



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

A warm welcome back to the 2014 school year. My name is Mrs Sue Holt and I will be the Relieving Principal of Kearsley P.S for 2014. I look forward to sharing school life with the students, staff, parents and community members of Kearsley. Our staff look forward to continuing quality teaching and learning in partnership with the Kearsley community in 2014. Kearsley P.S has made a great start to the year. I have heard lots of positive, caring conversation in our playground.

Thank you to parents who have ensured that their children are wearing school uniform. It reflects pride in our school and a positive attitude towards learning.

A special welcome to our new Kindergarten parents and students. Education is a life long process and positive interaction with the school is very important. Please feel free to ask questions that will help ensure good relationships are formed and maintained. This will help your child to be happy and successful at school. If you have issues to discuss with your child's teacher please make an appointment, as we need to listen carefully. As your child is moving to class, the teacher should be focusing on the students in their care.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Webber Family for generously donating their time during the Christmas break to paint a car track for the students to use. It has been gratefully received by the students.

I look forward to meeting parents at our first P & C meeting this week or at the swimming carnival next week.

Sue Holt

Relieving Principal

Important Dates:

13 Feb	School Swim Carnival (Turning 8years and older)
18 Feb	Class Meetings Yrs K-4
20 Feb	Class Meeting 5/6
21 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
28 Feb	Clean Up Australia Day
19 Mar	Ride 2 School Day
21 Mar	School Cross Country
10 April	School Photos
11 April	Last day Term 1
29 April	First day Term 2

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Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Pitt	Mrs Singleton	Mrs Fairlie	Mr Falla	Ms Thompson
	Jack F		Rhett D	Louise D
	Kaydence B		Annabelle R	Lloyd D
	Paige C		Harrison R	Tyluh S
			Jordarna B	

School Swimming Carnival 2014

Kearsley Public School will be holding their annual swimming carnival on THURSDAY 13 Feb.

Children from Yr 2 who turn 8 this year and all primary children will be involved.

There will be a variety of activities for **ALL** students including non-swimmers.

The students will need the following items:

TOWEL SWIMMING COSTUME SUNSCREEN HAT LUNCH

Students may wear their house colours or school uniform on the day.

Colours are : Allandale – orange

Caledonia – green

Pokolbin – blue

Tomalpin - white

No transport will be provided by the school. Parents are asked to have their children at Cessnock Pool by 9.05am and to collect them by **2pm**. Cost will be \$2.50 per child to cover the cost of pool entry **to be paid to Mrs Fairlie at the pool gate**.

Season ticket holders will pay nothing but are advised **to bring their season ticket with them**.

All parents and friends are most welcome to attend the carnival at a cost of \$2.00 to be paid at the gate.

Permission notes need to be returned to school by Monday 10 Feb.

If there are any questions, please direct them to Mr Falla at school.

Classroom Meetings

Kearsley PS teachers will be organising opportunities for parents to come in and discuss class directions, expectations, learning topics, excursions etc in Week 4 Tuesday 18 February and Thursday 20 February (5/6). This is a general discussion, not a time to discuss your child. Please make a separate appointment with your child's teacher for another time. Hope to see you here, strong partnerships help successful learning outcomes for students. Any questions please contact your child/children's classroom teacher.

Meeting Times:

Tuesday 18 Feb

Mrs Fairlie 2/3

9:05 - 10am

Mrs Pitt Kinder

1:15pm - 2pm

Mr Falla 3/4

10:05 - 11am

Mrs Singleton Yr1

3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday 20 Feb - Ms Thompson 5/6 3:15-4pm

General Permission Note

A general permission note has been sent home today. It gives students permission to use the internet, permission for walking excursions, permission to have photos taken at school etc. A separate permission note will need to be filled out for each child. Please initial each one and sign at the bottom and return to your class teacher.



