



## Kearsley Public School

### NEWSLETTER

*"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"*

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## From The Principal's Desk

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the staff at Kearsley P.S. We have a wonderful group of teachers, office staff and support staff who are very focused on providing a quality teaching and learning environment for the students and parents at our school.

Secondly, I would like to thank members of the Kearsley P.S P&C and parent helpers. They do a great job and are to be congratulated for it. Working happily together for the benefit of our children is our number one focus.

It is hard to believe term one is nearly over. Next week Yr 5/6 are attending an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands on Tuesday. On Friday we are looking forward to our Easter Hat Parade. Please check out the important dates box below. The note has already been sent home regarding that day.

The ANZAC service will be held in the holidays and we look forward to seeing our students at either the dawn service at Kearsley or the march at Cessnock at 11:00 am. Notes have been sent home about ANZAC DAY. The school will conduct a brief service on Friday 11th April.

Parents of students in Year 6 need to keep an eye out for the note about the University Discover Day next term. Numbers need to be finalised next week. It was very well received last year and was lots of fun. Please remind your children of the need to wear uniform and obey school rules at all times so that we can have a safe, happy school. Thank you to those parents who are already helping us by working on these issues.

Thank you to the P&C members who have been helping with the chocolate drive. Some of the profits will help our students attend the Canberra excursion so keep on selling! Have a lovely Easter break and holiday with your family.

Sue Holt

Rel. Principal

### Important Dates:

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 8 April         | Year 5/6 Wetlands Excursion      |
| 10 April        | Zone Cross Country               |
| 11 April        | Easter Hat Parade @ 12:30pm      |
| 25 April        | ANZAC Day Services               |
| 29 April        | First day Term 2                 |
| <b>29 April</b> | <b>School Photos</b>             |
| 1 May           | Yr 5/6 Canberra Meeting @ 5:30pm |
| 2 May           | Canberra 1st Installment due     |
| 9 May           | Discover UNI Day Yr 6 + Parents  |
| 13,14,15 May    | NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5             |

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## Kookaburra Awards

| Mrs Pitt           | Mrs Singleton | Mrs Fairlie         | Mr Falla     | Ms Thompson       |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mitch S, Ryleigh H | Zaria W       | Courtney S          | Annabelle R  | Isabelle P        |
| Nate R, Ruby G     | Harmony L     | Callum M            | Chelsea P    | Rex C-R, Riley B  |
| Pierah K           | Paige C       | Tyler D, Jarrod H   | Jai B        | Darcy B, Louise D |
| Jasmine H-J        | Kaydence B    | Jed S, Bailey I     | Jordarna B   | Liam O, Gemma D   |
| Maddi B            | Savanna C-R   | Izaiah W            | Keelee S     | Christian S       |
| Haimish L          | Rubi S        | Jorja K, Ebony B    | Chelsea P    | Ryan C            |
| Domonic L          | Madison K     | Malakai L, Seth Atk | Tamara H     | Lloyd D           |
| Montannah V        | Owen H        | Logan B, Harley M   | Mason S      | Annaliese H       |
| Klay W, Isla H     | Jack F        | Jordarna B          | Leah-Maree P | Bradley R         |
| Clayton H          | Zac C         | Tyren C-R           |              | Chloe S           |
| Porsha B           | Jack B        | Harrison R          |              | Luke P            |
| Gavin F, Mary W    |               | Katlyn E            |              | Zoe G             |

### 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.



### NAPLAN 13, 14 & 15 May 2014

#### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

### ANZAC Day Services

The Anzac march/service on Friday 25 April 2014 falls during the school holidays, all students are welcome to represent Kearsley Public School with Mrs Singleton at the Kearsley Dawn Service, meeting at the tennis courts at 5am. Students can also meet Mrs Holt at 11am at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and then march as a school group to TAFE park for the Cessnock service. Our school leaders will be involved with the readings at the dawn service and will place flowers on the cenotaph at the Cessnock Service. Students must be collected from the park immediately after the service. All students are required to wear full school uniform including hats.

## 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 photo 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 TODAY. PLEASE NOTE: PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**

## Canberra Excursion

Deposits for the Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion are now **OVERDUE**. A \$50 deposit needs to be paid to the office by **TOMORROW**. For the excursion to go ahead we need a minimum number of children to attend. If deposits haven't been made to the office then the excursion may **NOT** go ahead. The P&C are supporting this excursion and are giving financial assistance of approximately \$50 per student attending. The money raised from our Easter Parade Cake Stall will also go towards this excursion. Thank you to the P&C for their support.

## Zone Cross Country

Cessnock Zone Cross Country Trial will be held on Thursday 10 April 2014 commencing at 9:00 am at Cessnock Racecourse. Cost will be \$5 per competitor paid to the office. Travel will be by private car and students need to be at the track by 9:10am in time to walk the course at 9:30am. Students must wear their school sport shirt and a pair of shorts to the trials. Students will take their own lunch and plenty of water. Bellbird PS will be operating a canteen on the day. **PLEASE NOTE: the change in starting time!**



## P & C Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets sold OR unsold need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 9 April. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11 April 2014. 14 PRIZES will be drawn!

