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ISSUE 1, TERM 1 WEEK 2

Thursday 4 February 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

WEEK 3

10 Feb—Science Show

12 Feb—Swimming
Carnival

WEEK 4

19 Feb—Debating
Workshop

WEEK 5

25 Feb—Zone Swimming
Carnival

WEEK 9

24 March—Easter Hat
Parade

25 March—Good Friday

28 March—Easter Monday

WEEK 11

8 April—Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

WEEK 1

27 April—First Day of Term
2

27 April—School Photos

Kindergarten 2016

Our gorgeous Kindergarten students have made a fantastic and settled start to school. I have been impressed by their lovely manners as well as how quickly they have learnt school routines. A very warm welcome to all of our new families.



House Captains

Congratulations to our Sporting House captains for 2016!

Allandale—Tamara H & Justin P

Caledonia— Sam A & Toby W

Pokolbin— Flynn H & Jordarna B

Tomalpin— Jake G & Brodie E



New Uniform

The phasing in of our new uniform has begun very well with many students wearing the new shirts—they look fantastic!

The girls' navy skort/short looks great too. Just a reminder that bike shorts are **not** a part of the uniform.

The P&C still has shirts available for purchase at the school—\$22 each.

The new uniform will be phased in over the year—yellow shirts and sports shirts can still be worn throughout 2016.





Spelling Mastery & Maths Plus

Students will be involved in Spelling Mastery during Literacy time again this year. Spelling Mastery is a six-level spelling series designed primarily for students in grades 1 through 6. Placement Test results determine the level appropriate for each student. Spelling Mastery uses specific strategies that encourage students to think their way through spelling rather than to memorise weekly spelling lists. Student work books will be paid for by the school again this year.

Students will be involved in using Maths Plus resources during Mathematics time this year. All students will be working at grade level with homework based on what has been taught in the classroom.

School Swimming Carnival 2016

Our school swimming carnival has been booked for Friday 12 February 2016. Full details and notes have been sent home with students. Permission notes need to be returned to class teachers by **tomorrow**. Payment is to be made to Mrs Graham upon entry to the pool. Students from Yr 2 who turn 8 in 2016 and all primary children will attend. Students are to be dropped directly to and picked up from the pool. Parents are invited to attend, hope to see you all there!

General Permission Notes

A general permission note was sent home today. It gives students permission to use the internet, permission for walking excursions, permission to have photos taken at school etc. A separate permission note will need to be filled out for each child. Please initial each one and sign at the bottom and return to your class teacher by Friday 19 Feb.

Prohibited Employment Declaration

All parents/carers who volunteer in any capacity (reading groups, canteen, P&C, driving students to and from sporting/excursions etc.) at Kearsley Public School will need to fill out a prohibited employment declaration form. These can be collected at the office or we can send one home with your child. A new form needs to be done each year, so if you filled one in last year a new one will need to be done for this year, thank you. Parents who are transporting students to extra curricula activities will also need to provide the office with drivers licence and car insurance details. Thank you for your ongoing support of our students.

Student Bus Passes

As you may have seen on recent media releases, the NSW Government Transport Department is introducing Opal Cards for student travel. This will be replacing the current system of bus, train and ferry passes. All parents or carers of students entering **Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 7 in 2016** are now required to apply online for their School Travel Pass. The recent bus pass applications you have completed have now been made obsolete.

How to apply:

Step 1. Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2. Print, sign and date the completed application, then bring it to the school for endorsement by 11th December 2015.

Step 3. The school will then endorse the application and forward it to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the school Opal Card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

We received all of our 2016 passes and these were sent home with students this week. For those who didn't receive a pass and need one please follow the above instructions to apply for a new one which will then be mailed to the students home address.

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.**

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE:

\$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.

Laser Light Science Show

Students will participate in a Laser Light Science show on Wednesday 10 February. The show is from the University of Newcastle and will be a wonderful learning experience for our students. The cost for the show is being covered by the school so there will be no payment required from families.

P & C News

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and are ready to begin another great year.

For newcomers to our school, the P&C meet on the 1st Thursday of each month in the school library at 1.30pm. We discuss all matters regarding the school and canteen, fundraising and general items that may be occurring in the community. It's a great way of finding out what is happening within the school community, voicing your concerns/opinions and meeting new friends. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3 March 2016 at 1.30pm, which will be our AGM, where all positions will become vacant and elections will be held to fill those positions. Our general meeting will immediately follow the AGM. Everyone is welcome.

The new shirts are looking great and the P&C have plenty of stock left, so feel free to pop into the office to purchase more shirts if required. Selling price is \$22.00 (cost price).

The canteen is urgently seeking volunteers to fill days each month. If you can spare 1 day a month or one day or week (3 hours, 9am-12pm), all help would be greatly appreciated. Thursdays are currently very short on volunteers. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are also in need of a few volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact Amy Archibald on 0431891776 or email amykarchibald@gmail.com ASAP. If some days cannot be filled, then the canteen will close on those days.

So don't forget, the next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 3 March 2016, at 1.30pm. Hope to see you all there. The P&C are looking forward to another successful year and thank you for your continued support.