ICAS Competitions 2014 Yrs 3 –6

Once again the University of NSW is conducting the “International Competitions and Assessments for Schools” (ICAS) for students in years 3 - 6. These are external assessments in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics and English. If your child wishes to enter there is a fee for each competition. It is **NOT**

compulsory for students to enter these competitions, only if they wish to do so. You can choose which competitions you wish to enter. A detailed note will be sent home with this newsletter.

The money for all competitions you are entering needs to be given to your class teacher by Friday 7 March 2014.



SUBJECT	COST	SITTING DATE
Computer Skills	\$8.80	Tuesday 20 May
Science	\$8.80	Wednesday 4 June
Spelling	\$12.10	Tuesday 17 June
Writing	\$18.70	Thursday 19 June
English	\$8.80	Wednesday 29 July
Mathematics	\$8.80	Tuesday 12 August

Can you help Kindergarten?

Mrs Pitt would love donations of empty margarine containers with their lids and any old magazines for her craft activities. If you can help please drop them to the Kindergarten room in the mornings before school or send in with your children, thank you.

Position Vacant

Concreter/Paver - Kearsley Public School would like to invite any tradesman to submit a quote for pathways to be built in the school grounds. We would like to establish a pathway from the side entrance on Allandale St to the school library and also another pathway extending the length of the playground along the side fence to the school from Tomalpin St. Another quote is needed to clear and level part of the school front grounds. Please send your quote to the school office by Friday 14th February for work to be completed by March this year. Tradesmen must have necessary insurances etc.



PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This year in PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) we have made a few adjustments to the program. Firstly Kookaburra Cards are now colour coded to correspond to each term. For example Term 1 is blue, Term 2 is green, Term 3 is pink and Term 4 is yellow. The reward structure is now 3 awards = ice block or pencil, 5 awards = lucky dip and 7 awards = canteen voucher. Over the course of the year each term tally is collated. Students can achieve Bronze level (10 awards), Silver level (15 awards) and Gold level (20 awards).

P&C Meetings 2014

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the school library. We would like to extend a special invitation to our new families to the school who may wish to join the P&C to attend. The first P&C meeting was held today, the next meeting will be Thurs 6 March.

Prohibited Employment Declaration

All parents / carers who volunteer in any capacity (reading groups, canteen, P&C, driving students to and from sporting/excursions etc.) at Kearsley Public School will need to fill out a prohibited employment declaration form. These can be collected at the office or we can send one home with your child. A new form needs to be done each year, so if you filled one in last year a new one will need to be done for this year, thank you.

Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 CLOSED	4 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	5 Chris & Linda Cunningham	6 Amanda Vine Amanda Penfold	7 Amanda Penfold Patricia Bell
10 CLOSED	11 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	12 Louise Robertson Karieanne Clifford	13 Suzy Marr Crystle Crossley	14 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
17 CLOSED	18 Tina & Wes Batey	19 Karieanne Clifford Teresa Hale	20 Amanda Penfold Tina Batey	21 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff
24 CLOSED	25 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	26 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	27 Amanda Vine Sarah Kedwell Carol Wilton	28 Melva McLennan Davina Lawless

All volunteers who work in the school canteen, reading groups or who volunteer and are on school grounds need to pay a membership fee to be covered for insurance purposes. Please pay your \$2.00 P & C / Canteen membership to the school office ASAP. Amy Archibald is doing canteen rosters and can be contacted at amykarchibald@gmail.com for any questions regarding rosters.



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School Banking

School banking is on hold till further notice. Commonwealth Bank are implementing new software



FREE Childhood Obesity Program for Local Families

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know about a **FREE** healthy lifestyle program for families of children aged 7-13 who are above their healthy weight. The program is called Go4Fun! With an emphasis on practical, fun learning, the program is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families' diets, fitness levels and overall health.

