We had an exciting day at Shortland Wetlands on Friday. The day was packed full of activities all relating to the wetlands and the life forms that make it their home. We walked through the area and spotted a range of ducks, went dipnetting and caught samples that we then put under the microscope. As we were the only school attending that day we pretty much got the place to ourselves. The kids loved playing on the equipment during breaks and posed lots of interesting questions to the teachers.

We have started to prepare for the Cross Country that is coming up next month for our students who will be turning 8+ this year. This week we have learnt how to use trundle wheels to measure distances and will now use those skills to mark out our own course on school grounds. We will then use our PE time on Mon, Tues and Wed to prepare for the big event. A note will be coming home next week with more information about this activity.

ANZAC Day is fast approaching and I have been in contact with the organisor of the Wollombi Dawn Service. We are hoping to have some students represent our school at this service and take an active role by reciting a poem and short story related to ANZAC Day. If your child is interested in this activity please see me and we’ll have a chat. I have also been making enquiries into the ANZAC Day march that is held in Cessnock every year around 11am. It would be great if students from our school joined the march along with the other schools within the Cessnock area. If your child will be participating in this march please let me know also.

Enjoy the weekend – Michelle Murphie
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**Merit award**

Well done to Annalisa Ganino (K) – for collecting great samples while dipnetting at the wetlands.

**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
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.

For me it’s a great opportunity to look at the Kids Matter program and the ways in which parents play such an important role. Kids Matter revolves around the principle of bringing about positive school values. For us, as parents, this can be broken down to “What can we, as parents, do to bring about a positive school atmosphere?” “What do we, as parents, need to do in order to support our children in behaving positively, both in general and in their relationships with others?” “How do we, as parents, think and behave in such a way that will have a positive effect on the way in which our children think and behave?” The list can go on and on.
So this will be an opportunity for the parents to meet together and simply chat, or, if the mood takes us, have a look at some of the questions that I have outlined above. 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
Where: The meeting room in the school admin area
TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED

And remember Kids Matter because ‘kids Matter.
Graham

Community news

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!

at YOUR local Cessnock District Girl Guide Unit

For girls aged 7-18 years
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings in your area
Please contact Cessnock District Leader, Kylie, at cessnockguides@bigpond.com OR email Region Membership Advisor at helenEG2@live.com.au
Visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

Nulkaba Public School

Spring Fair

This Saturday 29th March
10am to 3pm

Rides, food stalls and fun for the family!!!