



Kearsley Public School

NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

This is StarStruck week for our dancers, Mrs Fairlie and our parents. It is a busy time for everyone concerned and we wish them good luck. I am looking forward to seeing the dancers on Saturday.

An area of concern for our students is **parent parking** in Tomalpin Street. This area is not a designated parking area and we have asked for an area to be built. In the meantime, we ask that parents reverse to the fence so that children can be seen at all times. Parent/carers are also asked not to park in the area adjoining the house next to the school as children walk around the corner and should be able to have access without cars being parked in this area. We are trying to protect our children and ensure their safety by following a couple of simple rules. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Our parent teacher interviews will begin next week after student reports are sent home next Monday. It is important that teachers meet with every parent during this time. If you cannot make the set times for your child's teacher, please contact the teacher to arrange a time that is suitable.

Notes went home yesterday regarding a walkathon on Thursday 26 June. We are combining with Abernethy Healthy Lifestyle Association to help raise funds for a bridge to enable bike riders to have safe passage to Kearsley. This is a terrific opportunity for families to walk together for good health.

In week 9 on the Monday we have organised a free trial day of YOGA for our students to learn some important skills of relaxation and a new type of exercise. Students will also receive a talk about the rules of safe fishing next Wednesday.

Don't forget the last day of school is out of uniform day—gold coin donation which will go towards helping Year 5/6 with the cost of the Canberra excursion. S. Holt

Important Dates:

11-14 June	StarStruck
13 June	Pie Drive Orders + Money Due
13 June	Book Club Orders Due
17 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
18 June	NSW Fisheries Talk
23 June	Yoga Skills Day for Yrs 1-6 (FREE)
24 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
24 June	Pie Drive Orders delivered to school
26 June	Walkathon 11am-3pm
27 June	Out of Uniform Day
27 June	Last day Term 2

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Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Pitt	Mrs Singleton	Mrs Fairlie	Miss Sharkey	Mr Ringis
Tennielle P	Ella C	Logan B	Brodie E	
Bella I	Jack F	Jarrold H	Sam A	
Nicholas B	Madison K	Bailey I	Jake G	
Mary W	Zaria W	Katlyn E	Alex K	
Ryleigh H	Zac C	Jorja K	Tamara H	
Montannah V	Savanna C-R		Keelee S	
Porsha B	Harmony L		Tyren C-R	
Mitch S	Rubi S		Brock B	
Jesse P	Jarraah W		Chelsea P	
Domonic L	Jack B		Mason S	
	Preston B			
	Monique A			

Book Club

Book Club pamphlets were sent home with students. Orders and money need to be returned by Friday 13 June 2014 **(TOMORROW)**.

Pie Drive

Pie drive orders and money need to be returned to the office by Friday 13 June 2014 **(TOMMOROW)**. The orders will be delivered to school on Tuesday 24 June and can be picked up from the hall from 2-3pm. **All orders must be picked up by 3pm as the school has no facilities to refrigerate any unclaimed orders.**

Public Speaking Winners

The Public Speaking Final was held last Friday 6 June, with the following winners proceeding on to the Zone Finals to be held at Nulkaba PS on August 4 & 5. Congratulations to Early Stage 1 winners: Nate R & Saranah R, Stage 1 winners: Izaiah W & Paige C, Stage 2 winners: Harrison R & Leah-Maree P and Stage 3 winners: Adam A & Zoe G. Best of luck for the next round!

P&C AGM Wrap—up

After last Thursday's P&C AGM the following people now hold executive positions on the P&C Committee:

President - Amy Archibald

Treasurer - Louise Robertson

Secretary - Jenny Brooks

Vice President - Kristy Jones

Assistant Secretary - Julianne Cripps-Clark

Assistant Treasurer - Kristy Callaghan-Wilkinson

Canteen President - Amanda Vine

Canteen Buyer - Amanda Vine

Canteen Treasurer - Louise Robertson

Canteen Secretary - no nominations - seeking expressions of interests.

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who do so much for our school, students and community.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

The last Active After School Sport for this Term will be on Thursday 19 June 2014.

We will recommence in Term 3. Notes to participate in Term 3 will be sent home in the first week back. Thank you to the teachers, parent volunteers and special outside instructors who gave their time to give our students some different sporting opportunities. A special thank you to Amanda Vine for sourcing the fruit donation from Coles and to the ladies who prepared the fruit platters each week.

