



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

Wow what a great start to the term. The children have come back with a real buzz and...

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Mr Falla and his wife on the birth of their son 'Tom' during the holidays. He was a healthy 3250g and the family are all doing well.

Staff Development Days

While many people will say that teachers are just having some extra holidays on the first two days back this term, I would like to reassure you that the staff worked very hard planning, developing and improving their skills. We participated in a behaviour online training program that looks at managing students with challenging behaviour. We explored the school reading program "Focus on Reading" to improve reading outcomes for students. On the second day, we worked through the new English Curriculum that will be implemented in 2014, developed the Welfare Policy presented at the P&C meeting today and organised the many activities happening this term. The two days are a valuable time for teachers and we appreciate your support during these days.

Thank you for the donation

This week the students started using the ten new I-pads in the classrooms. This was made possible with a donation of \$2700 from the P&C at the end of last term. This will allow the children access to the latest technology and new ways to engage the children in learning.

ANZAC Service

The school will hold an ANZAC service this Friday morning instead of the regular assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to attend at 9:15am. Donations of flowers are welcome to make a wreath.

Important Dates:

3 May	Kearsley PS ANZAC Ceremony
6 May	StarStruck Practice
9 May	K-6 Golf Day @ School
9 May	Yr 6 to CHS
10 May	Mother's Day Stall
10 May	Regional Cross Country
14,15,16 May	NAPLAN Testing
15 May	Bookclub Orders Due

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Kookaburra Awards

	Mrs Pitt	Mrs Singleton	Mrs Fairlie	Mr Falla	Ms Thompson
Week 11	Jack B	Harley M	Korey T	Rex C-R	Hollie L
	Jack F	Kolbi B	Jai B	Noah W	Annaliese H
	Ella G	Ebony B	Brodie E	Zoe G	Nikki M
	Sophie G	Trenten M	Aryahn H	Darcy B	Bradley R
	Darcy P	Jorja K	Tyren C-R	Ryan C	Jayke C

Bubble Wrap & Boxes Performance

Students from Yrs K-3 are attending a special performance at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre on Friday 10 May. A permission note was sent home at the end of Term 1, if this has been misplaced please see your child's teacher for a replacement note. Money and permission notes need to be returned by Wednesday 8 May 2013.

Opportunity Classes for Year 5 2014

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 24 July 2013**.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2014 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 29 April 2013 at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

or

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form which can be obtained from the office and return it to this school by **17 May 2013**.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only one application for each student.

Important dates are as follows:

6 May 2013: Paper application forms available in schools

17 May 2013: Closing date for online applications and paper application forms lodged with schools

22 May 2013: Principals' processing site opens

7 June 2013: Principals' processing site closes

24 July 2013: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mother's Day Stall

The P & C are running a Mother's Day Stall to give students the opportunity to purchase a present for their Mother, Grandma or Nan on Friday morning 10 May 2013. P & C have purchased the gifts for the stall. Items will cost from \$1.00 to \$15.00. Students will go in class groups during the morning.

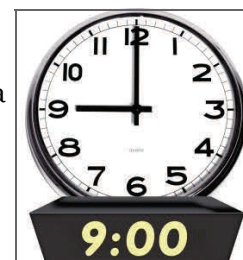


Student Injury Insurance

At the most recent P&C meeting, attending parents learned that the Department of Education and Communities do not insure individual students for accidents at school. The cost of medical expenses for recovery of injured students is the responsibility of the parents. Because of this, the P&C Federation of NSW has brokered a special Student Injury Insurance package for NSW schools that will cost \$4.85 per student per year. Although this premium is calculated on a per student basis, it is only available to the school as a whole, not on an individual student basis. **Please note that if a majority of moneys is not returned, insurance will be deemed not desired by the school community. A separate note with full details is being sent home with the newsletter.**

Late Arrivals

Please be on time for school in the mornings as it sets the children up for a great day. The morning bell rings at **9am** each day. Even being 5 minutes late can be very disruptive to the whole class and your child's learning.

