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NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

P&C News

First of all thank you to the past P&C committee for their wonderful efforts during 2012. On Monday a new P&C committee was voted in at the AGM. The P&C executive are President-Dusty Lawless, Secretary- Jenny Brooks, Treasurer- Karieanne Clifford with Amanda Vine continuing as Canteen President and also taking on the role of Playtime Director. Thanks also to the people who have volunteered in support rolls to assist these people in their positions. Already the P&C members have been active planning for Harmony Day and Easter with another great Easter raffle. It's never to late to join the P&C just come along to the next meeting on Thursday 11th April at 2pm in the Library.

PBL Changes

Attached to the newsletter today is a plan for the changed PBL program. This has been discussed with members of the P&C, staff and students. The teachers will be talking to the students during the next few weeks to ensure that the PBL program can start fully next term. Please take the time to read through the changes and discuss it with your children. There will be a follow up information session on Thursday 14 March at 2pm in the school library for parents.

Clean up Australia

Due to the wet weather last Friday we will have the school Clean up Australia Day on Friday 8th starting at 2:30pm.

Could the students please bring a pair of gloves to wear for the clean up and an old plastic shopping bag to collect the rubbish in. Children will only be picking up paper litter, not anything sharp or dangerous. Parents and community members are most welcome to come along and help the students.



Important Dates:

15 Mar	School Cross Country
18 Mar	Snake Tails Performance
27 Mar	Zone Cross Country
29 Mar	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	School Photos
12 April	Last Day Term 1
1 May	First Day Term 2 for Students

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Class Awards

	Mrs Pitt	Mrs Singleton	Mrs Fairlie	Mr Falla	Ms Thompson
Week 4	Sophie G	Chevelle B	Brodie E	Adam A	Joshua M-W
	Kaydence B	Kolbi B	Annabelle R	Tyreece P	Ky C
	Zac C	Jorja K	Lachlan C	Noah W	Thomas H
	Zaria W	Ebony B	Oliver C	Gemma-Rose D	Abbie G
	Jack B	Callum M	Alex K	Rex C-R	Owen A
	Jarrah W	Hayley F	Jake G	Ryan C	
				Sophie R	
				Zoe G	
Week 5	Monique A	Courtney S	Alex B	Henry K	Nikki M
	Paige C	Hayley F	Harrison R	Liam O	Felicity D
	Ella G	Bayley B	Leah-Maree P	Tyluh S	Joshua G
	Harmony L	Rella S	Rhett D	Bailey R	Luke P
	Darcy P	Logan B	Jai B	Darcy B	Nicholas L
		Jarrod H	Tamara H		

PAINT THE TOWN REaD

Earlier in the year I indicated that the school would be supporting a new program called 'Paint the town REaD' This is a great program to get children reading prior to school. The date for this event has been postponed until 10th April where our Year 1 & 2 students will dress up in red clothes and converge on the main street of Cessnock to help spread the word about the benefits of reading prior to starting school. This day will be supported by the author Krysten Walker Cox who wrote Didgeridoo Dreaming. Parents and friends will be most welcome to join us. I'll keep you posted with up dates as the committee continues to build its ideas.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have promptly paid their school fees. Please make your payment by the **end of Term 1 to go into the draw for a \$25 voucher.**

- Families with 1 student
\$30 (\$7.50 per term)
- Families with 2 students
\$50 (12.50 per term)
- Families with 3 students or more
\$60 (\$15.00 per term)



P&C EASTER RAFFLE

P&C are running an Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets will be sent home with the children today and extra books are available from the office. We would appreciate if parents could send in donations of chocolate eggs, rabbits, baskets, cellophane etc. Just take them to the office by Tuesday 28 March.



P.B.L SPONSORSHIP

A huge thankyou to the Cessnock Lions Club who have generously donated \$500 towards our new PBL. Their support is very much appreciated by the staff and students. The money will be used to fund a canteen voucher for each student who reaches a specific target by displaying our three values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning.



BREAK & ENTERS @ LOCAL SCHOOLS

Central Hunter Police Command has advised all schools that there has been a recent trend in break and enters of country schools in our area. They would like us as a community to be vigilant in reporting any unusual activity, recording registration numbers of vehicles seen around schools particularly at night. Schools targeted and most at risk are those with no or little fencing and minimal security.

PSSA BOYS KNOCKOUT CRICKET

Good luck to our boys tomorrow as they play their first match against Mulbring. The game will start at 10am at **Jeffery Park Cricket Oval**. Please wear your sports uniform or whites. Don't forget your joggers, hat, sunscreen, chair, lunch, recess and plenty of water. Parents and Community members are invited to come along and cheer them on.



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DRAYTON'S FAMILY WINES

Vintage Fair 2013
Sunday 10th March - 10am to 5pm

The Drayton Family would like to invite you and your family to visit our Winery to experience the harvest and celebrate the 2013 Vintage.