School Photos

School photos arrived yesterday and will be sent home with students today. Family photos will be sent home with the oldest child in each family. Special orders are being held at the office for parents to collect when they are able.

Athletic Carnival Medallions & Ribbons

The Age Champions and place getters at our Athletic Carnival will be presented with their medallions and ribbons at our regular afternoon assembly on Friday 20 June 2014. We will be starting at 2.25pm in the school hall.

Coalfields Cup

The school basketball team will be competing in this years Coalfields Cup at Cessnock Basketball Stadium on Wednesday 18 June. Notes were sent home this week to the selected team members. Please return this to Mrs Pitt by Monday 16 June. Parent transport is required and is very much appreciated as it allows us to compete in these events.

Special Order Photos

There are group photos on display at the office that can be purchased for \$15 each. The extra photos are of our school leaders, Year 6 only photo and house captains. If you wish to purchase these please send in the order form (that was given to the students in these photos) and money to the office by Thursday 24 July 2014.

Canberra Update

The parents/carers who have been chosen to attend are now able to start making payments to the office for the cost of their trip. The total cost for adults is \$420 and needs to be finalised by August 8 2014. An update of what each student owes will be sent home in the first week of Term 3.

Walkathon

On Thursday 26 June at 11am, KPS and AHLA are collaborating with support from the local sports club in our area (Kearsley Cougars Soccer Club) & Heart Foundation on a **WALKATHON**. All KPS students as well as their friends and families can help by participating and obtaining sponsorship from friends, family and businesses for a maximum of 10 laps walked around the school grounds. Each sponsored participant (Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles etc too!) will receive a free sausage sandwich and a piece of fruit. As well as the food and rainbow tag each sponsored participant receives there will be some fantastic prizes for the individual/family with the most sponsorship and family with the greatest number and range of ages participating. What a great way to spend some exercising time with your family and friends!



Kinder Enrolments 2015

Names are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015, we currently have 15 Kinders on our list. Please call at the office to 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.

Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 2 2014

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9 CLOSED	10 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	11 Louise Robertson Leanne Robertson	12 Bobbie Orr Nichole Levett	13 Melva McLennan Rayleen Bereczky
16 CLOSED	17 Tina & Wes Batey	18 Patricia Bell HELP NEEDED	19 Sarah Kedwell Carol Wilton	20 Nicole Dunncliff Lynne Dunncliff
23 CLOSED	24 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	25 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	26 Amanda Vine	27 Melva McLennan Rayleen Bereczky

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14 CLOSED	15 Tina & Wes Batey	16 Patricia Bell HELP NEEDED	17 Sarah Kedwell Carol Wilton	18 Nicole Dunncliff Lynn Dunncliff
21 CLOSED	22 Renee Flaherty Colleen Jones	23 Sandy Robinson Tina Batey	24 Amanda Vine Kristy Jones	25 Melva McLennan Rayleen Bereczky

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



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SCHOOL BANKING

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

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.



Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Dollamites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major 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;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A \$3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.

130 Toys'R'Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, there will be a separate draw of \$1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

To find out more, visit

commbank.com.au/deepseasavers



Things to know before you play: NSW Permit No. LTP5/14/01689; VIC Permit No. 14/2543; ACT Permit No. 17/14/02738; SA Permit No. 17/14/047; Corporation Game 21/14/014 and other 4/02/14. Prizes will be drawn on 15/07/14 at Commonwealth Bank, 2/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 from 10:00am AEST. Winner's names will be published in the public notice section of The Australian on 16/07/14. Student Prize valued at approximately \$7,574.84 includes \$3,000 Flight Centre Gift Card, VIP Passes to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast. Available to two adults and three children. A Sea World Resort 'Dolphin Family Adventure' and 5 nights' accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park, Gold Coast Australia. 130 Runner Up Student Prizes of a \$250 Toys'R'Us Gift Card each. Total Student Prizes of \$32,500 each. Up to 24 schools/teachers/coaches/parents in a \$250 Commonwealth Bank Gift Card each. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 2/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/deepseasavers



Cessnock Cobras Basketball Holiday Camp

Date: Wednesday & Thursday, July 9 & 10, 2014

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm (9:00am registration)

Cost: \$40 per day (or \$60 for both days)



Cessnock Basketball will hold a Basketball Holiday Skills Camp on July 9 & 10, from 9:30am until 3:30pm at Cessnock Civic Indoor Sports Centre.

