



## Kearsley Public School

### NEWSLETTER

*"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"*

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## From The Principal's Desk

Thanks to all the people who have sponsored me for my bike ride for beyondblue. There are several ways you can support me for the ride. One is donate through the attached link: <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/ian-30>

Donate at the office or come for a ride on the day. See attached sheet for further details about the day.

I'm looking to form a small group of parents who would be willing to assist improve our school. The school improvement team would meet at regular times during the term to suggest ideas for improvements to our school. This could be to inform me of the little things that we are missing, things you think we should do or things that we as a school just don't see. If you are interested in joining this group please leave your name at the office or let me know before the 13 March. I would hope that our first group meeting could be in Week 8.

Raising issues or concerns within the school is always important, therefore I ask all parents to make an appointment through the front office if you wish to talk to class teachers or the principal. By making an appointment we can set aside the time required to deal with your concerns in the best possible way. It's just like going to the doctors...we need to make an appointment.

You will have noticed several notes come home recently requesting money for various extra curricula activities. We realise that this may place a financial burden on some families and as always financial assistance is available to those families. Please collect an application form from the office if required. We would rather families ask for help if it means their child may miss out on joining in on an activity. **ALL** applications are kept confidential.

Transition to high school has already commenced for next year. On Monday, staff from Cessnock High School spoke to the students in Year 5 and 6. Last night parents and students were invited to the high school for an information night. Expression of interest forms will go home on Monday with all Year 6 students to enroll in High School. If you have any questions about the transition please contact the school office.

Ian Lamph

### Important Dates:

		20 Mar	Super Hero Bike Ride
11 Mar	Oz Tag Gala Day	2 April	Easter Hat Parade
13 Mar	Cross Country	2 April	Last day Term 1
16 Mar	Bike Week	21 April	First day Term 2
18 Mar	Author Visit	22 April	School Photos
20 Mar	Out of Uniform wear BLUE for \$2	23 April	Zone Cross Country

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## Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Singleton	Mrs Pitt	Miss Rawlins	Miss Williams	Mrs Manderson	Mrs Trigg
Ella B	Saranah R	Madison K	Logan B	Aryahn H	Darcy B
Emi-Jay B	Bella I	Rubi S	Trenton M	Keelee S	Rhett D
Tyger L	Clare C	Jarrah W	Ashley H-J	Annabelle R	Sam A, Jai B
Montannah V	Maddi B	Kaydence B	Bayley B	Jordarna B	Louise D
Koa P	Porsha B	Maria N	Izaiah W	Madison K	Lily G
Brock H	Klay W	Paige C	Jye D, Malakai L	Oliver C	Justin P
Montannah V	Dominic L	Harmony L	Lilly B	Blaze M, Keelee S	Brock B
Darcy R	Jasmine H-J	Zac C	Jorja K	Chelsea P	Liam O

## Principal's Awards

Jordarna B	Isabelle P
Jai B	Harmony L

## Kinder Enrolments 2016

Names are now being taken for Kindergarten 2016. 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 2016 could you please let them know to call at the office. Thank you.

## School Cross Country

On Friday 13 March 2015, 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 to the park at 9.30am after our Friday morning assembly. 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. A permission note was sent home last week.



## Dance2bfit

We are having a Dance Program at our school in Term 2 this year. The Program is called "Dance2bfit" it is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Permission notes will be sent

## Ritchies/IGA Supermarket Cessnock

Help Kearsley PS raise money simply by shopping at IGA Cessnock. Collect a card and key tag from the office and just swipe it each time you shop. NO forms to fill out they are already registered and ready to use! Last year donations to our school totalled \$133.69, these funds were put towards purchasing prizes for our Positive Behaviour for Learning reward system. If you are new to our school community or have misplaced your tag please call in to the office as every little bit helps. We really appreciate your support!



## Voluntary School Contributions 2015

The voluntary contribution rate has stayed the same as the last few years. We will have a \$25 gift card for one lucky family who will be drawn from a hat. To be eligible 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)



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

Invoices will be sent home this week to the eldest student in each family for those who have not already contributed.