The program runs for 10 weeks over the school term and is delivered once or twice a week for two hours - the first hour consisting of interactive discussions and activities about nutrition and behaviour change and the second hour alternating between land and water based games and activities. Go4Fun encourages a family approach and as such a parent or carer must attend all sessions with the child. Go4Fun is completely **FREE** for children and families to attend and the sessions are run after school. Go4Fun is not a diet and does not encourage rapid weight loss in children, rather it is about empowerment - working with the child and family in a range of ways to make healthy lifestyle changes in terms of physical activity, food, self-confidence and personal development. By following the Go4Fun principles, participants will lose weight naturally and thereby build a foundation for healthy living - for life.

The next Go4Fun program begins on the 12th Feb 2014 (Term 1, Week 3) at various locations around Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Cessnock and Maitland and I would encourage anyone who believes their family would benefit to contact Maria or Tahniah on 4921 4113 or call 1800 780 900 or visit www.mendcentral.org/go4fun to get more information or register your child.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Holt

Principal

Kurri Kurri	WED (1 session/week)	4-6pm	Kurri Kurri Public School Lang Street, Kurri Kurri
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* Closest location for Kearsley students *



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District





TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM

Triple P Parent Seminars

The power of positive parenting	Thursday 13 March 2014
Raising confident, competent children	Thursday 20 March 2014
Raising resilient children	Thursday 27 March 2014

Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

at
Samaritans Neighbourhood Centre
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

To book a place or for more information please phone

CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

on
4990 4507



Seminars are presented by an accredited Triple P practitioner

Financial assistance for this service is provided by Community Services, Department of Family and
Community Services NSW



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers

at **Cessnock Family Support Service**

5 Hall Street, Cessnock

on Wednesdays 26 February, 5 March & 12 March 2014 at 10am to 12.30pm

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

The course is free, morning tea is provided

No childcare available

Register for this course by contacting Cessnock Family Support Service on 4990 4507

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?

The presenters for this course have completed Parentshop's 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training and are employed by Cessnock Family Support Service.



For more information contact: Cessnock Family Support 4990 4507

- An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au

Who can use the Service?

- Families with children aged 0-12 years
- Families expecting a child
- Families who live in the Cessnock Local Government Area

Who is NOT eligible to access the service?

Families who are currently receiving ongoing casework services from Community Services or Brighter Futures are not eligible for our service. These families **may** be eligible for access to our Parenting Groups.

Financial Assistance for this project is provided by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
9am – 3.30pm

Cessnock Family Support Service

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SUMMER READING CLUB

Supersleuth Party

Come into the library for a special supersleuth party!
Come dressed as your favourite secret agent and be ready to take part in some top secret training activities!

Kurri Kurri Library:
Tuesday 18 February, 5-6.30 pm

Cessnock Library:
Thursday 20 February, 5-6.30 pm

AGES: 5-12 yrs (older and younger siblings welcome!)

COST: FREE!

For more details, or to make a booking, come in and see us at the counter, or give us a ring on the numbers below.

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street
CESSNOCK 2325
Phone: 4993 4399



Kurri Kurri Library
253 Lang Street
KURRI KURRI 2327
Phone: 4937 1638



REGISTRATION DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS - AT SPORTSPower CESSNOCK.

Tues 4/2/14	3.30pm-5pm	Costs: 5-Yrs - \$79	Register online at www.sportspower.com.au then attend one of our sign days.
Thurs 6/2/14	3.30pm-5pm	8-11yrs - \$84	
Sat 8/2/14	9am-1pm	11-18yrs - \$106	
Tues 11/2/14	3.30pm-5pm	19yrs-SNF - \$136	
Thurs 13/2/14	3.30pm-5pm	Payments can be made online	
Sat 15/2/14	9am-1pm	This year we will be giving away a copy of the book 'The Secret Garden' to the first 100 players who sign up.	
Tues 18/2/14	3.30pm-5pm	All new players must provide a copy of their birth certificate and send it to the club. All new 5yr players must also upload a photo to the club.	
Thurs 20/2/14	3.30pm-5pm		
Sat 22/2/14	9am-1pm		

Any inquiries please ph Ann on 0416001979 Or Troy on 0432011376

Don't forget to check out our website at
www.Kearsley-p.schools.nsw.edu.au