



Kearsley Public School
NEWSLETTER

"Individuals Achieving Goals Together"

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From The Principal's Desk

Congratulations to all the children who attended the school **PBL disco today**. It was great to see so many students attending the disco, this means we have a large number of students who display excellent behaviour regularly throughout the term. This achievement is something to be very proud of for the staff and students. Keep up the great work next term!

Tomorrow each student will receive a copy of their **Literacy continuum** that indicates how individuals are progressing at school in reading, writing, talking and listening. During the holidays it is a good time to talk to your child about their progress and what you may be able to do to progress further along the continuum. For e.g. More reading at home, extra time on spelling, writing the shopping list and sending an email to a friend to improve their writing skills. If you would like more information about the continuum please talk to the class teacher.

Tremendous support was given for **beyondblue** with a total of \$1677.75 being raised. This was well above my expectations, so thank you all for your support.

This being my final newsletter before commencing my new role at Abermain, I would like to take some time to reflect on the wonderful times I have had at Kearsley.

To the **wonderful students** of the school. I like the way that you jump in and have a go, help out and do your best. This has been evident with the many sporting activities, new activities in class and the playground. I enjoy hearing the chatter during play time and the working buzz of the classroom. **Remember kids, set your goals high, work hard to achieve them and success will come your way.**

To all staff, a big thank you I know you have a clear vision for the school. It's now the time with all the educational reforms happening within the Department to dig deep and put Kearsley Public School at the top. Strive to be your best and achieve everything that you want in life.

Mrs Trigg, best wishes in your new role as Relieving Principal, I know you will do wonderful things for the students, staff and community.

Thanks to the **P&C, volunteers and community members** your dedication and efforts over the years has helped to create a beautiful school. Great opportunities are presented to our students and we are all very proud them and the school for its achievements.

Important Dates:

		8 May	Great Galaxies Show
2 April	Easter Hat Parade	12-14 May	NAPLAN Testing
2 April	Last day Term 1	18 May	GRIP Leadership
21 April	First day Term 2	19 May	ICAS Digital Tech
22 April	School Photos	29 May	Newcastle Uni Day
23 April	Zone Cross Country		
24 April	Choc Money Due		

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Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Singleton	Mrs Pitt	Miss Rawlins	Miss Williams	Mrs Manderson	Mrs Trigg	Mrs Graham
Hudson B	Nate R	Jack B	Ashley H-J	Courtney S	Louise D	Korey T
Sam D	Pierah K	Kaydence B	Jason W	Mason S	Rhett D	Lily G
Kirsty F	Nicholas B	Madison K	Seth A	Hayley F	Adam A	Mason S
Brock H	Luke A	Rubi S	Ebony B	Brodie E	Gemma-Rose D	Ryleigh H
Chayse B	Saranah R	Monique A	Malakai L	Jayden M	Isabelle P	Jedd S
Emi-Jay B	Clayton H	Seth J	Tyler D	Jock D	Rex C-R	Izaiah W
Jett G	Clare C	Madison K	Lilly B	Harrison R	Kye B	Jedd S
Tyger L	Isla H	Harmony L	Cody P	Jordarna B	Tamara H	Ava D

Principal's Awards

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Rella S	

Mothers Day Raffle Tickets

Mother's Day raffle tickets will be sent out with today's newsletter at a cost of \$1.00 per ticket. They are to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 29 April 2015 and will be drawn on Friday 8 May 2015.



Chocolate Drive

Boxes of assorted Freddo chocolate boxes went out 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. There are still plenty of boxes to be sold if you would like to sell more!

Canteen -**HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of canteen volunteers: **Wednesdays** - 1 volunteer needed for 22 April, 20 May, 17 June, 22 July, 19 August, September 16.

Thursdays - 2 volunteers needed for 23 April, 7 May, 21 May, 4 June, 18 June, 23 July, 6 August, 20 August, 3 September, 17 September. Please contact Amy Archibald if you can help.

ANZAC Day Services

The Anzac march/service falls on Saturday 25 April 2015. All students are welcome to represent Kearsley Public School with Mrs Trigg at the Kearsley Dawn Service, meeting at the tennis courts at 5am. Students can also meet Mrs Singleton and Miss Rawlins 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 and if wearing family medals place them proudly on the right hand side, of your shirt.

School surveys have been collated and the results are indicated as follows. 25 people replied to the survey, 7 of those were through the electronic survey. **Total surveys returned represented 28% of our school families.** 14 responses were happy with the spelling program, 1 person was not and 10 would like more information. Using the literacy continuum showed 14 responses were happy, 0 said they were not happy, and 11 would like more information. 19 responses were happy with the school education programs and six indicated they were not and added comments indicating; more information about new programs and two responses identified homework as a real issue. As a result further sessions will be offer about the understanding of the continuum, new programs will be detailed to the community prior to release and homework issue will be addressed for next term. Thanks to the parents who took the few minutes to have their input to the school development and offering ideas to improve our school.

Bathurst Excursion

Yr 5 & 6 students expressions of interest for this years Bathurst excursion need to be returned to your class teacher by **Thursday 2 April (TOMORROW)**. Numbers are needed to finalise bookings with the bus company etc early next term.

