



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to everyone. We hope the break with your family and friends was restful and relaxing, especially with the fabulous warm weather. Term 2 is always a busy term and is only nine weeks, finishing on June 27.

We are awaiting the staffing department of the DEC to provide the school with a permanent classroom teacher, which will be completed as quickly as possible. We have been advised to advertise through the merit selection process for the Assistant Principal position which will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. While we are waiting for the two new teachers, we welcome Miss Liz Sharkey on class 3/4 and Mr Dan Ringis on class 5/6.

This week we have our Canberra Parent meeting at 5:30 pm today. It is very important that at least one parent represents the student who will be attending this major excursion. Parents also need to note that the first instalment for Canberra is due on Friday. Regular small payments are also welcomed. The May P&C meeting was held today. Thank you to all parents who attended for your support. Next week is the Mother's Day stall and the Discover Uni Day for Year 6 students and their parents. Unfortunately a bus will not be provided for us by the Uni and students will need to be transported by parents. A note went home on Tuesday regarding this matter. NAPLAN testing will occur on the 13th, 14th, 15th May. Please ensure your child is present at school before 9:00am so that students can be focused on doing their best. They will have practice for the testing in class next week.

Our School Athletics Carnival will be on Friday 16th May and we look forward to sharing the day with our parents, friends and families. Please check the changes to the school discipline policy sent home at the end of last term. We look forward to an exciting and productive term 2.

Sue Holt Relieving Principal

Important Dates:

1 May	Yr 5/6 Canberra Meeting @ 5:30pm
2 May	Canberra 1st Instalment due
8 May	Mother's Day Stall
9 May	Discover UNI Day Yr 6 + Parents
13,14,15 May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5
16 May	Athletics Carnival
20 May	ICAS - Computer Test
21 May	GRIP Leadership Conference
23 May	Canberra 2nd Instalment due

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Canberra Excursion/Parent Meeting

An instalment of \$70 for the Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion is due tomorrow Friday 2 May. ***A parent information evening is being held this afternoon at 5:30pm.***

Public Speaking Competition

All students will be involved in a Public Speaking Competition. Winners will then be chosen to represent our school at the Hunter Central Coast Regional Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. Speeches will need to be prepared at home and performed in class at school. The best 2-3 from each class will be chosen to present their speech at Assembly in Week 5 Friday 30 May 2014. A note with full details is at the back of this newsletter or see Mrs Holt for further information.

Athletics Carnival Friday 16 May @ Turner Park

The annual Kearsley Public School Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 16 May 2014 at Turner Park. The carnival is for all students in Kinder to Yr 6. Parents are requested to **transport their children to Turner Park** by 9.05am as all teachers will meet them there. Families are encouraged to stay and enjoy the day with their children. Prompt pick up at 2pm is appreciated. A separate detailed permission note will be sent home with students next week.

Weekly Friday Assembly CHANGE of Time

The weekly assembly on a Friday has changed times and will now be held at **2:25pm** starting from **TOMORROW**.

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 Thursday morning 8 May 2014. P & C have purchased the gifts for the stall. Items will cost from 50 cents to \$10.00. Students will go in class groups during the morning.



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

Thank you to all the families who paid their school fees last term. Mrs Holt drew the lucky winner of the \$25 gift card out this morning. Congratulations to the Howell family!

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

Thank you to the students who participated in the ANZAC day services. They represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Jane Goldie for making our wreaths to lay at both memorials they were by far the nicest wreaths at the service.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Our school students are getting active as part of the Australian Sports Commissions' Active After School Communities Program. This program encourages students to increase their physical activity levels and improve motor skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. During Week 2 to 8 of Term 2, 2014 our school will offer a variety of activities for participating students. The program will start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. A Permission note is being sent home today. We are only able to take the **first 60 students** with their note returned.

Cessnock United Soccer Club

We are needing players for our under 6's, and under 10's teams at Cessnock United FC, (soccer). Any child turning 5 or 6 in this calendar year can play or anyone turning 10 this yr.

