Well done to the students who participated in the Small school swimming carnival that was held on Wednesday of this week. A big thanks goes to Mrs Ryan who went along to the carnival and helped with the smooth running of the carnival. Thanks also to Simone Smith (Laguna PS) for organising the event.

The mini iPads arrived this week and the students have been busy creating podcasts and mini movies using apps such as Garageband and iMovie. The students have really enjoyed using these technology tools and are creating some great work. If you are interested in these apps you can download them for free from the app store straight to your iPad or iPhone.

The school weekly assembly will run from 2:40pm every Wednesday in the school library. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Father Graham Jackson will be working with us on Wednesdays starting next week. Students are asked to bring in a glass jar with a plastic lid before the day.

Over the last few weeks I have been having parent teacher meetings with parents. It has been great to sit with you and discuss your child’s individual needs. During next term I will arrange a time to talk to you again and see how things are progressing. In the meantime if you would like to discuss something related to your child’s education please see me either before or after school.

Michelle Murphie
Small school swimming carnival

The boys chilling out at the pool.

Congratulations to Zander and Daniella for achieving second place in their events.

Thanks Mrs Ryan for helping our kids out on the day.

A big thanks to the parents for attending the carnival and supporting their children.
10th February 2014

Child Dental Benefits Schedule 2014 Introduction

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) commenced on 1 January 2014 and will provide access to benefits for basic dental services to children aged 2-17 years. It will replace the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP) which was a prevention only scheme.

The total benefit entitlement will be capped at $1,000 per child over a two calendar year period. A Child’s eligibility for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule is assessed at the beginning of each year and requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or a relevant Australian Government payment.

The CDBS will provide individual benefits for a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and will not be paid for any services provided in a hospital.

All Hunter Dental Group practices will be accepting these vouchers and 

Will FULLY BULK BILL to Medicare.

This means as long as funds are available there will be NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE.

To make a booking please contact your local practice on:

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Don’t forget the Cessnock Show is on this weekend Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February.

Check out what’s on:

- On Saturday there will be entertainment from the High Velocity trick riders and international freestyle motorcycles and the fireworks spectacular at 9.30pm.
- A lifelike baby T-Rex, Rexie will captivate and amaze the audience with his realistic features and massive size plus there’s a cool collection of dinosaur fossils including skulls, claws, teeth and eggs to be viewed.
- Hunter Valley Zoo will provide animal displays both Friday and Saturday from midday and poultry displays will also be held both days.
- Rides and attractions such as dodgem cars, the Zipper, Whizzer, Hurricane, bumper boats, bungees and water balls, mini Ferris wheel, jumping castles, clowns, balloon bust, knock-ems, shooting gallery, Hi-Strikers and catch-a-duck.
- Inter-school agriculture challenge. Three high schools are competing in vegetables, poultry and eggs, and 14 primary schools are competing in vegetables.