are welcome to attend. This event will include a parade for younger children and the P&C will draw the Easter Raffle. A barbeque lunch is planned—be in the look out for order forms.

Go Forward
**Students of the Week**

**KH**
- Emma M for always producing high quality work.
- Jaxson C for great work in learning his sounds.
- Carter B for excellent presentation of news.
- Taylah L for outstanding presentation of work.

**KT**
- Ella H for a big improvement in reading.
- Byron B for an improvement in letter writing.
- Aurora T for putting in 100% effort in all areas.
- Isaac H for improved number skills.

**S1G**
- Nathaniel M for expressive and entertaining narration.
- Bethany R for expressive and entertaining narration.
- Thomas H for outstanding spelling.
- Stella H for neat work, great reading and perfect manners.

**S1PB**
- Dylan B for always being respectful.
- Kyle F for always showing 6L’s and being a great learner.
- Janaya-Rae S for improvement in reading.
- Ebony F for always producing quality work.

**S1S**
- Kaitlyn W for improvement in her reading and writing skills.
- Nash W for excellent writing in literacy groups.
- Estelle N for her confidence in the class to engage in all activities.
- Jackson T for trying his hardest and engaging in HSIE in class.

**S2E**
- Will S for showing a mature and grown up attitude in the classroom.
- Cooper B for magnificent news, working as an effective class member and having an impressive knowledge of country capitals.

**S2S**
- Ebony L for always giving 100% to her work.
- Connor G for continually doing his best.

**S3B**
- Joshua B for outstanding results in maths test.
- Ryan C for leadership in the classroom.

**S3R**
- Taijh B for effort and application in writing.
- Emma R for application and dedication to learning.

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**Justice of the Peace**

We now have a JP at the school. Mr. Ebert is happy to make himself available for any community member needing the services of a JP on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm - 4:15pm (during school terms). If you would like to make an appointment during those times please contact the school office.

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Cessnock Scout Hall—Monday
6.00 to 7.00pm
### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Commencing 30 March 2015**

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### Dates to Remember

**Term 1, 2015**

**Week 9**
- **Friday March 27**
  - Stage 2 Debating

**Week 10**
- **Monday March 30**
  - Assembly Item S3M
  - Stage 2 Debating
- **Tuesday March 31**
  - Stage 1 Excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo
  - Stage 2 Local Government Excursion
- **Thursday April 2**
  - Easter Hat Parade
  - Last Day Term 1

**Term 2, 2015**

**Week 1**
- **Monday April 20**
  - Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday April 21**
  - Students return for Term 2
- **Thursday April 23**
  - Zone Cross Country
Easter holiday activities @ your library
Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.
Tickets on sale mid March.

Easter Craft – ages 5-12
Monday March 30 Kuri Kuri Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE
Tuesday March 31 Cessnock Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE

Come along to this free Easter craft workshop - wear old clothes, as one of our planned activities, dyeing Easter Eggs, can get very messy!

Me and My Shadow Story time – ages 2-6
Tuesday April 7 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Wednesday April 8 Kuri Kuri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Have fun with shadows – stories, songs and craft

Sock Puppet Making Workshop – ages 5-12
Wednesday April 8 Kuri Kuri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE

Every family has stray socks – rescue one from your rag bag and bring it to life in this workshop - bring a sock in and take home a puppet!

Baby Rhymetime – ages 0-2
Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 10.00-10.30 FREE
Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Monsters! Story time – ages 2-6
Tuesday April 14 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Wednesday April 15 Kuri Kuri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Monstrous stories, songs and craft!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+
Tuesday April 14 Kuri Kuri Library 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00
Tuesday April 15 Cessnock Library 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00

Pizza, Wii and board games

Make a Monster! Junk Sculpture Workshop – ages 5-12
Tuesday April 9 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Thursday April 11 Kuri Kuri Library 1.00 – 2.00 FREE

It's alive! Use recycled materials and your imagination to create a wild monster!

Movie & Craft Afternoon – ages 5-12
Wednesday April 15 Kuri Kuri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Thursday April 16 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by a free craft activity.

Aboriginal Art & Astrology Workshop – ages 11+
Thursday April 16 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Free Youth Week workshop - learn about Aboriginal astrology, then participate in the creation of a group painting using the images and symbols you've learnt about.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934389 or Kuri Kuri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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