



## Kearsley Public School

### NEWSLETTER

*"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"*

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## From The Principal's Desk

It is lovely to see quality work from our students in all classes and just as important, watching our students receive Kookaburra awards at our weekly assembly for having a great work ethic or obeying the school rules of Respect, Responsibility and Learning.

It is also important that parents demonstrate to their children that the rules of school are rules for life too.

This week we have the school Cross Country races at Jeffery Park on Friday 21st March. We would love to see parents/carers offering their support to our students..

Today the Youth Liaison officer at Maitland Senior Constable Mick Steele spoke to Yr 5/6 students and parents about cyber bullying and using mobile phones.

Just a reminder to parents of Yr 6 students that EOI for High School **MUST** be returned by **tomorrow**. Your child will not be offered a place at high school without filling in the enrolment information and returning it to the office for signing by the Principal.

Tomorrow at 1:00pm Yr 3/4 will be lucky enough to experience a free Science show from the AIM high program, which is delivered by students from the University of Newcastle.

A reminder to parents of Yr 5/6 students that the expressions of interest for the Canberra excursion are due and a deposit of \$50 is due next week by Friday 28 March.

**Please note** the change of date for our school photo's. Due to the Zone Cross Country being held in Maitland on the same day as our school photo's we changed the date to the **first day back of term 2, Tuesday 29 April**. All students will need to be in full summer uniform on the day. Photo envelopes will be sent home on April 3 and need to be brought back to school on photo day. For those wishing to have family photo's taken, envelopes can be collected from the office.

Sue Holt

### Important Dates:

21 Mar	School Cross Country @ 10am
21Mar	Year 3/4 Science Show @ 1pm
28 Mar	\$50 Canberra Deposit Due
3 April	P&C AGM (refer to letter on back page)
8 April	Year 5/6 Wetlands Excursion
10 April	Zone Cross Country
11 April	Easter Hat Parade @ 12:30pm
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
Klay W, Clare C	Preston B	Izaiah W	Lachlan W	Riley B
Nate R, Porsha B	Savanna C-R	Rella S	Sam A, Alex B	Gemma D
Tennielle P	Jack F	Katlyn E	Brock B, Chelsea P	Liam O
Nicholas B	Madison K	Jye D	Justin P	Braith G
Maddi B	Ella C	Callum M	Jake G	Tyreece P
Ruby G	Paige C	Seth Atk	Alex K	Jack G
Luke A	Seth J	Bayley B	Korey T	Sophie R
Mitch S	Preston K	Jorja K	Mason S	
Mary W	Maria N	Malakai L	Kye B	
Montannah V	Monique A	Jason W	Leah-Maree P	
Jesse P	Owen H	Seth Att	Annabelle R	
Pierah K	Rubi S	Cody P, Trenten M	Tamara H	

### Kinder Enrolments 2015

Names are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. Please call at the office to pick up an enrolment form and add your child's name to our list. If you know of any new families that will be joining our Kinder class in 2015 could you please let them know to call at the office. Thank you.

### Voluntary School Contributions

Students were issued with invoices for school contributions. The contribution rate has stayed the same as the last few years. Please make your payment **by the end of term 1 to go into the draw for a \$25 GIFT CARD.**

\$30 for families with 1 student (\$7.50 per term)  
 \$50 for families with 2 students (\$12.50 per term)  
 \$60 for families with 3 or more students (\$15 per term)



The eldest student in each family has been listed on the statement.

These fees are not compulsory but are very much appreciated as they are used for purchasing much needed supplies and equipment used daily by the students of our school.

### Chocolate Drive

**All money and any unsold boxes of chocolates need to be returned to school by Monday 31 March 2014. There are only 2 cartons left if anyone is interested in selling an extra box.**

### P & C Easter Raffle

The P&C are running an Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets have been sent home with the children and extra books are available from the office. Thank you to the many families who have returned tickets and money already. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11 April. All tickets sold and unsold need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 9 April.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place on Tuesday 29 April by MSP Photography. Full summer school uniform is to be worn. Students are to return photo envelopes with money on the day. If you would like a **family portrait taken please collect an envelope from the office**. A few helpful points to remember are

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Please enclose correct monies as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit cards accepted).
- There is a new order online system available this year also full details appear on the front of each envelope.

**PHOTO ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED OUT TO STUDENTS ON 3 APRIL. PLEASE NOTE: PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**

## Canberra Excursion

Years 5 & 6 have the opportunity to participate in a 4 day excursion to Canberra on Tuesday 2 September till Friday 5 September 2014. This is an exciting, fun-packed experience for all students. The cost will be approximately \$400.00 which includes return coach transport, accommodation, all meals (except lunch on Day 1), and all activities.

This cost has been based on 28 students so the cost could change slightly depending on definite numbers. We will endeavour to do some fundraising to bring this cost down for families. Notes were given to students last week. Expressions of Interest are now overdue and need to be returned to Ms Thompson by **tomorrow**. NB: There MAY BE an opportunity for parents to attend at the same cost as students – please tick the box on the note if interested. A payment plan has been devised so families can budget for the trip. A \$50 deposit needs to be paid by **28 March 2014. Payments can be made at anytime at the office.**

## School Cross Country

On Friday 21 March 2014, our school will be holding a cross country run for all Yrs 3 – 6 children. This will enable us to pick our team for the Zone Cross Country. The race will be at Jeffery Park, Kearsley. We will be walking from school at 9.30am to the park. We will walk the track and the race starting time will be approx. 10am. We will be returning to school by lunchtime. Please ensure your child is wearing their sports uniform, joggers and hat. Students aged 8, 9 or 10 years old will run 2 laps each, 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3 laps each.



