



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

Kullaburra Awards

Congratulations to Isabelle P and Chelsea P who received their award for 100% Attendance while Jade G received the All-rounder Award for her efforts at school. This is another outstanding effort by our Aboriginal students. Keep up the great effort.

NAPLAN Results

Congratulations to the Years 3 & 5 students who received their NAPLAN results yesterday. It was good to see the Year 3 students close the gap on the state average in reading and Year 5 students were above the state average for growth between Year 3 and 5 in reading. The NAPLAN results will also assist the teachers develop strategies to improve areas where our students need extra assistance.

Live Life Well

This term the school has started a new program aimed at improving students awareness of healthy eating and being active. To assist this program we are adjusting the school lunch times so teachers are able to discuss with the children healthy eating choices. Starting Monday, the lunch bell will ring at 11:00 and the teachers will stay with their class for 10 minutes. The end of lunch bell will ring at 12:00 noon. Parents are reminded that the school encourages students to drink plenty of water, eating healthy options and be active as part of their daily education. Students need their sun safe hat every day.

Discipline Policy

Last week I spoke to all students about their manners and the way they spoke to teachers and their peers. My main focus is that we want to stamp out swearing and rude hand and body gestures. Swearing at a teacher will be an immediate Red Card. Swearing heard by the teacher towards others will be an Amber or Red depending on the severity and intent. Rude hand or body language seen or reported to the teacher will be an Amber card. All this information is then kept on the school system. I encourage parents to talk to their children about the way they communicate with their peers and teachers.

Important Dates:

18 Oct	LOUD Shirt day
23 Oct	Open Forum 2.30-3.30pm
31 Oct	Kinder 2014 Orientation 1 (9.10am-11am)
12 Nov	Kinder 2014 Orientation 2 (10.15am-11.30am)
14 & 15 Nov	ZooSnooze Excursion Yr 3 & 4
22 Nov	Kinder 2014 Orientation 3 (10am-11am)
28 Nov	Presentation Day / Yr6 Farewell

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Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Pitt	Mrs Singleton	Mrs Fairlie	Mr Falla	Ms Thompson
Zaria W	Kolbi B	Justin P	Darcy B	Riley B
Zac C	Bayley B	Keelee S	Jack G	Annaliese H
Harmony L	Tyler D	Alex K	Isabelle P	
Rubi S	Jed S	Sam A	Bailey R	
Monique A	Jorja K	Harrison R		
Jack B	Jade M	Chelsea P		
Darcy P				

PBL Bronze Award Recipients

Congratulations to Izaiah W, Jade G, Isabelle P & Zaria W who have reached the level of BRONZE in our PBL awards. They have each received 10 Kookaburra cards.

NAPLAN Test Results

NAPLAN test results were sent home to parents yesterday. For any questions or concerns please see your child's classroom teacher. They will be happy to discuss the results with you.

Zoo Snooze 14-15 November 2013

Zoo Snooze planning is well underway and we have some very excited students and teachers. All notes and \$50 deposit is required by 25 October 2013. The remaining \$40 is due on 8 November. A full list of requirements will be sent home this week.

Oakvale Farm 25 October 2013

K-2 students will be travelling to Oakvale Farm on Friday 25 October 2013. Permission notes and money need to be returned by Wednesday 23 October 2013.

Parent Survey

Parents are encouraged to participate in our online survey - School Engagement 2013. This will help us to evaluate our ability to communicate with parents and the wider community. Your feedback is appreciated to help us with the overall improvement of our school. Please type in the link below into your web browser to begin, there are only 8 questions and should only take a few minutes of your time. Feedback is required by October 31 2013

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolengagement2013>

Open Forum

Parents are invited to an Open Forum commencing at 2:30pm, with the teachers joining the meeting at 3:05pm on Wednesday 23 October in the library. The open forum is for everyone to have their input to the development of the school. We are happy to take all ideas and comments that will assist the school plan for a better future for the education of your children. If you are unable to make the meeting please send your ideas in writing to the office and we will raise your comments at the meeting for you. I look forward to seeing you there.

