



## Kearsley Public School

### NEWSLETTER

*"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"*

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## From The Principal's Desk

### Maintaining Positive Communication

I wish to inform the Kearsley Public School community that I will be taking time away from school next year. There are times in our lives when we need to step back and reflect. I'll be spending more time with my family and recharging my batteries. My intentions are that I'll return to Kearsley Public School in 2015, ready to take on the challenging and enjoyable role of principal again. My position will be filled by the Department of Education through an Expression Of Interest (EOI). This process will be explained at the P&C meeting held on the 5 September.

### Very important P&C meeting 5 September

During this P&C meeting I would like to evaluate our schools progress in relationship to last years open forum questions held on the 4/12/12. There will be time to offer suggestion for our school surveys and prepare for 2014.

### Open Forum 23 October 2:30pm

An open forum is your opportunity to have your say about the school and help plan the future direction for the students and school. Teachers will join the forum at 3:05. It's your chance to say positive things that we do, things you would like to continue and things you would like the school to think about changing. More information at a later date.



### Healthy snacks

It has come to my attention that many of the snacks we are sending our children to school are having effects on students behaviour, affecting their learning and sometimes the children around them. For example, Scooby Doo! Fruit Tails, have 57% sugar. Each serve is 20 grams therefore the children are having 11 grams (2 teaspoons) of sugar with each snack. I ask that all parents please consider the type of snacks they send to school, check the sugar content as most children go a "bit silly" with too much sugar.

#### Important Dates:

26-28 Aug	Bathurst Excursion
29 Aug	5 A Side Soccer
30 Aug	Blake's Breakfast & Father's Day Stall
30 Aug	Regional Athletics
4 Sep	Jump Rope for Heart
5 Sep	P&C Meeting

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## Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Pitt	Mrs Singleton	Mrs Fairlie	Mr Falla	Ms Thompson
Preston K	Izaiah W	Lachlan C	Sophie R	Owen A
Jarrah W	Jason W	Alex B, Aryahn H	Corey S	Brandon R
Seth J	Chevelle B	Leah-Maree P	Zoe G	Nina R
Paige C	Jarrold H	Lachlan W	Darcy B	Lloyd D
Savanna C-R	Kolbi B	Tyren C-R	Hollie L	Tyler R
Harmony L	Riley H	Kye B, Chelsea P	Christian S	Nikki M
Zaria W	Rella S	Oliver C, Jai B	Tyluh S	Ky C
Kaydence B	Courtney S	Tamara H	Louise D	Annaliese H
	Cody P	Sam A	Jack G	Chloe S
		Madison K	Jade G	Abbie G
		Alex K	Bailey R	Riley B
		Rhett D	Rex C-R	Felicity D
		Justin P	Ryan C	
		Harrison R		

### Bloke's Breakfast

This year the school will be hosting a 'Bloke's Breakfast' as part of the Father's Day celebrations on Friday 30 August from 8:15am – 9:00am. The breakfast has been a great success in the past and we are encouraging the 'Blokies' to come along and enjoy some time with the children. A separate note will be sent home with this newsletter. Please return invitation with numbers for catering by Wednesday 28 August 2013.

### Father's Day Stall

The P&C has planned a Father's Day stall where students will be able to buy a gift for the special bloke in their life on Friday 30 August. Stall will operate after assembly from 9:30 – 11:00am. Prices will range from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Gifts will be supplied by the P & C.

### Bathurst Excursion 2013 Update

**Final Payment was due YESTERDAY.** If you have not finalised your payment please pay by **TOMORROW** (Friday 23 August) as payment has already been sent to the bus company. All students and parents going to Bathurst must be at school **by 6:15am**. The bus will depart at 6.30am **SHARP! Have a great time away.**

### Jacaranda Grove School Choir Visit

Today the choir children, Ms Thompson and Mrs Fairlie went to two nursing homes, Jacaranda Grove and Mt View Lodge. A lot of the residents sang along with a lot of the songs. The songs we sang were The Town They Call Cessnock, Blue Moon, I love a Rainy Night, Hey Baby, I'm a Believer, Bravo Bravissimo, I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside and You Are My Sunshine. Everyone loved all the songs we sang.

We had some juice and biscuits at Jacaranda Grove. We had our lunch at Mt View Lodge. We all loved it the all the children had their best manners. Thank you to Ms Thompson and Mrs Fairlie for taking us and Mr Dunnicliff for organising a bus and driver to take us to each of the homes.



## CCGPS - Make Each Day Count!

During Education Week the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) announced the launch of its campaign aimed at improving student attendance. The intention of this proactive initiative is to work collaboratively with students, parents, staff and community, across all Cessnock public schools to develop and foster a shared commitment to improving attendance.

“Each of our schools you will soon begin to promote a consistent message. That message is to ‘Make Each Day Count’,” said Desley Pfeffer, Leader of The CCGPS Wellbeing Team and Principal of Mount View High School. “There is considerable evidence which shows clearly, that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. It unquestionably shows that ‘turn up = grades up.’”

Each of the 16 schools have begun implementation of a new data accountability tool which enables schools to track the attendance of each student more effectively and strategically. The schools believe this ability to consistently monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance will benefit both the safety and the achievement levels of students.

“As a group of schools we are committed to making student attendance a ‘big deal.’ In doing so, we plan to provide consistent messages to our school communities about attendance, and employ strategies including working with students and parents, a ‘no-tolerance’ approach to unexplained absences, and the introduction of incentive and reward programs, to meet an attendance improvement target across our group of schools” said Desley.

“CCGPS will continue to focus on the provision of quality teaching and support for student wellbeing and we hope that by involving students in better understanding their own attendance rates and garnering the support of the community, we can create a sustainable trend for improved attendance to ‘Make Each Day Count’,” said Desley.