## 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. One prize per class so get colouring!

# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

NSW Department of  
Education & Communities

## April

| Mon                       | Tue                                   | Wed                                       | Thu                                | Fri                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 31 MARCH<br><b>CLOSED</b> | 1<br>Amy Archibald<br>Vanessa Rockley | 2<br>Linda & Chris<br>Cunningham          | 3<br>Amanda Penfold<br>Amanda Vine | 4<br>Amanda Penfold<br>Patricia Bell  |
| 7<br><b>CLOSED</b>        | 8<br>Julianne Duggan<br>Jane Hayes    | 9<br>Louise Robertson<br>Leanne Robertson | 10<br>Bobbie Orr<br>Nichole Levett | 11<br>Melva McLennan<br>Dusty Lawless |

## May

| Mon                       | Tue                                   | Wed                                             | Thu                                   | Fri                                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 28 APRIL<br><b>CLOSED</b> | 29 APRIL<br>Tina & Wes Batey          | 30 APRIL<br>Patricia Bell<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> | 1 MAY<br>Amanda Penfold<br>Tina Batey | 2<br>Amanda Penfold<br>Patricia Bell |
| 5<br><b>CLOSED</b>        | 6<br>Amy Archibald<br>Vanessa Rockley | 7<br>Linda<br>Cunningham                        | 8<br>Amanda Penfold<br>Amanda Vine    | 9<br>Melva McLennan<br>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

Please send in bank books every Thursday for Mrs Duggan to process. Thank you.

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If you have **ANY** child that was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email [childoffset@twelve.com.au](mailto:childoffset@twelve.com.au) today to receive more information.

**ACT NOW!**  
**DEADLINE**  
**JUNE 2014**

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*Your Family Tax Specialist*

**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**

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All students, K-6, are asked to bring cakes, biscuits, slices etc. to donate to our fundraising cake stall.

Donations can be dropped at the office or brought with you when you come up for the parade on the day. We realise we have had a very busy Term 1 and really appreciate the support from our parents/carers. Cakes will be on sale at the conclusion of our Parade.



**Do an hour of physical activity everyday**

Children need at least 60 minutes of activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.



**WANTED:** Any interested Yr 5 or Yr 6 students who would like to play basketball in Term 2 at Cessnock Basketball Stadium in the Kearsley PS Super 12's Team (Primary School Division).

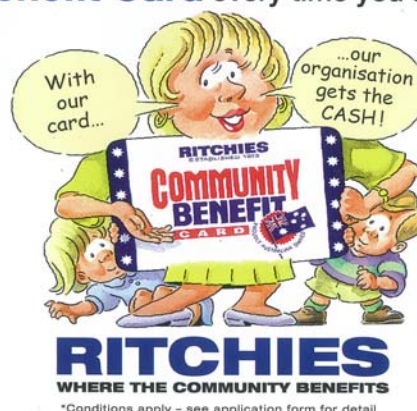
The competition is on a Tuesday night at the Stadium on Mt View Rd, Cessnock.

**Interested players need to contact Melissa Attwood for more information on 0434033497 by Wednesday 9 April 2014** as nominations need to be forwarded by the end of this Term ready to start in Term 2.

# 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



\*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!

# Monster Island

## By Leah-Maree P Yr 3/4



My grandad was reading me a book about pirates. After he read me the book he gave me a map and said “go and have an adventure laddie.” The year after I found five of my mates Emily the wannabe, Tank the crazy one, Bella the cutie pie, Taylor the tomboy, and Mack the warrior. We went to the beginning of the map. It was the beach. When we got there we built a paddle boat. After we finished we began to sail. It didn’t take long until we bumped into some tight fisted pirates. They began to shoot us down. So we jumped on their ship and began to attack. My crew had killed them all except for the captain. So it became a captain fight. I won so now we have a proper pirate ship. Not long after, my crew and I found the island. It was surrounded by sparkling turquoise water and the sand as soft as a fluffy cushion. We started to walk along until we came to a massive blue monster guarding a cave. We tried to sneak past but the big blue monster ate Mack. We continued on through the cave, we passed a colony of bats. At the end there was an erupting volcano. It was very hard to get past the volcano because all the lava was everywhere and it was very sticky. So sticky it was like walking through a tub of honey. Our feet were so sticky we couldn’t walk. An hour later we got past. We came to a split end so Emily, Tank and Taylor went up and Bella and I went down. As Emily, Tank and Taylor started walking they came to a shack with a blazing fire out the front so they ran like they had just seen an alien. It didn’t take long until they came to some mountains. It took them two days to get over them. As they continued they found a nest with a big egg sitting in it. “Squawk” Down came mother bird and ate Tank, Taylor and Emily. As Bella and I headed down we came to a meeting of monsters there were Dragons, Dinosaurs and Centaurs. We tried to sneak past but the dinosaur spotted us he chased us and he caught Bella and ate her. Oh no! Now it’s up to me to find the treasure. I continue on and see a tiger. It’s guarding the treasure. I attack him with my sword.

He scratches me with his claw. I stab him. I missed. He bites me. “Ahh! My hand” I yelled. I stabbed him in the heart and got the treasure. I arrived home to tell my grandad about the great adventure and the sadness. Thanks for listening!



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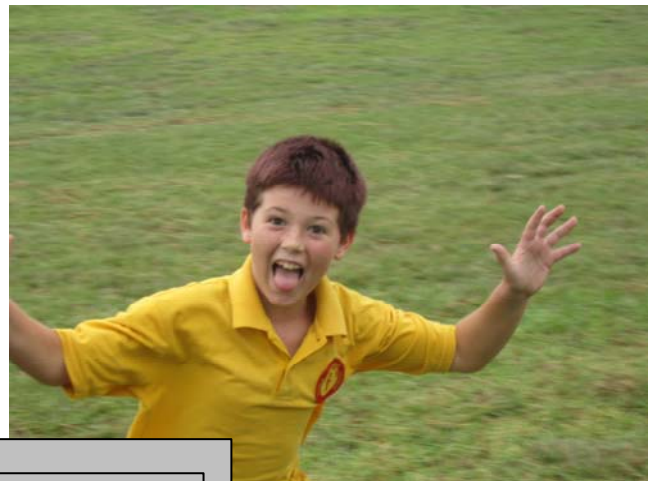
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# School Cross Country 2014

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Corey S Yr 5/6



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