



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principals Desk

Welcome back to all our students and families to Term 2. We have a lot of positives to build upon this term and I am looking forward to strengthening our successes and achievements within our school. Great schools work together.

Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents that represented and helped the school in an outstanding manner at the Kearsley Dawn Service and Cessnock ANZAC day march. It was extremely pleasing to see our students showing excellent behaviour and respect even in very trying conditions. Well Done!

Congratulations to all our students that represented Kearsley Public School at the Zone Cross Country, with Kearsley Public performing well above our size across all age groups. Thank you to all the parents that assisted us with transport and supervision. I would like to express a special good luck to all the students who made it through to the Hunter Region level as it is an outstanding effort.

This week will see the start of a very busy term with Netball and AFL knockouts happening as well as Star Struck practice and a Young Leaders conference all occurring this fortnight. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Year 3 and 5 will also be involved in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in week 4 (15th-17th May). Our students are well prepared for the NAPLAN, however any concerns you might have please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

As a part of assisting student learning the school will be monitoring student attendance. We ask all parents to let the school know if your child is going to be absent. Our goal is to reduce our unexplained absences within the school. Thank you for your support.

Important Dates:

9 May	Young Leaders Conference
10 May	A.F.L Gala Day
11 May	Book Club - last day for orders
11 May	Mother's Day Stall and Regional Cross Country
15 May	NAPLAN - Reading/Writing
16 May	NAPLAN - Language
17 May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
23 May	Walk Safely to School Day and Biggest Morning Tea
25 May	Yr 4 Excursion Wollombi
4-7 Sep	Canberra Excursion Year 5/6

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Canberra Excursion

Our Year five and six have started fundraising this week with all students involved in selling chocolates as a part of their efforts to lower the cost of our school's major excursion. All money raised will directly assist the students of 5/6 minimize the cost of their excursion to Canberra in Term 3 September 4 –7.

I would like to invite all parents from 5/6 to an afternoon meeting on ***Tuesday the 8th of May at 3.15pm*** to discuss our plans, costs and directions.

We are working very hard to minimize the cost to parents and open pathways for communication. If you could attend this meeting please let the office know.

Todd Osland

Tracey Graham

Relieving Principal

5/6 Teacher

School Sport

Kearsley Public School will start their sports program this Friday between 1 and 2 pm.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will complete a variety of skill and game based activities that helps them develop their fundamental movement skills and confidence.

Students in Years 3-6 will be divided in 3 groups and will be involved in Athletics, Softball and Bike riding. Students stay in one sport for 3 weeks and then rotate to another. If your child is involved in bike riding they **MUST** have a bike that is in good working order (road safe), a helmet and drink bottle. Any parents wishing to help out or come for a ride please contact the school. Kearsley Public School supports students to be healthy and active.

PSSA Knockout Netball

Congratulations to the girls team who won their match today against Pelaw Main Public School 6-4. Thank you to the parents who supported the girls and provided transport.

A.F.L Paul Kelly Cup Knockout Gala Day

Good luck to our boys AFL team competing in the A.F.L Gala Day on Thursday 10 May. Thank you to parents for your support and assistance with transport on the day.

Starstruck 2012

What: Rehearsal for our dance "We Will Rock You/We are the Champions.

Where: Newcastle Basketball Stadium

When: Monday May 7 2012. Your child will need to wear their sports uniform and bring plenty of food and drinks with them as it is a full session. Travel will be by parent transport. We will be leaving school at 8:45am and returning at approx. 3:00pm.

Regards,

Cathie Fairlie.



Opportunity Classes Applications for Year 5 2013

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for **Year 5 entry in 2013** are required to submit an application by **18 May 2012**. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2012 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2013.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the students) should apply for opportunity class placement **online** by going to the NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE. If you don't have access to the internet an application form will be available at the school office from Monday 7th May.

P & C Report

The P & C Annual General Meeting and Committee meetings was held on Tuesday, 13th March in the school library. Elections were held and the following positions have been filled.

