We only have a few sleeps until the end of term and while that is exciting we still have lots of things to do before the final day of the term rolls around. We will have a mini open day on Wednesday with the Easter Fun Day so please come and join us for some craft and yummy treats.

Don’t forget about ANZAC Day and the march in Cessnock that I am hoping every student can participate in. It would be great if we could all march alongside our fellow schools as part of the Cessnock Community of Great Public School (CCGPS) to show community spirit. Our school will be laying wreaths at both the dawn and day services. Please let me know if your child/children will be attending either or both services.

After school sport is going great and all the kids are enjoying the activities put on by Simone Smith and her team of assistants.

We are on the countdown to our Easter Market Day on Monday 21st April. Please keep your fingers crossed that the rain stays away on that day at least, so we can enjoy a lovely day in the community. Hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the weekend – Michelle Murphie
What’s happening?

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Office news

Please remember to return all permission notes to the office. We still have a few outstanding for term 2 sport. Please return them with your payments as soon as possible.

School banking has commenced. As usual, banking day is Wednesday. Please bring your banking wallets in and leave them on Mrs Ryan’s desk.

Merit award

Well done to Archie Cranch (Yr 2) – for improved reading skills

P & C news

Don’t forget our annual fundraiser EASTER MARKET DAY Monday 21st April. Community members and their children/grandchildren are invited to our Easter Fun Day that is happening on Wednesday 9th April in the school library. Come and join us for a day of craft, singing, a hat parade, egg hunt and a snack.

Regards, Lindy

Opportunities for and emphasis on environmental programs

www.wollombi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Student activities

Thanks Cassie for helping us make the delicious carrot cake!!

Chaplain’s Chatter

WHAT’S ON?
A great idea that has been tried in a number of schools and was discussed about 2 months ago between Mrs Murphie and me has been the setting up of a coffee chat once a week. So here we go - next week we begin. Next Wednesday from 9am to 10am, and then every Wednesday in the school term, after the students have been dropped off at school, I will be in the meeting room in the office. It’s a wonderful opportunity for all the parents to meet together and have the opportunity to chat.

I’ll say “hello” to the students as they arrive and then make my way down to the meeting room.

Hope I’ll see you there!
When: 9am-10am  Wednesdays every week in the school term

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Where: The meeting room in the school admin area
TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED

And remember Kids Matter because ‘kids Matter.
Graham

**Community news**

**School holiday kids and family camps**
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

**Managing screen-time**
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

**Books to boost brains**
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

**Cessnock City Library**
Don’t forget to check out the school holiday activities at Cessnock City Libraries this upcoming holidays. Phone the library on 49934399 to find out what’s on.