The camp is for any primary school age students (K-6). Participants of all skills levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. The camp will emphasise teaching participants skills and basic concepts of basketball in a fun and inclusive environment.

Participants may choose to attend one or two days of the camp.

One day 40\$; both days \$60. This covers court hire, staff and lunch that will be provided.

Any questions can be directed to the Centre Manager at Cessnock Basketball Stadium.

Email: cessnockcobras@bigpond.com OR Phone: (02) 4991 1656

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example

- wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie
- boiled eggs and toast
- slices of fruit with yoghurt
- raisin toast with sliced banana
- muesli, chopped fruit and yoghurt
- wholemeal crumpets with sliced banana
- grilled cheese and tomato on toast
- tinned baked beans and toast
- porridge, sultanas with reduced-fat milk
- tinned fruit and yoghurt

Market Stalls - Food Stalls - Trash and Treasure - Buskers
9am - 1pm Second Sunday Monthly

Funky Junk Flea Markets
Sponsored by Hunter Today

Keene Street Cessnock
Garden Area located between Woolworths, Cessnock Leagues Club and Wine Country Motor Inn
For details or stalls contact Charlie McLennan - mclennancharlie@yahoo.com.au

Helping your child with spelling

How can I help my child with spelling?

- ◆ Help your child with those areas of spelling with which you feel confident.
- ◆ Remember that not all English words can be spelt correctly by "sounding out" eg. the words "your" and "said".
- ◆ Talk about how you spell and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word.
- ◆ Have your child write at home, eg. filling in forms, writing notes to family members, writing phone messages, reminder notes, replying to letters, sending cards.
- ◆ Provide a dictionary and use it together. Remember that dictionaries are more useful if your child has a knowledge of the alphabet and how a dictionary works.
- ◆ Encourage your child to try words, then praise the parts that are correct, and suggest what else is needed. For example, if your child has written "little" for "litter" you might say, "You have five of the six letters right. One of the letters should be doubled. Can you tell which one it should be?"
- ◆ Encourage your child to look at new words, say them, write them from memory, then check them.

What should I do when my child asks how to spell a word?

- ◆ Ask if your child can suggest any parts of the word.
- ◆ Make sure he or she has access to a dictionary.
- ◆ Simply tell your child how the word is spelt.

Should I correct my child's spelling?

- ◆ First, encourage your child to check his or her own work and find any mistakes.
- ◆ If your child has made a mistake with a common word, ask him or her to try to fix it without your assistance.

What should I do if my child finds spelling to difficult?

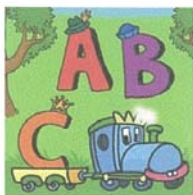
- ◆ Continue to encourage your child to have a go when writing, to check words he or she is not sure of and to ask for help.
- ◆ If your child seems to be having problems, consult his or her teacher.

What if I am not a good speller?

- ◆ No problem. Use the dictionary together. It is good for your child to see you using a dictionary. Talk about what you do when you don't know how to spell a word.

Should I let my child use a spell checker?

- ◆ Yes. Children need to be made aware that spell checkers can be useful, but that there are times when they are not effective, for example:
 - ◆ when the word is spelt correctly but it is not the right word, eg. shore and sure.
 - ◆ when the computer gives suggestions but the child still does not know which one is correct.
 - ◆ When the computer uses America spellings.



Keep active in the colder months

Don't be a winter wannabe and let you and your children be sedentary this winter. Encourage children to engage in active play such as bush walking, bike riding, kicking the footy, or playing a game of tag all year round.



1-2-3 Magic &

Emotion Coaching

3 Workshops for Dads

Venue: Cessnock East Public School
When: 3 Wednesday Evenings
 11th, 18th & 25 June 2014
Time: 5.45pm for 6pm start – 8pm

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Please Contact:
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Please note the program is not confirmed until a minimum quota of participants have registered.
 We will notify you 2 weeks before the program starts.

Cessnock/Bellbird Uniting Church together with Cessnock Combined Churches' Ministers' Association



WHEN: Tuesday 1st July 2014 @
 6.30pm

WHERE: Mount View High School Hall,
 Mount View Road, Cessnock
FREE ADMISSION