## Book Fair & Parade

The recent book fair and parade was a huge success. Thank you to the students and parents who made purchases at the fair. The costumes worn by the children were fabulous. The school choir entertained the crowd and was a big hit with all the parents.



## 5-A-Side Football (Soccer) Gala Day

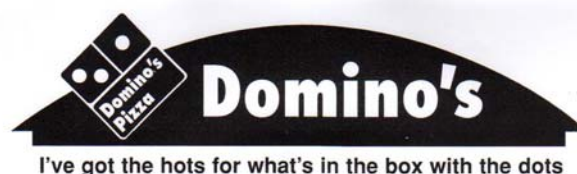
On Thursday 29 August 2013 selected years 3 and 4 students will be participating in a 5-A-Side Soccer Gala Day at Baddeley Park South Cessnock. Students will depart school at 9am and return at approx. 3pm in time for regular buses etc. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform and must wear shin pads. Soccer boots are optional and can be worn if the children already own a pair. Please do not go and purchase a pair especially for this day. Please bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water as there will be no canteen facilities available at the ground. Mrs Fairlie is relying on parent transport to and from the venue as indicated on the note which has been sent home with children earlier in the week. Please return the permission note to Mrs Fairlie by TOMORROW.

# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 3 2013

NSW Department of  
Education & Communities

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
19 AUG <b>CLOSED</b>	20 Tina & Wes Batey	21 <b>Help Needed</b> Karieanne Clifford	22 Suzy Marr Crystle Crossley	23 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
26 <b>CLOSED</b>	27 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	28 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	29 Kristy Jones Amanda Vine	30 <b>Melva McLennan</b> <b>Dusty Lawless</b>

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 SEP <b>CLOSED</b>	3 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	4 Lynda & Chris Cunningham	5 Amanda Penfold Amanda Vine	6 Kiley & Dianne Flaherty
9 <b>CLOSED</b>	10 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	11 Louise Robertson Karieanne Clifford	12 Suzy Marr Crystle Crossley	13 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
16 <b>CLOSED</b>	17 Tina & Wes Batey	18 Lynda Cunningham Karieanne Clifford	19 Amanda Penfold Tina Batey	20 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff



## FUNDRAISER

DOMINO'S PIZZA CESSNOCK IS PROUD TO  
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Time: 4pm to 8pm

Donation of: \$1 From every pizza sold will be  
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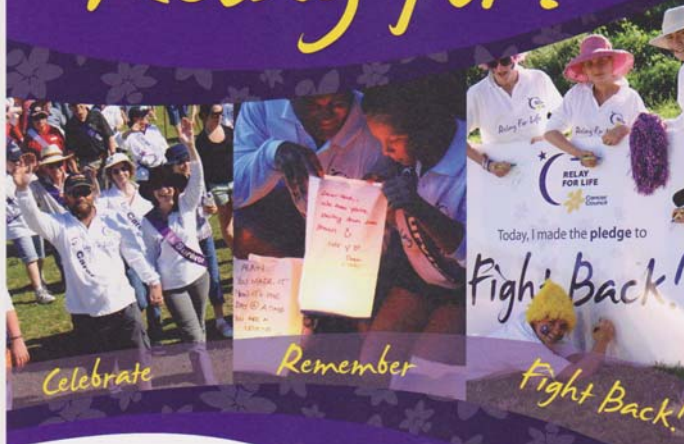
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10am Saturday – 8.00am Sunday  
12th & 13th October 2013

Baddeley Park, Vincent Street



[www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au)

1300 65 65 85



# StArRy NiGhT

## StOrYtImE

### & CRITTER CAMPOUT

Come into Cessnock Library for a special night time storytime. Bring along a toy to leave for a sleepover at the library until Monday morning– what will they get up to when the library lights are out?

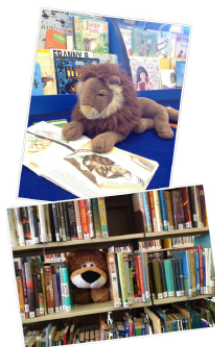
**WHERE:** Cessnock Library,  
65-67 Vincent St, Cessnock

**WHEN:** Friday, 23rd August, 6-7 pm

**AGES:** 2-8 yrs (older and younger siblings welcome!)

**COST:** FREE!

For more details, or to make a booking, call Cessnock Library on 49934399 or speak to library staff.



The Reading Hour

The next P&C meeting will be held at 2pm on Thursday 5 September in the school library. ALL WELCOME!

## School Banking

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

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Bungee Tramp

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Chair-O-Plane

Mini Jeeps

Jumping Castle

Giant Slide

**Stalls**

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

**Kids Gym**

**SPECIAL**

Arts Bands Unlimited Rides 10AM till 2.00PM

**\$25.00** in Term 3 from Office or

**\$30.00** on the day

**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.**



Mrs Singleton and 1/2 in their fabulous book parade outfits.

**Congewai Public School**

**10am-3pm Sunday 8th September**

at Congewai Public School

Step back in time with historical displays and re-enactments, old fashioned games and a maypole.

Bring your picnic blanket for a "Ye Olde" traditional school picnic with live music, great food, and tea and coffee.

**Saddle up for Congewai Public School's 125th Anniversary**

**St Philip's Christian College**

**SPRING FAIR**

Wine Country Dr. Belfair (near Cessnock)

**31st August 2013**

**10am - 3pm**

cake stalls → craft stalls → pony rides

big entertainment → wine and cheese tasting → jumping castles

amusement rides → gourmet produce → chocolate wheel

great prizes → animal displays → helicopter joy rides

For Stall holder enquiries, please contact Julie - 0400 624 911 or julye73@hotmail.com



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Tuesday - Friday 10am-4pm

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