Kearsley Public School Swimming Carnival

Friday 12 February, 2016

1. Test Swim – Warm-up

War Cry

(All Races to be timed to determine Placegetters)

2. Freestyle Boys 1 **2/13 yrs**
11 yrs
10 yrs
9 yrs
8yrs
3. Freestyle Girls **12/13 yrs**
11 yrs
10 yrs
9 yrs
8yrs
4. Wading Races Non-swimmers/25m Swimmers
5. Breaststroke Boys Junior, 11's & Senior
6. Breaststroke Girls Junior, 11's & Senior
7. Backstroke Boys Junior, 11's & Senior
8. Backstroke Girls Junior, 11's & Senior
9. Butterfly Boys Junior, 11's & Senior
10. Butterfly Girls Junior, 11's & Senior
11. 100m Race Swimmers only
12. Noodle Races Non-swimmers/Swimmers/50m Swimmers
13. Medley Swimmer
11. 25 Metres
Freestyle – 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13 (boys & girls separately)
Breaststroke - 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13 (boys & girls separately)
Backstroke - 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13 (boys & girls separately)
12. Relays
House Relays - Mixed boys and girls- Junior
Mixed boys and girls- Senior (includes 11 Years Division)
13. Kickboard Races Open event
Across pool: Kickboard races, Noodle races, Wading races

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Tuesday 9th Feb, 12:30 – 2:00pm

Raymond Terrace Library

Wednesday 10th Feb, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Family Action Centre, University of Newcastle

Thursday 11th Feb, 10 am – 11:30am

Hope Valley Community Centre, Cnr of Vincent and Hall St, Cessnock

Contact Uni4You to talk to us about your study options:

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Cessnock Family Support Service AND The Family Action Centre of the University of Newcastle present this **free 4 week** parenting program

Bringing Up Great Kids

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*

Topics covered include:

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



Where: Cessnock Family Support Service
5 Hall Street, Cessnock

When: Mondays from 22nd February to 14th March 2016

Time: 9.30am to 12pm

Contact: Cessnock Family Support Service

Phone: 4990 4507



Contact Cessnock Family Support service to register for the program or further information

No Childcare available



This program is presented with the support of NSW Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Cessnock Family Support Service
5 Hall Street, Cessnock

on Tuesdays 22nd & 29th March & 5th April 2016 from 10am to 12noon

This program is facilitated by Cessnock Family Support Service Inc

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

The course is free, morning tea is provided

No childcare available

Register for this course by contacting Cessnock Family Support Service on 4990 4507

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control!

Who is running it?

The presenters for this course are employed by Cessnock Family Support Service.



For more information contact: Cessnock Family Support 4990 4507

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Kearsley Canteen Roster—Term 1, 2016

February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
29 February Catherine Crane Tammy Crane			4 Kate Sharpe Karen White	5 February Colleen Coombes Kimberly Johnson
8 Catherine Crane Simone Goman	9 Vanessa Rockley NEED HELP	10 Colleen Coombes Wes Batey	11 NEED HELP	12 Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold
15 Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	16 Teresa Hale Karen White	17 Colleen Coombes Patricia Bell	18 Tammy Crane Catherine Crane	19 Melva McLennan Lynn Dunncliff
22 Tammy Crane Catherine Crane	23 Catherine Crane Tammy Crane	24 Colleen Coombes Wes Batey	25 Sarah Kedwell Carol Wilton	26 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. A prohibited employment declaration form needs to be filled in as well. These can be collected at the office or one can be sent home with your child. Amy Archibald is doing canteen rosters and can be contacted at amykarchibald@gmail.com for any questions regarding rosters. Thank you!

SCHOOL BANKING

Please send in bank books every
 Thursday for Mrs Duggan to process.
 Some great prizes can be earned for
 regular banking! Thank you.

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PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child's lunchbox:

- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.



Getting started with School Banking.

How it works

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

Students will receive a yellow Dollarsmites wallet and deposit book to bring their money to school. Every deposit, regardless of amount, earns them a silver Dollarsmites token. Once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. You'll find a list of reward items on the enclosed Rewards Card. Please note, students are not allowed to pool their tokens with other students or siblings.

Setting up a Youthsaver account

To get your child started on their savings adventure, you'll need to set them up with a Youthsaver account. This is a savings account that has no monthly account fees or withdrawal fees when you use CommBank ATMs and branches, and offers a competitive bonus interest rate.

You can do this in one of three ways:

- Online (existing customers only)**
If you're an existing Commonwealth Bank customer, log in to netbank.com.au, go to the Offers and Apply tab, select Accounts, then scroll down to Youthsaver Account and click Find out more. From there, click Open now to apply. Please have your child's birth certificate on hand for ID purposes.
- In branch**
Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch to set up an account. Please bring identification for you and your child, like your driver's licence and child's birth certificate.
- Application form**
Download the "Youthsaver account application" form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Complete in full, including the identification requirements. Then hand it in to your School Banking Co-ordinator on School Banking day or during an Account opening day held at your school. Please note, paper-based Youthsaver account openings may take up to 10 days once the form has been received.

Things to know before you call: Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 2221 or visit commbank.com.au. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Terms and conditions are available from commbank.com.au or from any branch of the Bank. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution service can be contacted on 13 2221.

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.

St. Joseph's Parish Cessnock

2015 Sacramental Programme

ENROLMENT FOR RECONCILIATION

Children who are in Year 4 (or older) are warmly welcomed to take this important step in their faith journey. If you feel that your child is ready to participate in this programme please note that the Enrolment Meeting will be held after 6pm

Mass on Saturday 6th February 2016
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