## Bathurst Excursion

Years 5 & 6 have the opportunity to participate in a 4 day excursion to Bathurst on Monday 17 August until Wednesday 19 August 2015. This is an exciting, fun-packed experience for all students. The cost will be approximately \$320 which includes return coach transport, accommodation, all meals (except lunch on Day 1), and all activities. This cost has been based on 30 students so the cost could change slightly depending on definite numbers. Notes were given to students last week. Expressions of Interest need to be returned to your class teacher by **Thursday 2 April**. 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. Parents/Carers are welcome to start paying off their child's trip as soon as they would like. You may make payments for as little or as much as you like.

## ICAS Competitions 2015 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. Notes and money for all competitions you are entering needs to be given to your class teacher by **tomorrow** Friday 6 March.

SUBJECT	COST	SITTING DATE
Digital Technologies	\$8.80	Tuesday 19 May
Science	\$8.80	Wednesday 3 June
Writing	\$18.70	Mon 15 June– Fri 19 June
Spelling	\$12.10	Tuesday 16 June
English	\$8.80	Tuesday 28 July
Mathematics	\$8.80	Tuesday 11 August

## Chocolate Drive

Boxes of assorted Freddo chocolate Boxes went out this week for the P&C's Term 1 major fundraiser. Each Box contains 50 Cadbury Freddo chocolates to be sold at **\$1 each**. All money and any unsold chocolates need to be returned to school by **Friday 24 April 2015**. Please return money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class to the office.

# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2015

NSW Department of  
Education & Communities

## March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 CLOSED	3 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	4 Linda Cunningham Chris Cunningham	5 Tina & Wes Batey	6 Amanda Vine Colleen Coombes
9 Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	10 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	11 Colleen Coombes Davina Newell	12 Colleen Coombes Amanda Penfold	13 Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold
16 Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	17 Teresa Hale Colleen Coombes	18 Colleen Coombes Wes Batey	19 Tina & Wes Batey	20 Lynn Dunncliff Amanda Vine
23 Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	24 Colleen Coombes Rena Flaherty	25 Colleen Coombes Davina Newell	26 Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	27 Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold
30 Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	31 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley			

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. Some great prizes can be earned for regular banking!



**CONGEWAI**

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 29th March 2015**

**9am—2pm**

Congewai Public School  
605 Congewai Rd, CONGEWAI

- \*Band \*Pie Bake off
- \*Funky Junk Flea Markets
- \*Fabulous stalls filled with unique arts
- \*Jumping Castle

Come and See  
What all the  
Fuss is about!

Please follow our Facebook page in  
coming months for more  
information....  
[www.facebook.com/  
congewaipublicschool](http://www.facebook.com/congewaipublicschool)



**Kearsley PS Correct Shoe Policy**



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4990 1279 • 4934 7877 • 4992 3366



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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!**



11/02/14 5:21 PM

Presented by The Hunter Outreach Program, Family Action Centre and Cessnock Family Support Service

Free workshop!



## Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Program

**Bringing Up Great Kids** is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children.

Australian Childhood Foundation:  
[www.childhood.org.au](http://www.childhood.org.au)

**Venue:** Cessnock East Public School  
**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
**Time:** 10am – 1pm

To express your interest, please contact:  
Lesley 4921 5758  
Email: [Lesley.Asher@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Lesley.Asher@newcastle.edu.au)  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

### Topics covered include:

- Messages from the Past
- The Message Centre
- Giving and receiving messages
- The Message Behaviour
- Messages about me
- Passing on messages

Morning tea will be provided

[www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/fac/about-us](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/fac/about-us)

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WOMEN'S SOCCER



**U/6 to U/10** girls wanted for a **Saturday** morning competition.

**U/11 to U/18 and all ages** girls wanted for a **Sunday** competition.

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## Junior Creative Writing @ Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Library

CESSNOCK LIBRARY: LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5 PM  
KURRI KURRI LIBRARY: LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5 PM

**May :** FRACTURED NURSERY RHYMES  
**June :** TREASURE BAG  
**July :** HARRIS BURDICK  
**August :** CONNECT TO READING  
**September:** ROALD DAHL GOBBLEFUNK  
**October :** HALLOWEEN  
**November :** PUBLISH!