President: Dannielle Ellis

Treasurer: Kristy Callaghan-Wilkinson

Secretary: Christina Batey

Vice President: Wendy Carrol

Assistant Secretary: Julianne Cripps-Clark

Assistant Treasurer: Melva McClellan

Canteen Treasurer: Kristy Callaghan-Wilkinson

Congratulations to all on your positions, and a hearty thank-you to all outgoing committee members, for a job well done!

Attending a P & C meeting is a great way to network with other parents, keep your finger on the pulse of school life, and to actively contribute to your child's education. If you would like to have copies of minutes and agendas emailed to you, have something you would like to be brought up at the next meeting, or to be notified of the next meeting, please call or text the secretary on 0411 389 689, or email chevbrock@yahoo.com.au.

Centenary Celebrations Update

A Centenary meeting was held on Tuesday and a committee consisting of Kathy Pynsent, Dannielle Ellis, Wendy Carol, Melva McLennan, Louise Tattersall and Tina Batey, was formed. We are looking forward to our celebrations in Term 3. Anyone that has information, photos, ideas or anything else to contribute, please feel free to approach any of the above ladies or contact the school with your details. A more detailed time and dates for celebrations will be published in future newsletters.

Kearsley Playtime

Playtime will be up and running in the next few weeks, It will still be on a Tuesday at 9.15am and the cost is \$2 per family, we are looking forward to this happening and will keep you posted as to when it will commence.

Fruit & Veg Drive

Kearsley P&C have recommenced FAV orders in Term 2. The four boxes are: small mixed fruit and vegetable box (\$22), large mixed fruit and vegetable box (\$32), fruit only box (\$27), and vegetable only box (\$27). To order you need to submit orders with money in an envelope showing your name, order details and phone number please:-

- giving it to your child on Tuesdays. Orders will be picked up from classrooms by 10am OR

taking it to the office where your order will be stored until our relieving FAV Co-ordinator (Mrs Duggan ph 4991 3108) picks it up the following Tuesday morning.

Orders will arrive back to school on Wednesdays and will be waiting for you to pick them up by 3pm inside the school hall.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

It's simple to participate: From the 9th May, when you shop at Woolworths collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There'll be 1 sticker for every \$10 spent*. Once your sticker card is completed, place them in the collection box near the office. More collection cards can be obtained from the office. ***excludes liquor, cigarettes, and gift cards.**





A.E.C.G General Meeting

Monday 7th May 2012
Abermain Public School
3.30pm - 5pm

RSVP: Thurs 3rd May

Contact:

Abermain Public School
Fax: 4930 4319

or

Stephanie AECG Secretary
0410 303538



Cessnock Family Support Service

Three Choices Parent Program



This three session program explores how parents can help children manage their behaviour. Parents will be presented with the **Three Choices Model** which includes **123 Magic** and **Emotion Coaching**. The program is designed for parents of children aged 2-12 years

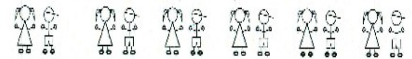
Dates: Wednesdays 9, 16, 23 May 2012

Times: 9.30am - 12 noon

Where: 5 Hall Street, Cessnock

Phone: 4990 4507

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Numbers will be limited



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Congratulations to Hermione V of 2/3 for winning the Bunning's Easter colouring competition. She happily spent her \$50 voucher on a new slippery dip for her baby sister.

Library Bags

Thank you to the Cessnock View Club ladies who generously make and then donate library bags to our school each year. The students and school appreciate your kind donation.

World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day is on 3 May. If you or someone in your family is one of the 10 per cent of people in Australia with asthma, you can find lots of resources to understand and manage this condition at: www.asthmafoundation.org.au

If your child suffers asthma, we recommend the school be given an up to date asthma management plan available from your child's GP or specialist. If they require an inhaler, please ensure there is one in their bag at all times.

**Book Club
Orders Due
By Friday 11
May 2012**

Kearsley Dawn Service Committee

Winners of the ANZAC day colouring competition were:

KINDER: Jorja K
YR 1/2: Aryahn H
YR 2/3: Keelee S
YR 4: Annaliese H
YR 5/6: Nicholas W
OVERALL GIRL: Sienna G

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2012. Students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

Find out more!

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods

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Anzac Day 2012



Easter Parade 2012