OZ Tag Gala Day

Selected students in Yrs 4,5 & 6 will be participating in an OZ Tag Gala Day at the Basin on Thursday 24 October 2013. Private transport will be required for the students to attend. Sports uniform is to be worn as well as joggers and a hat. Please pack plenty of bottled water, lunch, recess and sunscreen. Please return notes by 22 October 2013.

Loud Shirt Day

We will be holding an out of uniform day tomorrow (Friday 18 October) to raise money to help give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children. You can wear your brightest clothes for a gold coin donation.

Intensive Swimming Program, 28 October—8 November

Kearsley Public School will be participating in the Learn to Swim Program provided by the Department of Education. DEC provide qualified swim instructors to assist the students to learn how to swim and develop their skills. The program will take place at the Cessnock Public Pool starting on 28 October for two weeks finishing on 8 November.

This program is open to all students in Year 2 (expected to attend) and any student in Year 3-6 who does not swim 50 metres with confidence. The only cost is for entry to the pool which will be \$25.00 total for the 10 days. Private transport will be required to assist with travel. Please return notes and full payment to class teachers by Friday 26 October

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation

Orientation for our 2014 Kinders will begin in Term 4. The days for orientation are as follows:

- 1. Thursday 31st October 2013. 9.10am until 11am in the library.** Parents leave your child in the Kinder room before going to the library and collect him/her when the meeting is finished.
- 2. Tuesday 12th November 2013 from 10.15am until 11.30am.** Meet on the grass area near the sandpit ready for games (with Year 5 buddies). Parents stay in this session. Afterwards (11am) you and your child stay for lunch and eat with the buddies. Leave at 11.30am.
- 3. Friday 22 November 10am-11am. Come straight to the Kinder room.** Parents STAY to talk to Mrs Pitt (one on one to discuss your child) and Mr Lamph takes the class.
- 4. Tuesday 3rd December 2013 from 9.30am until 11.00am.** Come straight to the Kinder room. You leave your child here for the hour and a half.
- 5. Thursday 5th December 2013 from 9.30am until 11.00am.** Come straight to the Kinder room. You leave your child here for the hour and a half.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your family.

Active After School Term 4

Term 4 Active After School Sports starts today, Thursday 17 October and run for six weeks concluding on Thursday 21 November. The children will participate in dance, volleyball, touch football and cricket. This is a free program provided for the students to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. Parents are welcome to volunteer to help the teachers.

Student Banking Token Redemption Day—24 October

It is rewards time again! Bring your 10 silver tokens in with your banking on **Thursday 24th October**. They will be replaced with a GOLD token that you get to keep and we will order your reward for banking so regularly. Please nominate your preferred reward on an enclosed slip of paper selecting from this list please: Wallet, Knuckles Game, Handball, Torch Projector, Spen Moneybox, Cred Moneybox, Pat the Dog Moneybox, Addy Moneybox & Pru Moneybox.

School Crossing Supervisor

We would like to acknowledge the retirement of Mrs Fay Smith our school crossing supervisor. Fay has done a wonderful job over many years and the whole school community would like to wish her all the best for a relaxing retirement.

Quote To Lay Pavers

We are looking for a tradesperson to give us a quote to lay the centenary pavers. If you are able to help us out, we are willing to pay someone to do this job for the school. Please contact the office.

Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 4 2013

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

October 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7 CLOSED	8 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	9 Louise Robertson Karieanne Clifford	10 Amanda Penfold Amanda Vine	11 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
14 CLOSED	15 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	16 Lynda Cunningham Karieanne Clifford	17 Suzy Marr Crystle Crossley	18 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff
21 CLOSED	22 Tina & Wes Batey	23 HELP NEEDED	24 Amanda Penfold Tina Batey	25 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
28 CLOSED	29 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	30 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	31 Amanda Vine Kristy Jones	



Soccer Boot Donations

Mrs Fairlie is seeking donations of any old soccer boots and shin pads that your children may have grown out of. She keeps these in a box in her room then lends them to students on soccer days who don't have them. Thank you.



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Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.



