



## Kearsley Public School

### NEWSLETTER

*"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"*

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## From The Principal's Desk

### Mathletics

The school has purchased a new online computer program called Mathletics. This program can be accessed by every student from school and home. Each student will be given a unique username and password **THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED**. Teachers will be able to set specific topics from the NSW Board of Studies mathematics curriculum and individual programs best suited to the students needs and abilities. It is used by 3.5 million students from K-12 worldwide bringing fun into learning maths. An introductory afternoon will be offered to parents early next year.

### Student Behaviour

I am often the first person to praise the great behaviour of the children at Kearsley Public School. However, in the last few days it has been disappointing seeing such a large number of children withdrawn from the playground for being **disrespectful to the teachers and their peers**. I have explained to the students that they are responsible for their own behaviour and we expect them to behave in a respectful manner at all times. If the children are removed from the playground for this type of behaviour, they will not be able to attend the PBL fun afternoon. I would appreciate if parents could assist the school with this issue and discuss this with their children. We have given the children many warnings about this behaviour and it needs to stop!

### Long Service Leave 2012

Mrs Pynsent and Mrs Holl will be taking Long Service Leave from the beginning of Term 1 2012. Ms Tracey King and Miss Rebecca Uhle will be their replacements during their leave.

### Important Dates:

22 Nov	Thank you Morning Tea 11:15am
28 Nov	2011 Presentation Day 10am
28 Nov	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner & Disco
1 Dec	Kearsley Carols by Candlelight
5 Dec	Yr 6 to Cessnock High School to begin Yr 7
16 Dec	Term 4 ends for Students
19 Dec	Staff Development & Training Day
20 Dec	Staff Development & Training Day
27 Jan	Staff Development & Training Day
30 Jan	Students Return for 2012 School Year
2 Feb	Kindergarten Students First Day

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## Merit Awards

	Mrs Pitt	Mrs Holl	Mrs Alcevski	Mrs Fairlie	Mrs Pynsent	Mr Lamph
<b>Week 4</b>	Korey T	Justin P	Claudia H	Luke P	Imogen B	
	Annabelle R	Liam O	Isabelle P	Abbie G	Nelson C	
<b>Student of the week: Daniel B</b>						
<b>Week 5</b>	Harrison R		Zoe G	Kerrod G	Zac T	
	Courtney S		Isabella K	Zac E	Kaitlin D	
			Felicity D	Elijah R-W		
<b>Student of the week: Leah-Maree P</b>						

### School Elections

Last week the students, parents and teachers were treated to some excellent speeches prepared by the candidates running for election. Thank you to all the Year 5 candidates who put in so much time and effort to be prepared for the day. The voting was the closest it has been for many years. The final four students who will take on the leadership of the school next year will be announced at the Presentation Day Monday 28th November.

### Learn To Swim Program Wrap-up

The Intensive Swimming Scheme has come to an end for 2011 at Cessnock Pool with Mrs Fairlie. The 36 students involved made excellent progress and their instructors were very impressed and pleased with the outstanding results achieved. A **HUGE** thankyou to all those parents who volunteered to transport the students each day over the two weeks as this enabled us to keep costs to a minimum. Your support as always is very much appreciated.

### Boardies Day

On Friday Nov 25 students will be able to wear their board shorts to school and make a gold coin donation to support "National Boardies Day-Surf Life Saving NSW". Money raised from the day goes towards much needed funds to support volunteer surf life savers. The Christmas break is not far away and many families enjoy a day at the beach. It is always good to see the Life Savers patrolling the beach keeping little kids and big kids alike safe.



### Canteen Secretary Wanted

The year is quickly coming to an end and some of you may be aware that this is my last year at the school and I will not be continuing on as the Canteen Secretary. I am looking for someone to take over the position ASAP so I can help the new secretary settle in to their new position. For any enquiries please call **49905534** or email **chrisg07@virginbroadband.com.au** or contact the school office. Many thanks Christine Gough.

### Headlice

Please check your children's hair regularly as cases of head lice have been reported. Removal of eggs must be done and lice needs to be treated before returning to school. Treatment needs to be repeated every week for several weeks to stop the life cycle of the lice.



## Volunteers Thankyou Morning Tea

The staff will be hosting a morning tea in the school hall on Tuesday 22 November at 11.15am. We would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who have contributed to the smooth running of the canteen, reading, gardens, sport, transport, cultural programs, classroom activities, Special Religious Education etc. We appreciate your work very much. **THANKYOU**

## Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on **Monday November 28 at 10am**. We look forward to this time of year where our students are rewarded for their hard work. As always special guests will be on hand to present the awards to the students. We hope to see as many families as possible attend.

## Year 6 Farewell Dinner & Farewell Disco

The Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held on **Monday November 28 starting at 5pm**, invitations have been sent home to Year 5 & 6. Please RSVP by Monday November 21 for catering purposes. At 7pm the rest of the school students will be joining Years 5 & 6 for the Farewell Disco. The disco will conclude at 9pm and it would be greatly appreciated if students could be collected promptly. Entry to the disco is \$3 per student. The P & C will have drinks, chips & glow sticks available for purchase.



## P & C Christmas Raffle

The P & C will be running a Christmas Hamper raffle to be drawn on Presentation Day. All donations of non perishable items for the hamper will be greatly appreciated. Items to be taken to the office by Friday 25 November. Raffle tickets have been sent home and if you require more books of tickets to sell please collect them from the office.



## Jollybops Science Show Report by Alex F & Zac T Year 5/6

On Tuesday November 15, all the students from K—6 attended the Jollybops Science Show. Everyone had lots of fun and learned some funny and cool scientific experiments. Zac and I liked it when Rusty the Robot gave flowers to Mrs Alcevski. We also discovered what happens when you put dry ice in a coffee container and then put the lid on—the lid **BLASTS OFF!!!**



**KEARSLEY  
COMMUNITY  
MARKET DAY**



To benefit the Dawn Service Committee  
and Hall Committee

Sat 19th November 2011, 8am start at  
Kearsley Community Hall

**Stall Holders \$10**

- Sausage sandwiches
- Devonshire teas
- Cold drinks
- Jams and Chutneys
- Christmas decorations
- Plants, bric-a-brac and lots more

**For more information call 49902556 B.H**



# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 4 2011

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## November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
<b>CLOSED</b> 21	Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes 22	Trudy Handley Sandy Robinson 23	Allison Powell Tammy Trappel 24	Kristy Callaghan Melva McLennan 25
<b>CLOSED</b> 28	<b>CLOSED</b> 29	Amanda Vine Nathan McInnes 30		

## December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
			Faye Brodie Paul Suvaal 1	Karieanne Clifford Amanda Penfold 2
<b>CLOSED</b> 5	Cherie Robinson Sarah Gurnhill 6	Katrina McGill Wes/Tina Batey 7	Allison Powell Tammy Trappel 8	Kristy Callaghan Melva McLennan 9
<b>CLOSED</b> 12	<b>CANTEEN</b> 13	<b>CLOSED</b> 14	<b>FOR</b> 15	<b>CLEANING</b> 16

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If you have visited the Gardens throughout the day, entry to the Christmas Lights Spectacular  
is just \$10.00 per adult and free for children with your receipt as proof of entry. Gardens open  
9 - 4pm. Closed 25 December. This event will not open in adverse weather conditions.

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## Fruit and Veg Orders

Thank you to Mrs Robinson for handling the orders. Please  
have your money in with the order by Friday to ensure deliv-  
ery on Wednesday. The school has been successfully operat-  
ing this service for most of this year and all customers have  
been very happy with their supplies.



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