



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

What an exciting time of year!

Today I had the pleasure of welcoming our new Kindergarten children and their families to our school. It always amazes me how much our students grow and develop throughout the year. Next year is looking to be another great year for the school.

Megan Avery, Relieving Principal

This week I announced that Megan Avery would be replacing me for the next 12 months. Megan is a dedicated principal who will do a wonderful job. I would like to welcome Megan to our school and wish her all the best for 2014.

Open forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the open forum last week. It was great to hear that we have been successful over the past 12 months by improving our school to make it a safer and happy place for your children. Issues that we will focus on are: parent helper opportunities, homework consistency, projects marking and the balance between sport and academic development, this is always on the back of the teachers minds as it is a delicate balance that we need to get right. Once again thank you for your support and input to our open forum this year. I would also like to remind parents that the **online survey closes** this week (the link is on our school website). **This is another way for you to have your say about our school in an anonymous way, at this stage we have only had 6 parents respond to the survey.**

Year 7, 2014 parent talk at CHS tonight.

A reminder for Year 6 parents, that a special evening has been planned from 6 pm. Parents (and students) are invited to attend an information session in the Cessnock High School MPC. Fees can be paid at this time, uniforms and book packs are available for purchase and collection.

Important Dates:

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| 28Oct-8Nov | Intensive Swimming |
| 6 Nov | Cyber Smart Session Yr5/6 |
| 7 Nov | P&C Meeting |
| 11 Nov | Jollybops Science Show |
| 12 Nov | Kinder 2014 Orientation 2 (10.15am-11.30am) |
| 14 & 15 Nov | ZooSnooze Excursion Yr 3 & 4 |
| 21 Nov | School Captains 2014 Speeches + Voting |
| 22 Nov | Yr 6 Fun Day 12 - 2pm |
| 22 Nov | Kinder 2014 Orientation 3 (10am-11am) |
| 26 Nov | Parent/Helpers Thank you Morning Tea |
| 28 Nov | Presentation Day / Yr6 Farewell |

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Kookaburra Awards

| Mrs Pitt | Mrs Singleton | Mrs Fairlie | Mr Falla | Ms Thompson |
|------------|---------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| Zaria W | Ebony B | Leah-Maree P | Rex C-R | Chloe S |
| Preston K | Izaiah W | Justin P | Ryan C | Tyler R |
| Harmony L | Courtney S | Kye B | Louise D | Nikki M |
| Jarrah W | Jorja K | Jock D | Jade G | Josh M-W |
| Paige C | | Rhett D | Zoe G | Hollie L |
| Kaydence B | | Annabelle R | Darcy B | Ky C |
| Owen H | | Keelee S | | Bradley R |
| Madison K | | Alex K | | Braith G |
| Ella C | | | | |

Cyber Smart Session Yr 5/6

Children, parents and teachers across the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) are getting Cybersmart! As part of a broad commitment by CCGPS for the wellbeing of its students, schools will provide internet safety awareness presentations for students, parents and staff. Many of our local schools have recently hosted these highly successful workshops delivered by a team of outreach trainers from the Australian Communications and Media Authority, each of whom is an education specialist. These presentations provide an opportunity to educate kids about Cybersafety in an easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative manner. Staff, parents and community are also prepared with the tools to support students and prevent them from putting themselves at risk with their online practices. **Kearsley PS Yr 5/6** students will attend their session on **6 November at Cessnock East PS at 11:30am**. Parents are invited to a **parent session at Bellbird PS from 1pm until 2:30pm on Thursday 7 November**.

School Captain Speeches & Voting

Nominations are now open to all Year 5 students who wish to nominate for school captain in 2014. Nomination forms can be collected from Mr Lamph and need to be returned to the office by Monday 18 November. Speeches for Captain will take place on Thursday November 21 so have your speeches prepared ready for this day. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Jollybops Science Show

The Jollybops Science Show is coming to Kearsley PS on Monday 11 November. There will be **NO COST** to families this year as the school will pay the \$6 per student fee. K-2 will be watching "Move And Groove with Energy" and Yr 3-6 will see "Natural Phenomena & Energy". It is a fantastic opportunity for the students to be involved in visually dynamic demonstrations. Student scientist volunteers help with experiments throughout the show.

P & C Christmas Raffle

The P & C will be running a Christmas Hamper raffle to be drawn on the Christmas Carols Night. All donations of non perishable Christmas related items for the hamper will be greatly appreciated. Bon Bon's, Christmas party food etc. Items to be taken to the office by Friday 6 December. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.



School Musical DVD's

Cinderella & Rockerfella Musical DVD's are now available for sale from the office @ \$5 each. While not professional quality they are a great memento from a wonderful evening.

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 **NOW**. The remaining \$40 is due on 8 November.

Parent Survey

Parents are encouraged to participate in our online survey - School Engagement 2013. Feedback is required by **TODAY** @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolengagement2013>

Intensive Swimming Program, 28 October—8 November

Children participating in the Intensive Swimming Scheme at Cessnock pool are reminded to wear their swimmers to school each day under their uniform. If you don't have your swimmers you will not be able to participate. Friday 1 November is the Council annual picnic day so there will be **NO SWIMMING** this Friday. A \$2.50 refund will be given to those students who have already paid in full.

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 is well underway and runs 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—7 November

On or before Thursday 7th Nov 2013 : please bag spare tokens up in bundles of 10 with your name and selection (see pictures) written on each bag and send in with your school banking.

IT'S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARNITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD.