Treasure Chest Prizes.

- Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
- 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *HOP*



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OPEN FORUM
Wednesday 23
October 2.30-3.30pm
in the school library.
We would love to hear
your thoughts.
ALL WELCOME!

The next P&C
meeting will be held
at 2pm on Thursday 7
November in the
school library.
ALL WELCOME!

Abernethy Healthy Lifestyle Association Inc (AHLA)
presents the first annual

"BioDiversity



Bash" NSW



A team scramble

in the beautiful Werakata National Park



***PRIZES**

***FOOD AND DRINKS**

***DISPLAYS**

***ENTERTAINMENT**



Sunday, 20th October, 2013

2pm

\$5 per family or \$10 per individual

Abernethy Guest House, Ferguson Street, Abernethy



Pre-Register at

<http://abernethyhealthylifestyle.webs.com/>

or on the day



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Abernethy Biodiversity Bash

Contact: Chrissy Grainger
 Abernethy Healthy Lifestyle Association
 Phone 02 49 91 5531
 Mobile 0419 237 936



Abernethy BioDiversity Bash

Abernethy 20th October: Abernethy Healthy Lifestyle Association (AHLA) with the support of National Parks and Wildlife, Rural Fire Service (RFS), Newcastle Cycleways, Hunter Cycle Skills, Cessnock City Council and The Heart Foundation, will be holding an inaugural event on Sunday 20th October. The BioDiversity Bash starts at Abernethy Guest House (Ferguson St) at 2pm. The low entry fee of just \$5 per family/team or \$10 per individual – shows AHLA is looking forward to meeting your whole family. Share in the beauty of the forested surrounds, participants either amble or scramble through the Werakata National Park, appreciating, spectating and event participating in on-course activities. There will also be displays and information stalls promoting cycling as a fun way to keep fit, save money and reduce impact on our environment. Newcastle Cycleways will present a range of unusual, practical bikes for recreation and transport including tandems, portable, electric and cargo bikes and provide information on development of cycleways in our region. Hunter Cycle Skills will offer tips on bike maintenance and safe cycling as well as information on Austcycle Accredited training courses.



Notes: Abernethy Healthy Lifestyle Association Incorporated was formed to improve the health of people in our area by co-ordinating the provision of opportunities and infrastructure that will help prevent those diseases that are related to physical inactivity. Our most ambitious project is raising money for a shared footpath/bikeway connecting Abernethy to the neighbouring village so that we can walk or ride bikes SAFELY to school and local shops and amenities.


For further information please contact Chrissy Grainger (Event Coordinator: Abernethy Healthy Lifestyle Association) 02 49 91 5531 or email ahelthylifestyle.assee@gmail.com
www.abernethyhealthylifestyle.webs.com/biodiversitybash

#ENDS#

Kurri Kurri Public School
FEFE
 Saturday 19th October 2013
 9.00AM till 3.00PM
Rides, Rides, Rides...









SPECIAL
 Arm Bands Unlimited
 Rides 10AM till 2.00PM
\$25.00
 in Term 3 from Office or
\$30.00
 on the day

Stalls
 Show Bags, Fairy Floss,
 Snow Cones, Cakes,
 Canteen, Plants, Books,
 Craft, Jewellery, Nic
 Nacs and Garage Sale

Fun Stuff
 Art Show, Chocolate Wheel, Sponge Throw, Knockdown Cans,
 Footy Pass, Nail Art, Hair Spraying and Face Painting

Come along and have Fun, Fun, and more Fun.



Be the **BEST**
 Parent you can
 be !

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a positive parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. At a group you'll learn about :

- effective parenting strategies
- how to promote your child's development
- how to manage common child behaviour problems
- ways to help you deal with almost any situation that might arise

This is a FREE program !