Please get them to contact me Ann Skinner on 0416001979 or by email skinnerfamily5@bigpond.com thank you.

School Banking Token Redemption Day : Thursday 8 May 2014.

Please bundle up 10 of your silver bank tokens and enclose them with your banking along with a piece of paper detailing :-

Your name & which one of these items you'd like as your banking reward:- Handball, Penguin keyring, scented pencils, shark keyring, Whale-shark pencil case, Wallet, Headphones, Knuckles, Pat moneybox, Pru moneybox, Spen moneybox.

Commonwealth Bank "Youthsaver and School Banking Term 2" Promotion

This term Commonwealth Bank is giving students and schools the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings. Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including: Major student prize.

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A \$3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

Runner up student prizes. 130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes. There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:

\$1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.

Plus the School Banking Coordinators of each winning school will receive a \$250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school). [Note from the Bank Coordinator: If this turns out to be us at Kearsley PS the card will be donated to KPS P&C].

Full competition terms and conditions :

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver-comp-terms.html>

Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 APRIL CLOSED	29 APRIL Tina & Wes Batey	30 APRIL Patricia Bell HELP NEEDED	1 MAY Amanda Penfold Tina Batey	2 Amanda Penfold Patricia Bell
5 CLOSED	6 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	7 Linda Cunningham	8 Amanda Penfold Amanda Vine	9 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
12 CLOSED	13 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	14 Louise Robertson Leanne Robertson	15 Bobbie Orr Nichole Levett	16 Athletics Carnival
19 CLOSED	20 Tina & Wes Batey	21 Linda Cunningham Patricia Bell	22 Sarah Kedwell Carol Wilton	23 Melva McLennan Dusty Lawless
26 CLOSED	27 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	28 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	29 Amanda Vine	30 Melva McLennan Lynn Dunncliff

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

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Cessnock NSW 2325
T: 49909354
M: 0428 263 854
E: Jane.Hodgson@det.nsw.edu.au

Term 2 Program

Let's Play!

FREE Parenting Course

This will be a 'hands on' course for families & their children not yet at school.

Most activities will be alternatives to expensive toys
Lots of creative, cheap & cheerful ideas will be shared

Venue: Koe-nara
Time: Tuesdays for 10 weeks
10 am to 11.30 am
April 29 — June 27

Baby & Me

Just for babies under 18 months and their dad, mum or grandparent

Each Wednesday of term
from 1 to 2.30
At Koe-nara

Children Are...

AMAZING, acknowledge them
BELIEVABLE, trust them
CHILDLIKE, allow them
SIVINE, honour them
ENERGETIC, nourish them
FALLIBLE, embrace them
GIFTS, treasure them
HERE NOW, be with them
INNOCENT, delight with them
JOYFUL, appreciate them
KINDHEARTED, learn from them
LOVABLE, cherish them
MAGICAL, fly with them
(k)NOWLEDGEABLE, esteem them
OPEN MINDED, respect them
PRECIOUS, value them
QUESTIONERS, encourage them
RESOURCEFUL, support them
SPONTANEOUS, enjoy them
TALENTED, believe in them
UNIQUE, affirm them
VULNERABLE, protect them
WHOLE, recognise them
XTRASPECIAL, celebrate them
YEARNING, notice them
ZANY, laugh with them

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



No time for breakfast?

Try some of these quick breakfasts children can enjoy "on the go".

- reduced-fat yoghurt, or a yoghurt drink.
- reduced-fat milkshake
- healthy cereal in small plastic bag (a small carton of milk can add a calcium boost)
- slice of banana loaf or other low fat fruit loaf

Active tips for busy families

- make time to be active as a whole family
- go out and play basketball, tag or soccer, throw a ball or ride a bike with your children
- meet friends or family in a park and take balls, hoops, Frisbees, bats or other outdoor games to play.
- Set a limit on television watching, computer time and video games to no more than 2 hours a day.