For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the desk, or ring Sandy Ryan on 49934384 for the Cessnock sessions or Karen Bruce on 49371638 for the Kurri Kurri sessions



### FOOTBALL- REGISTER NOW!

Kearsley Cougars Soccer Club is looking for new teams / players for u5s – u7s.

Games start 11th April 2015. Home games are played at Jeffery Park Kearsley generally alternating with Away games in other areas.

**Cost :** upfront \$68/\$83 for 5-7/8-10 rego plus \$5/wk game fee.

#### Clothes:

Playing shirts supplied on loan.

Players supply own boots.

Other clothing can be ordered - shorts \$20, sox \$10 through the online registration system or email.

New 5-7yrs get shinpads free!

For full offering see our Welcome Kit on [www.kearsleycougars.sportingpulse.net](http://www.kearsleycougars.sportingpulse.net)

**Start Registration or get more details :**  
call Julianne on 49913108 or [jcrapp-sclark@follywollow.com.au](mailto:jcrapp-sclark@follywollow.com.au)



**Boys & Girls!**

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WEB - [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)



## TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM

Triple P Parenting Seminars

Week 1 Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Week 2 Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The two seminars will cover the following topics:

- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident, Competent Children &
- Raising Resilient Children

*This program is free*

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm

at

Samaritans Neighbourhood Centre  
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

THERE WILL BE NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.

To book a place or for more information please phone

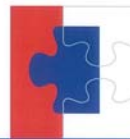
**CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE**

on

**4990 4507**



Seminars are presented by accredited Triple P practitioners  
Financial assistance for this service is provided by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW



**Strive**  
For Autism Inc.

Families Supporting Families Coping with Autism

It is our aim to:

- ▲ Support and inform parents and families who are new to the world of Autism
- ▲ Provide ongoing support to parents and families
- ▲ Sharing strategies and ideas
- ▲ Lobby for Autism Services in the Lower Hunter
- ▲ Raise funds for Autism Services in the Lower Hunter
- ▲ Inform the greater Community about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Strive Group meets 2nd Tuesday of each month. Excluding school holidays

**Where:** Koe-nara Building (Cessnock Primary School)  
Corner Quarrobbolong & Rawson Streets, Cessnock

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Website:** [www.striveforautism.org.au](http://www.striveforautism.org.au)

**Email:** [info@striveforautism.org.au](mailto:info@striveforautism.org.au)



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Postal Address: 101 Vincent St, Cessnock NSW 2325

## All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/551/](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/)

## Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>



Koe-nara, Schools as Community Centre  
In the grounds of Cessnock Public School  
Corner of Rawson & Quarrybylong Sts  
Cessnock NSW 2325

T: 49909354  
M: 0428 263 854

## 2015 Program

## Term 1

### Playworks

Each Monday at Koe-nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School from 10 to 12.  
Includes Stories with Mr K, School Librarian



Each Thursday at East Cessnock Public  
from 9 to 11  
Music & Stories with Lyn

Morning Tea is provided for children  
Tea & Coffee for the grown ups

## School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.



For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarsmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

### Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

### You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD\$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Things to know before you Cast: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Postcover account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.20pm AEST on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,345. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857, ACT Permit No RP/14/04345, VIC Permit No 14/59666, SA Permit No T14/22227.



## STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Thursdays is KPS's student banking day. Please bring your passbooks in and give them to the teacher in the morning so she can put them in the special grey satchel for your class. You will get a silver token each time you bank and at the end of term there will be a BANKING REWARDS DAY where you nominate your reward and "pay" for it with 10 silver tokens. Put these silver tokens in a safe place at home until this newsletter lets you know a rewards day is coming. PS Each bank day afternoon don't forget to ask your teacher to get your bank passbook out again so you can take it home.

## Basketball Report

Last Friday Years 1 to 6 got to participate in a Basketball Skills Program from Maitland basketball players. They taught us some basketball games and tricks such as Golden Child, how to shoot properly, how to dribble properly and we played a game where we had to take the ball off the other children as well as much much more. We would like to say Thank you!

By Zoe G and Darcy B

## Age Swimming Champions 2015