Important: Our Dollarnites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a "while stocks last" basis.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 4 2013

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

November

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 Kiley & Dianne Flaherty |
| 4 CLOSED | 5 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley | 6 Louise Robertson Karieanne Clifford | 7 Amanda Penfold Amanda Vine | 8 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless |
| 11 CLOSED | 12 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes | 13 Chris & Linda Cunningham | 14 Suzy Marr Crystle Crossley | 15 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff |
| 18 CLOSED | 19 Tina & Wes Batey | 20 Karieanne Clifford | 21 Amanda Penfold Tina Batey | 22 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless |
| 25 CLOSED | 26 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones | 27 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey | 28 Amanda Vine Kristy Jones | 29 Kiley & Dianne Flaherty |



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School Banking

Thank you to Mrs Duggan for running
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deposit books should be sent to school
each Thursday.



ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Thursday's

3:15 - 4:15pm

From Thursday 17
October—21 November

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

Kearsley Fire Station 344 - NSW Fire Appeal

Kearsley Fire Station is accepting donations of NON perishable foods, clothing, beds and bedding, kids toys, toiletries, pet food and bedding, pots, pans and kitchen utensils etc...at the Station NOW. If these items could be dropped off by Monday 4 Nov as a Bunnings truck will be coming through to pick the items up on Wed 6 Nov. For info Ph: Mathew 0431462182 or Mark 0414939658. All support from our community is greatly appreciated.



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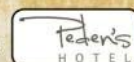
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Presentation for Parents

**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

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**AWAKEN VITALITY WITHIN
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10 November 2013 10am-3pm

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\$15 Platform Show

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Readers

Grab a coffee and enjoy the tranquillity
of our courtyard garden ideal for sitting and relaxing in

19 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock
In the grounds of Calvary Retirement Village

2013 CCGPS Bushfire Appeal

Many communities in NSW have been devastated by the October 2013 bushfires.

Many have lost everything.

As a result of this, ALL schools in the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) have combined to create the biggest donation drive in our history.

Let's pull together and get it done by Friday November 8th, 2013.

What to donate?

- Your time - your school needs your help getting things packed and sorted.
- Non-perishable food (in date)
- Mess kits – cutlery, plates, cups, etc
- New toiletries – soap, deodorant, hair brushes, razors, tooth paste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, sunscreen
- Baby products – nappies, wipes, creams, powder
- New small toys, colouring books, pencils etc
- Pet food – household pets
- Large storage tubs



Where to donate?

At any of the schools listed below:

- Abermain Public School
- Bellbird Public School
- Cessnock Public School
- Cessnock East PS
- Cessnock West PS
- Cessnock High School
- Congewai Public School
- Ellalong Public School
- Kearsley Public School
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For further information and/or enquiries, Marissa Floyd at Cessnock West Public School on 4990 1637 or email marissa.jamieson1@det.nsw.edu.au



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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: _____

Bushfires By 4/5 F

The blaze of fire was massive and it was moving as fast as a bullet train. The powerful wind was making it worse because it made it harder for the fire-fighters to put it out. It was terrifying, and it was getting out of hand. The fire-fighters were tired.

The fire-fighters from South Australia and Victoria came to give a helping hand. The fire-fighters had the upper advantage until the weather conditions changed and the spot fires were would start up another fire somewhere else where the terrain was dry and dead. Not long after, on Thursday people started getting evacuated from their properties and houses. One lady who left on the Thursday returned a few days later because she thought it would be all right to come back and when they came back there was no fire. However, a few hours later it was back. It started back up as a spot fire.

The blaze of the bush-fire was disastrous and it was as bright orangey, ambery colour. It was just so intense and it was hard for locals to breathe and was so brutal on the fire-fighters. The devastation of the people's homes and all of the dreams that have been burnt and lost forever never two be found. All that is left is ash, the destruction of the house and the memories that the people can remember as well as the stuff that the locals had saved.

The people are sad and upset because there home has been burnt or destroyed by the fire in the Blue Mountains and they have no were else to go. The scent of the burning bush fire can be smelt from miles away. The fire-fighters are the bravest hero's in the community and they will be so happy when it is out and they can go home and get some good rest and put their feet up. **By Corey S**

The sound of the fire burning the sticks and leaves was like 10,000 popcorn machines popping at once.

The flames of the fire were running up the trees as fast as a cheetah.

The colour of the flames were as orange as a basketball.

The sky looked as grey as an elephant's skin.

The heat was scorching like living inside a heater turned up too high.

The feeling of panic being so close to a fire was like having 10,000 king brown snakes surrounding you.

Trying to put out the fire was like trying to fight a lion that was 10 times bigger than you. **By Zoe G**

Bushfires By 4/5 F

I'm at school doing work and I start feeling hot. I look out the window and I see fires on the trees. The alarm goes off hurting my ears because its is as loud as a launching rocket. I'm red all over like I just got sunburnt. My head starts spinning like a merry go round. I'm scared and everyone starts screaming like if we are not going to survive the fire. I hear the crackling of the fire eating away at the sticks and leaves as if it's a staving person that hasn't eaten for days. I see flames coming up through the open window. Finally the fire fighters came, but when they put out one blaze anther starts. The smoke smells like someone left cakes and pies in the oven for too long. **By Louise D**

The colour was as red as the sun. It was as fast as a jet. The smoke was as black as the sky at night. The flames were terrifying like a shark. It zoomed though everything as fast as lightning. It smelled like smoke coming from 10 000 car escort pipes all at once. **By Rex C-R**

Oakvale Farm By Kinder

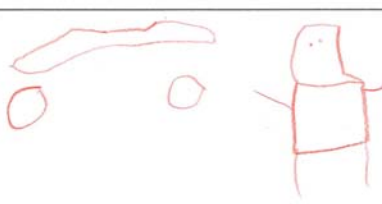
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had lots of fun

✓Great Work!

COOL!



Name: Paige

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oakvale farm we went
on a bus to the farm
we saw kangaroos
sheep alligator emu
camel and a pony

✓Excellent Work Paige!

SUPER!