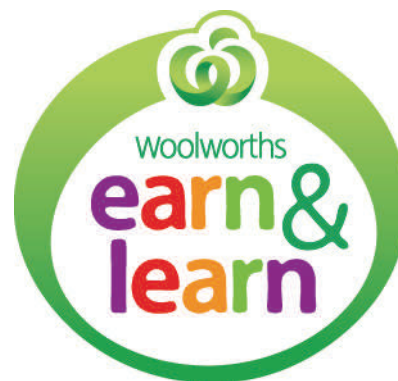


Annual School Report

The Kearsley Public School 2012 Annual School Report (ASR) is now on the website. If you don't have internet access and would like a copy to read please obtain a copy from the office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

It's simple to participate: From Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent (**excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards**). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it's complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school. Thank you to Jenny Brooks for coordinating this again this year.



School Banking Token Redemption

Our token redemption day will be held on **THURSDAY 9 MAY**. What do you need to do? Please send in your child's 10 tokens and redemption coupon or a piece of paper listing their choice. We will then order the chosen rewards and give to students as soon as they have arrived. Current rewards available are: Moneybox (Spen/Addy/Pat/Cred/Pru), Wallet, Handball, Knuckles Game or Torch. Look out for this Terms competition...Just make 3 or more deposits during Term 2 and you'll automatically be entered into the competition.



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*Things to know before you Can: NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/1306, VIC Permit No. 13/476, ACT Permit No. TP/13/445, SA Permit No. 713/207. Competition opens 15/04/13 and closes 5/07/13. First entry drawn on 25/07/13 from all entries received will win, and details will be published in the Public Notices section of The Australian on 2/08/13. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 15, Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/adventureisland ADV1312 120413

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Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 2 2013

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

Kearsley Canteen Roster—May 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Karieanne Clifford Nicole Graham	2 Amanda Vine	3 Davina Lawless Dusty Lawless
6 CLOSED	7 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	8 Linda & Chris Cunningham	9 Amanda Penfold Nicole Graham	10 Melva McLennan Davina Lawless
13 CLOSED	14 Jane Hayes Julianne Duggan	15 Wes Batey Karieanne Clifford	16 Tina Batey Nicole Graham	17 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff
20 CLOSED	21 Tina & Wes Batey	22 Karieanne Clifford Angela Matuissi	23 Amanda Penfold Nicole Graham	24 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
27 CLOSED	28 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	29 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	30 Karieanne Clifford Nicole Graham	31 Davina Lawless Dusty Lawless

Wes Batey is now doing the rosters for the canteen...if you see a mistake or are rostered on a day you don't normally do please SMS ONLY or email Wes on wesb93@yahoo.com.au . **ALL** volunteers need to fill out a prohibited employment declaration ASAP if you haven't already done so. A new form needs to be filled out each year.



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Shim Jang Taekwondo - Traditional Self Defense

WHEN: Starting Tuesday 14 May 2013

WHERE: Kearsley Public School Hall

TIME: 4pm to 5pm

Call Steve Turner for more information on 0400002951



StarStruck 2013 Rehearsal

What: Rehearsal for our dance "Disco Inferno"

Where: Newcastle Basketball Stadium,
Young Rd, Broadmeadow

When: Monday May 6 2013.

Children 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 private parent transport. We will be leaving school at 9am and returning at approx. 3:00pm.



PSSA Knockout Netball

Mrs Fairlie is currently running try-outs for our girls PSSA Knockout netball team. Our first game is against Ellalong PS on Tuesday 21 May 2013. Good luck to the team.

Regional Cross Country

Good luck to Brandon R who will represent the Hunter Team at the Regional Cross Country on Friday 10 May. The whole school community is very proud of your achievements.



Counsellor Morgan Campbell and Mayor Bob Pynsent presenting a special book from Cessnock City Council to the Kearsley PS leaders - Ky C, Owen A & Nick L - following the Anzac Day Dawn Service. This book will be kept in the school library for all the students.

Kids' Bookshelves

It's 30 years this month since Mem Fox and Julie Vivas introduced kids to Possum Magic - and it's still a favourite in our bookshelves. What books are your kids reading in their leisure time? Here are more from the Premier's Reading Challenge. Find out more:

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

**Book Club
Orders Due
By Wed
15 May**