P & C Meetings

P&C Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at the **new time of 1.30pm**. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30 in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

Mini Cross Country

Kinder and Year 1 held a mini cross country at school last Wednesday. The following students were placed in their race Kinder girls-1st Emi-Jay B, 2nd Evie Rose M and 3rd Kirsty F. Kinder boys- 1st Hudson B, 2nd Jett G and 3rd Sam D. Year 1 girls- 1st Pierah K, 2nd Porsha B and 3rd Isla H. Year 1 Boys- 1st Gavin F, equal second Luke A and Nate R.

Zone Cross Country

The Cessnock Zone Cross Country Trial will be held on Thursday 23 April 2015 commencing at 9:00 am at Cessnock Racecourse. The 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 9:00am in time to walk the course at 9:15am. 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. Medical notes are to be returned by Thursday 2 April. Remember to check notes and adhere to the guidelines on the day.



School Photos - 22 April 2015

School photos will take place on Wednesday 22 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:

- 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 1 APRIL 2015.

Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 2 2015

NSW Department of
Education & Communities

April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20 Closed	21 Teresa Hale Colleen Coombes	22 Colleen Coombes Jodie Hodges	23 HELP NEEDED	24 Lynn Dunicliff Amanda Vine
27 Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	28 Colleen Coombes Renae Flaherty	29 Colleen Coombes Davina Newell	30 Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	1 MAY Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Closed	5 Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley	6 Linda Cunningham Chris Cunningham	7 Kate Sharpe HELP NEEDED	8 Amanda Vine Colleen Coombes
11 Closed	12 Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes	13 Colleen Coombes Davina Newell	14 Colleen Coombes Amanda Penfold	15 Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold
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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.

**THE CANTEEN IS NOW
OPEN EVERY MONDAY!**

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!

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
Thursday 9TH & Friday 10TH APRIL
9AM – 3PM
(Ages 5 – 16yrs all levels)

All are welcome to come along and join us for some fun packed days of tennis coaching & lots of games !!
Cost Per Child - \$40 per day - can come either 1 or 2 days

\$20 half day (young juniors, 9am – 12pm)
Children are to bring along: racquet (can be provided if needed) hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes & joggers and their own food for the day. (fruit will be provided throughout the day)
Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided on Friday 10th April.

CESSNOCK TENNIS COURTS
Aberdare Rd, Cessnock
Bookings are essential by 31st March
PH. will 0425 302470 sonya 0433 782284
e. willoneiltennis@bigpond.com

Safetytown website A road safety education program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details,

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

FRUIT & VEG

KIDS ARE NOT EATING ENOUGH

HERE'S WHAT KIDS ARE EATING EVERYDAY

HERE'S WHAT THEY SHOULD BE EATING EACH DAY

YOUNG KIDS (AGE 4 – 6)



KIDS (AGE 9 – 13)



BIG KIDS (AGE 14 – 16)



ONLY 6% OF AUSTRALIAN ADULTS EAT THE RECOMMENDED SERVES OF BOTH FRUIT & VEG



EATING FRUIT & VEG IS VERY IMPORTANT! KEEP IT UP!

Intake figures have been approximated from the 2007 Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey. Recommended intakes have also been rounded. The point is, we need to eat more!

www.healthy-kids.com.au

Easter holiday activities @ your library
Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.
Tickets on sale mid March.

Easter Craft – ages 5-12

Monday March 30	Kurri Kurri Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE
Tuesday March 31	Cessnock Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE

Come along to this free Easter craft workshop - wear old clothes, as one of our planned activities, dyeing Easter Eggs, can get very messy!

Me and My Shadow Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday April 7	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday April 8	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Have fun with shadows – stories, songs and craft

Sock Puppet Making Workshop – ages 5-12

Wednesday April 8	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Monday April 13	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Every family has stray socks – rescue one from your rag bag and bring it to life in this workshop - bring a sock in and take home a puppet!

Baby Rhymetime – ages 0-2

Monday April 13	Cessnock Library	10.00-10.30	FREE
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Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Monsters! Story time –ages 2-6

Tuesday April 14	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday April 15	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Monstrous stories, songs and craft!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+

Tuesday April 14	Kurri Kurri Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00
Tuesday April 7	Cessnock Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00

Pizza, wii and board games

Make a Monster! Junk Sculpture Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday April 9	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Thursday April 9	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 2.00	FREE

It's alive! Use recycled materials and your imagination to create a wild monster!

Movie & Craft Afternoon - ages 5-12

Wednesday April 15	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Thursday April 16	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by a free craft activity.

Aboriginal Art & Astrology Workshop – ages 11+

Thursday April 16	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Friday April 17	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Free Youth Week workshop - learn about Aboriginal astrology, then participate in the creation of a group painting using the images and symbols you've learnt about.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Childrens Services Officer
49 934384
Email: Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



Mr Lamph and Students enjoying Bike week.

Easter reading

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now?

Find out more: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

School calendar

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>



FUNDRAISER FOR VANUATU – HOLLEM VILLAGE

This small island has been devastated by Cyclone Pam and her people need our help.

CESSNOCK EX SERVICES CLUB – Saturday 11th April
7pm Start

Tickets \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 10

How to get your tickets:

Contact Tara Herring or Inga Connors on 0403405962 or Sportspower Cessnock on 4990 4091 or contact them through Facebook.

Donations also accepted if you can't attend the Fundraiser.

It doesn't matter if you are  or  come along with some friends, have a laugh and help a great cause...you might even win a great prize !!