Bringing Up Great Kids



Want to learn some new ideas to support you in parenting your children in a 6 week group
May 7 to June 11 from 9.45 to 12 at Koe-nara
Bookings essential—call 4990 9354
Child Care available

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Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

YES WE BULK BILL!!

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive \$1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!

Heart Foundation
Walking



Come and try Heart Foundation Walking!

When: Thursday 8th May 2014, arrive at 9:45am for a 10:00am start

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start

Where: Peace Park, Cessnock Road, Weston

Details: Approximate walk length is 3km or 30-45 minute walk

Who: Everyone welcome!

Bring: Hat, sunscreen, thermos with hot water for a cup of tea. Dress in red or wear a Heart Foundation Walking shirt if you have one.

RSVP: Shane on 4993 3410 or chhb@samaritans.org.au by 5th May. Please RSVP essential for catering purposes.

FREE healthy morning tea, tea and coffee for all walkers and prize

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FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB - www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate



PUBLIC SPEAKING TASK

All students in Years K - 6 are to prepare a speech on **a topic of your own choice**. (E.g. Your family, your pet, a special holiday, a sport, a hobby etc.)

Speeches will be presented to the students own class during the week of 19 May through to 23 May 2014. The best speeches will then proceed to the finals on Friday 30 May 2014 and be presented at our weekly assembly. Parents and family are encouraged to attend.

The 2 best speakers from each stage will be chosen to represent the school at the **Hunter Central Coast Regional Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition**.

Duration of speeches:

Early Stage 1 (Kinder)	1 -2 minutes
Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2)	1 -2 minutes
Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)	2 -3 minutes (Warning bell at 2 ½ minutes. Continuous bell will sound once limit has exceeded)
Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6)	3 minutes (Warning bell at 2 ½ minutes. Continuous bell will sound once limit has exceeded)



- Marks will be deducted for talks that are too short or too long
- Make your talk interesting so that your audience will listen
- Practise your talk at home in front of your family using expression in your voice, face & body

Zone Competition Marking Scale:

MATTER (40%)

- Creativity/originality of introduction /10
- Content /20
- Creativity/originality of conclusion /10

METHOD (30%)

- Sustained audience engagement (humour, audience response) /30

MANNER (30%)

- Presentation (enthusiasm, stance, spontaneity and naturalness of gestures, **NO PROPS**) /30

HINT:

- **Print your speech on to palm cards. It might be an idea to pin or staple them together so they don't go out of order.**

Good luck,
Mrs Holt

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM PERMISSION NOTE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

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During Week 2 to 8 of Term 2, 2014 our school will offer a variety of activities for participating students.

If you would like your child to participate in this Program, please complete the permission note below and return to the office by Tuesday 6 May 2014. Please send notes to **OFFICE ONLY**.

The program will be conducted for 7 weeks each Thursday for Kinder to Yr 6 **commencing on Thursday 8 May 2014**. The program will start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. All students will need to be collected no later than 4:20pm. The program will be delivered by school staff. **There is no cost to this program.**

As part of this schools healthy eating program, fruit will be provided for each student at the beginning of each session.

The program will only be available for **60 students** in years K to 6 so the first 45 notes received **at the office** will be first on the list.

Please note students **MUST** wear their school hats at every session.

The permission notes will be accepted at the front office **ONLY**.

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance is dependent on students fulfilling their responsibilities within the Discipline Policy of this school.

Sue Holt

Principal

I hereby consent to _____ participating in the **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM** to be conducted at Kearsley Public School on Thursdays from Week 2 to 8 of Term 2 2014. I understand that he/she must be collected from school at 4:15pm.

Special needs of my child which you should be aware (e.g.. allergies, medication—please provide full details

Signature of Parent of Guardian

Date

Please return this form to the office by Tuesday 6 May 2014