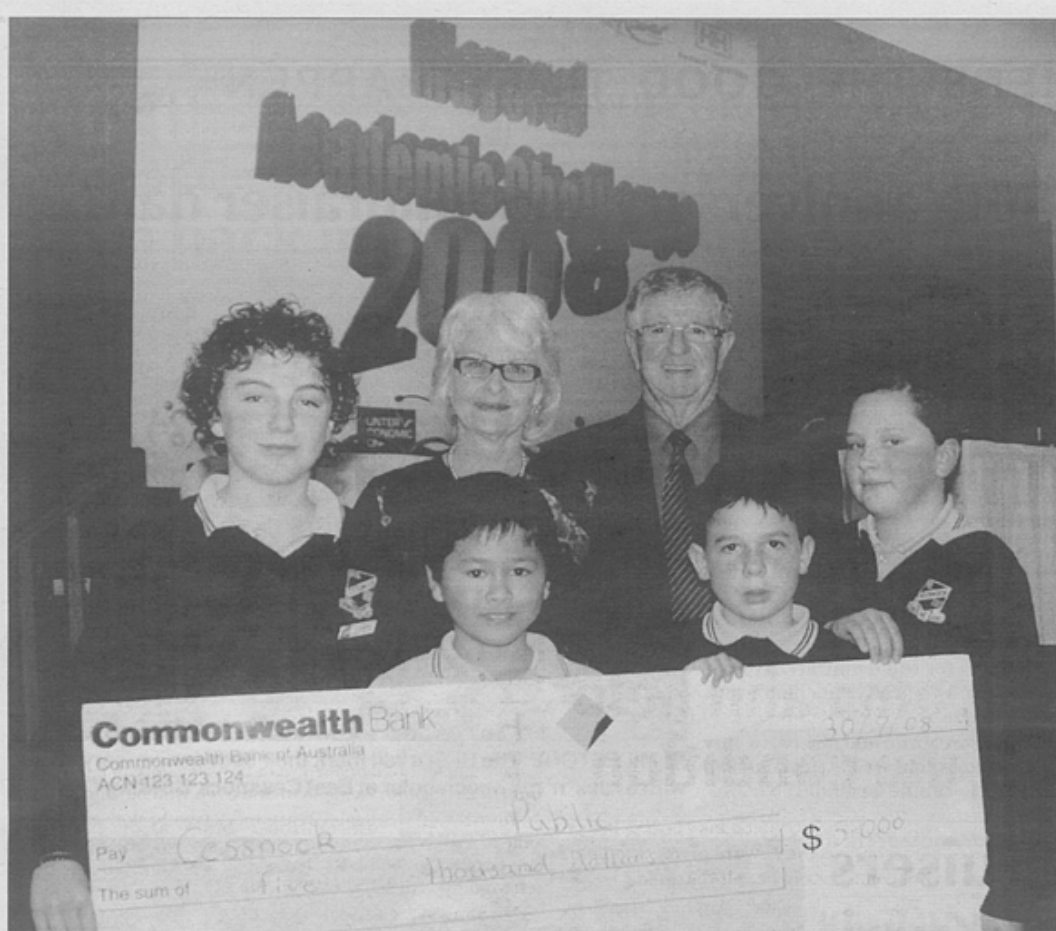


## Cessnock Public the Champions...

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■ **WINNERS:** Mayor and Mayoress of Cessnock, John and Lyn Clarence, with the victorious Cessnock Public School team (left to right) Tim Waterson, Carlo Swinton, Joshua Herring and Ashley Hunter.

# Cessnock Public the champions after a nail-biting finish to final

Cessnock Public School won this year's Mayoral Academic Challenge in a nail-biting tiebreaker finish with last year's champions Cessnock West.

Twenty local primary schools took part in the challenge, with Cessnock, Cessnock West, Greta and Kurri Public Schools, St. Brigid's Braxton and St. Philip's Christian College Cessnock making it through to the semi-finals and Cessnock, Cessnock West and St. Philip's battling it out in the grand final.

After 20 questions each and a rapid fire

buzzer round, Cessnock and Cessnock West were locked on 180 points, just 10 ahead of St. Philip's.

They endured a set of tie-breaking questions, with Cessnock coming out on top and taking home \$5000 for their school, a perpetual plaque and a voucher for a laptop computer, donated by HEZ.

Runners-up Cessnock West won \$3000 and third-placed St. Philip's took home \$2000.

Cessnock Public School's win earned them a play-off with the winner of the high school chal-

lenge, Mount View High School. The elder team was victorious, coming back in the rapid fire round to win by 40 points and take home \$500 for their school.

Mount View had earlier taken out the high school challenge, with St. Philip's in second place and Cessnock High third.

"The Challenge has been held for three years now and I am still amazed by these primary students. Their broad knowledge and speed in answering questions would impress a lot of adults - the 20 schools involved should be very

proud," said Mayor of Cessnock, Cr. John Clarence OAM.

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