In aid of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Winery Tours & Tastings

Over 30 Market Stalls featuring produce, clothing & nikk-naks
Harley Rides around the Vineyards (courtesy of Harley for Humanity)

Activities & Attractions

- Wine Design - Individual labels while you wait!
- Winery tours with the bottling line in operation
- Live easy listening Band - The Hifi's
- Bush Poet - The Minni Magster
- Children's entertainment: Amusement rides, Face Painting, Ponies
- Big Dog @ 11.00am
- Draught Home Carriage Rides
- Local arts, crafts and displays

Food & Refreshments

- Drayton's Wine Tasting & Sales
- Drayton's Log Press Cafe
- Rescue Helicopter BBQ
- Local Produce
- Cappuccino, Hot Chocolate & Tea
- Ice Cream & Fairy Floss
- Crunchy Cooked Nuts

Displays

- Rescue Helicopter Static Display
- Wood Turning
- Sheep Shearing
- Animal Nursery
- Drayton's T Model Ford

GIANT Warehouse Bin End Sale!

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Kearsley P.S Canteen Roster March

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 CLOSED	5 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	6 Linda & Chris Cunningham	7 Amanda Vine	8 Melva McLennan Davina Lawless
11 CLOSED	12 Jane Hayes Julianne Duggan	13 Tina Batey	14 Amanda Penfold Allison Powell	15 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff
18 CLOSED	19 Tina & Wes Batey	20 Sandy Robinson Angela Matuissi	21 Tina Batey	22 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
25 CLOSED	26 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	27 Wes Batey	28 Amanda Penfold Allison Powell	GOOD FRIDAY

Your canteen insurance is now due. Please pay your \$2.00 P & C / Canteen membership to the school office ASAP.



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Thursday and handed
to class teachers.

Our New PBL System

As previously mentioned in newsletters and assemblies our PBL program at Kearsley Public School is undergoing a makeover. During term 1 you may have seen small changes starting to appear. Since week 2 we have amalgamated our class awards and our green Kookaburra Cards. We have also increased the amount of awards presented by teachers. These new kookaburra cards are still being counted and entered into our STAR student system. The students can still accumulate these until the 28th of March (week 9). Students who reach any STAR status will then be included with our current STAR students at our STAR party to be held on the 4th of April. This party will acknowledge and celebrate the hard work of those students who have reached our various STAR levels. The students will also receive a certificate that states the level at which the student reached at the week 10 assembly. At the end of Term 1 our current PBL system will cease.

Reward Ladder - On the first day back our new PBL system will start. Our kookaburra cards will still be accumulated by students and recorded on our SENTRAL system. Students who gain 3 kookaburra cards are able to collect a free novelty pencil or an ice block on the Friday of which they receive their 3rd. Students who then accumulate 3 more to make a total of 6 kookaburra cards are then entitled to a lucky dip prize from the Principal. There will be an infant's lucky dip and a primary lucky dip. Those students who accumulate 3 more to make a total of 9 will then be entitled to spend \$5 at the canteen. This type of system fosters an instantaneous reward for student's behaviour and participation in our PBL system. Students who gain the highest level in a term will simply repeat the reward ladder. Students will also be given a certificate at each level and be acknowledged at the weekly assemblies. At the start of each term students start the tally of their kookaburra cards again. A huge thank you also goes our Local Lions Club who have generously donated \$500 dollars towards our program. It is only with local support that we are able to offer this Positive Behaviour for Learning program for our students.

End of year Acknowledgement - Although students start fresh each term for the reward ladder their kookaburra tally for the year will continue. Those students whom reach 10+ will be awarded a bronze certificate, those reaching 20+ will receive a silver certificate and the students who received 30+ will be awarded a gold certificate. The students will be acknowledged and presented these at our whole school presentation day. Those top 5 or 6 from each class will be invited to attend a special out of school excursion. There will also be an ongoing display of those students who reach these levels at the front office.

Amber and Red Cards - After consultation with staff, parents and the community, the need to connect our discipline policy to our PBL program was identified. As a result Amber Cards which now communicate official warnings to parents will now incur a fine. The 'fine' will be a drop of one point to the overall tally of Kookaburra Cards for that child. The student will not have to return their Kookaburra Card but the accumulated number will drop by one. If a child receives a Red Card on our discipline system the fine will be 3 points. Students will lose 3 off their accumulated number of Kookaburra Cards. At the beginning of each term all students will start again at 0.

Change to Amber Cards - Currently Amber Cards are given out as official warnings to students and they require the parent or carers signature. In our current system students receives 5 Amber Cards they will automatically be given a Red Card. **A review of the number of Amber Cards required for a Red Card has been changed to 3 Amber Cards instead of the current 5.**

Questions and Feedback - Parents, carers and the community are welcome to attend a meeting on Thursday 14 March at 3.10pm, where questions and feedback about our new PBL system are most welcome.

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To spend at the canteen