When: 5 face to face sessions starting Thursday
 17 October 2013

Where: Cessnock Family Support Service
 5 Hall Street
 Cessnock NSW

Time: 10 am—12 pm

To book a place or for more information please phone
 Jules or Kate at Cessnock Family Support on
 4990 4507



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You are invited to attend

Presentation for Parents

**FREERK YKEMA TALKS TO PARENTS ABOUT THE
 POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN WHO
 PARTICIPATE IN ROCK AND WATER**

DATE : Saturday 16th November, 2013
VENUE : Auchmuty Court, Sport & Aquatic Centre (The Forum)
 Callaghan Campus, University of Newcastle
TIME : 11.30am—12.30pm
COST : FREE
RSVP : The Family Action Centre
 e. FAC-events@newcastle.edu.au
 p. 02 4921 6403

"I've seen a change in the way my kids interact since starting rock and water"

"I'm learning about how to keep myself safe."



"We can never lose sight of the fact that every person, and every child, is unique and that the objective of the course and counselling is to support a person as they tread the path to becoming a unique human being." Freerk Ykema

FIND OUT MORE AT: www.newcastle.edu.au/rw

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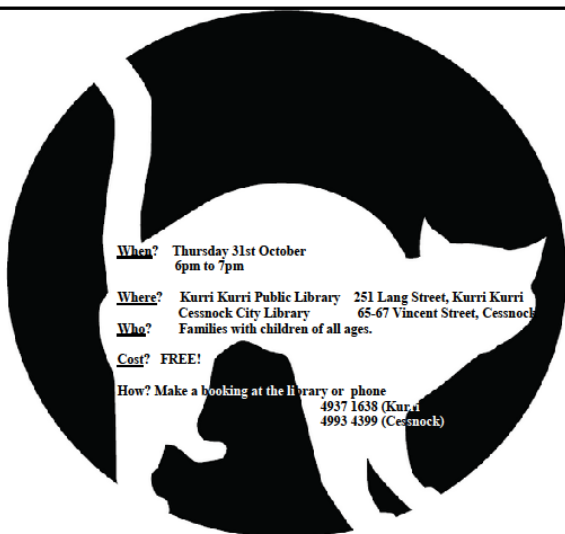
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Halloween Eve Storytime @ Kurri and Cessnock Libraries

Families and children of all ages are welcome to join us at either
library for this special event. We will have (not too) scary
stories, craft and a snack. Come dressed in Halloween costume
if you like! This event is free of charge, but
bookings are essential.



When? Thursday 31st October
6pm to 7pm

Where? Kurri Kurri Public Library 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri
Cessnock City Library 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock

Who? Families with children of all ages.

Cost? FREE!

How? Make a booking at the library or phone
4937 1638 (Kurri)
4993 4399 (Cessnock)

Kurri Kurri Public Library
251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327
Ph 4937 1638
www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au



Cessnock City Library
65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325
Ph 4993 4399
www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

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@ CESSNOCK BASKETBALL STADIUM



WHEN: THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 2013

TIME: 6.30-9.30PM

COST: \$5.00 PER CHILD OR \$15 PER FAMILY

MUSIC: DJ MUZZ

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Education &
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High Performing Students Unit

Year 7 entry to
selective high schools
in **2015**

Information bulletin for principals of primary schools

Important dates

Online application opens	15 October 2013
Application information and forms available in schools	22 October 2013
Parents who are applying on paper return application forms to schools	18 November 2013
Application closes	18 November 2013
Unit* emails schools to advise of online applications. Schools begin processing applications	25 November 2013
Non-government principals complete application processing and return paper forms to the Unit	by 10 December 2013
Test centre advice received by parents or carers	27 February 2014
Selective High School Placement Test	13 March 2014
Parents advised of outcome	July 2014

Information for parents is published on the internet at:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The High Performing Students Unit can be contacted at:

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Fax: (02) 9266 8435

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Post: Locked Bag 53 DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Note: In this document 'selective' includes fully selective high schools, partially selective high schools and selective agricultural high schools as well as the virtual selective class provision.

*The High Performing Students Unit is referred to as the 'Unit'.

The student parliament are asking for the school communities input into what apps you would like the children to have access to on the school iPads. If you have come across any **EDUCATIONAL APPS** please fill out the attached slip and return to Ms Thompson.

NAME: _____

APP: _____