Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Year 6 students who took part in the Science and Engineering Challenge. They put in a great effort and finished a highly commendable 4th overall on the day.

Our Sports Horse Team had a very successful event at Coonabarabran with Emme and Chloe both taking out Champion rider in their divisions and Macy being awarded Reserve Champion. Fantastic work team!

Today is the final visit by Newcastle University Aim High Team who have been working with years 4 and 5. Year 4 have been enjoying the ‘Careers Through Science’ program while Year 5 have benefited from the ‘Careers Through Reading’ program.

We’d like your input on school matters and encourage you to complete the ‘Tell Them From Me’ parent survey. More information is attached. The direct link can be found on the website and school app.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Susan Sims,
Principal.

Safety around our school
To ensure the safety of all students parents must not drive into or park in the school grounds to drop off or pick up students at any time.

Parents are reminded:
**that parking at the front of the school is rear to kerb. Please park as directed only and not across parking area when dropping off or collecting children.
**at shop gate all students are to cross at the pedestrian crossing at all times. Parents waiting for children are asked to cross only at the crossing and not in front of shop.

***With the holidays approaching parents are asked to keep an eye out on school grounds. If you see any person/s acting suspiciously please, do not confront them but contact the Cessnock Police on 4991 0199 or Police Assistance Line 131444. Thank You.

Absences
*All student absences must be followed by a note when the student returns. Parents can email the school ellalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone the school before 9am on the morning of absence.

*Students arriving late must come to the office before going to the classroom. Parents collecting students early must come to the office before proceeding to the classroom.

P & C News
*P & C membership is $2.00 per family and payable at office or at P & C Meeting. The next P & C Meeting to be held next Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 3.30pm. Everyone Welcome!!!

*PLEASE REMEMBER ALL PARENT AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A ‘WORKING WITH CHILDREN’ CHECK completed. Please bring to office so it can be recorded. The school must sight this document each school year.

*Headlice treatment available at school see attached.

Canteen News
*The canteen will be open each Monday and Friday for recess and lunch with full menu available and 30 minutes from 1pm on each Wednesday during Term 4.

Friday September 18
R Chapman N Kirk

Term 4

Wednesday October 7
R Chapman

Friday October 9
R Chapman N Kirk

Fathers Day Raffle
Thank you for all the support we received for this fundraiser. We raised approximately $730.00.

Fathers Day Stall
Year 6 Fundraising made $606.00 from the Fathers Day Stall. Thank you to each family who donated gifts for the stall.
Central Book Fair
Thank you again for your wonderful support of our school, we sold $830.00 worth of books some of which were donated back to our library. We received $249.00 worth of library books as commission.

School Uniform available at office - *Red School Shirt $30 each *Red School Hat $12 each  
*Girls School Dress $45 each *Red Polo Fleece Jacket $30 each  *Girls Uniform Material $15 per metre.

Student Belongings
Please make sure all of your child/children’s clothing including jumpers and hats are clearly marked with his /her name.  
*Remember - a ‘no hat no play’ policy is in force at our school during recess and lunch.  
*Please make sure all students wear full school uniform.  
*Lost property box in office foyer.

Friday Assembly and Merit Awards
At Friday assembly teachers give out Merit Awards to selected students. When you child has received 5 Merit Awards please bring them to the school office and a Principal’s Award will be presented at the ollowing assembly. If 5 Principal Awards are received a school pen is a awarded.  *Awards must be at the office no later than Thursday morning at 10am to be included in the next day’s assembly.

Assembly Awards - Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9.

PBL Award - Zane Enright, Jordyn O’Hearn, Bella Young, Jake Francis, Seth Koop, Emily Jackson, Jennifer Lee, Charlie Hosking and Lily Bridger-Darling.

Reading Award - Zachary Elliott, Bella Young, Riley Rees, Logan Cullen, Lucy Beckett, Lilly Bridge, Braiden Wyborn, Fletcher Phillip, Syklah Cameron, Noah Anderson, Nikkita Griffith, Macy Langworthy, Brayden Metz, Eathan Greentree, Mack Adamson, William Metz, Thomas Hancock, Jennifer Lee, Lawson Beckett, Jack Swanbrough and Ellie Bridger-Darling.

Principal Award - Aari Benbow, Mykailah Wilson, Alex Crump and Macy Langworthy.

Multilit Award - Lochlen Corcoran.

Dates for your Calendar
October 6       Day 1 Term 4 Students return (No Pupil Free Day)  
October 13     P & C Meeting 3.30pm  All Welcome  
October 21     Interrelate Yrs 3-6 (details next term)  
October 30     Day for Daniel (Wear red)  
November 16 - 20 Swim School - K-Yr 6 at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre  
December 1     Presentation Day  
December 2     Yr 6 Farewell