## Wetlands Excursion

Year 5/6 students have been studying a unit on Wetlands in HSIE. They have the opportunity to be involved in a hands on excursion to the Wetlands Education Centre at Shortland on Tuesday 8 April. Private transport will be required on the day for this excursion to be possible. Parents are able to stay for the day if they want; the entry fee for parents is \$8.00. We will be leaving school at 9am and leaving the Centre at 2pm to return in time for the afternoon bus at school. Please fill in the permission note and return to Ms. Thompson with money by 26 March.

## Canteen Easter Colouring Competition

The canteen is running an Easter colouring competition. There are two categories, Kinder—Year 2 and Year 3—Year 6. Students are asked to finish the pattern of the picture then colour or decorate it. Entries need to be handed back to teachers by April 9, winners will be announced at the Easter hat parade on 11 April.

# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

NSW Department of  
Education & Communities

## March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
17 CLOSED	18 Tina & Wes Batey	19 Linda Cunningham Patricia Bell	20 Amanda Penfold Tina Batey	21 Nicole & Lynne Dunnicliff
24 CLOSED	25 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	26 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	27 Sarah Kedwell Carol Wilton	28 Melva McLennan Davina Lawless

## April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31 CLOSED	1 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	2 Linda & Chris Cunningham	3 Amanda Penfold Amanda Vine	4 Amanda Penfold Patricia Bell
7 CLOSED	8 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	9 Louise Robertson Leanne Robertson	10 Bobbie Orr Nichole Levett	11 Melva McLennan Dusty 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 has resumed  
for the year. Please send in  
bank books every Thursday  
for Mrs Duggan to process.  
Thank you.**

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games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

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Please contact Cessnock District Leader, Kylie, at [cessnockguides@bigpond.com](mailto:cessnockguides@bigpond.com)

OR email Region Membership Advisor at [helenEG2@live.com.au](mailto:helenEG2@live.com.au)

Visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au) to find out more about Guide:

**HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..**



## **Norta Norta Tutor**

Position available at Mount View HS, Cessnock. 1042 students inc 103 Aboriginal students. 2 days per week, 6 hours per day. Approved DEC pay rate. This is an ATSI priority position. Position criteria available from Peter Conroy, Deputy, MVHS, 49902566, [peter.conroy@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peter.conroy@det.nsw.edu.au) 2 page application based on criteria, noting 2 referees. Close, 3pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Why is breakfast important?**

1. children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
2. children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
3. children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
4. eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.



## **Shim Jang Taekwondo - Traditional Self Defense**

**WHEN:** Tuesday's during school terms

**WHERE:** Kearsley Public School Hall

**TIME:** 4pm to 5pm

**Call Steve Turner for more information on 0400002951**

NOW THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN  
**LEARN POWERFUL SELF DEFENCE**







# NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY

AT

MAITLAND TENAMBIT BMX CLUB

ON

SATURDAY, 22 MAR

VISIT [BMXAUSTRALIA.COM.AU](http://BMXAUSTRALIA.COM.AU)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where: Beryl Humble Sporting Complex, Metford Rd, Tenambit

Time: 9am till 12 midday

What to Bring: A bike, preferably wear long pants & long sleeve shirt, sturdy enclosed shoes, a helmet and a drink.

Contact: [maitlandbmx@hotmail.com](mailto:maitlandbmx@hotmail.com)

The first 25 children to register at the track will receive a show bag.

## Sacred Elements

02 4991 1100

[info@sacredelements.com.au](mailto:info@sacredelements.com.au)

AWAKEN VITALITY WITHIN  
EXPO

30th March 2014 10am—3pm

Come on out and join us for our bi-annual open day

### Guest Mediums

**SUZIE THE GHOST WHISPERER &  
HELEN THE PSYCHIC MEDIUM**

\$15 Platform Shows

11am—Suzie

1:30pm—Helen

### Stall Holders

Massage

Insight

Empowerment

Guidance

Inspiration

Healers

Readers

Grab a coffee or a bite to eat and enjoy the tranquillity of  
our courtyard garden, ideal for relaxing in

19 Wine Country Drive, Cessnock

In the grounds of Calvary Retirement Village

# Help Us raise funds

By shopping at any **Ritchies Supermarket** or  
**Liquor Store**, 0.5% of the money you spend  
will be automatically **donated\*** back to us.

Use your **FREE Community  
Benefit Card** every time you shop



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\*Conditions apply - see application form for detail

HELP Kearsley PS raise money simply by  
shopping at IGA. Collect a card and key  
tag from the office. NO forms to fill out  
they are already registered and ready to  
use!



# Encourage fair play

Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:

- Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.
- Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.
- Talking about the game not the result.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au) or phone 131 302.



## Grapes are great for Crunch&Sip®!

Sweet, easy to eat and full of nutritious goodness, grapes are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip®.

For a cool treat, why not try freezing grapes?

Delicious!



School Swimming Carnival House Champions—  
Caledonia with House Captains Bradley R and Tyreece P



School Swimming  
Carnival Champions:  
Braith G, Darcy B,  
Sophie R, Jordarna B,  
Lloyd D and Sam A



School House  
Captains: Lloyd D,  
Ryan C, Darcy B,  
Chloe S, Noah W,  
Tyreece P and  
Bradley R



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**KEARSLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT AND CITIZEN COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear Financial Members of the Kearsley Public School Parent and Citizen Group

It has been drawn to our attention by the Federation that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 was **NOT** a constitutional Annual General Meeting under the guidelines of the P&C Federation as there were not any financial books/audited reports presented at the meeting.

A new AGM will need to held. This meeting has been re-scheduled on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm in the school library. This meeting will be followed by the April P&C Meeting.

All positions will be made vacant and re-elected at this meeting.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Brooks  
P&C – Secretary

Susan Holt  
Principal



Don't forget to check  
out our website at  
**[www.kearsley-  
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