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ISSUE 6 TERM 2 WEEK 2

Thursday 4 May 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

WEEK 2

5 May—School Cross Country

5 May—PSSA Soccer Regional Trials—Boys

5 May—Zone Hockey Trials

WEEK 3

9 May—NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

10 May—NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

10 May—Jack Heath Visit

11 May—NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

11 May—Book Club due

12 May—Mother's Day Stall

12 May—Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 1:30pm

12 May—PSSA Soccer Regional Trials—Girls

WEEK 4

16 May—Zone Cross Country

17 May—Grip Leadership

WEEK 5

26 May—Athletics Carnival

WEEK 6

1 June—Rock-It Aussie Kids Rock Show

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all families and students who helped commemorate ANZAC Day at the Kearsley Dawn Service and the march in Cessnock. It is always great to see so many students participating in this important community event. Some lovely books were presented to our school at the Kearsley Dawn Service.



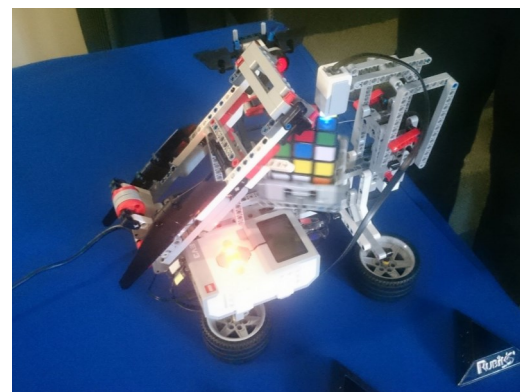
Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade was held at the end of last term. Thanks to all families who came along to support the event. The students looked amazing in their bright and beautiful creations. Thanks to Mrs Stipack for organising the afternoon.



SmartBots Science Show

Last Thursday our students attended the SmartBots Science show where they learnt about different types of robots. Evie the robot showed how quickly she could solve a Rubik's Cube! Our students had a wonderful time and can look forward to another Science show about rockets later this term.



Library News—Books of the Week

Term 2 is shaping up to be a busy term. With Author visits, continuing the Premier Reading Challenge, updating and maintaining our book catalogues and most importantly teaching our students how to best utilise the library for all their learning needs. Every week our fantastic Library monitors choose several new books to put on the “Book of the Week” stand and to keep our library in tip top shape. If any parents/carers would like to volunteer their time in helping with putting away books, maintaining books and cataloguing please see Mr Folpp at any time.



Jack Heath Author Visit—10 May

The Kearsley Public School Library is proud to present the acclaimed Author Jack Heath on Wednesday 10 May, 2017. Jack will be here from 9:30am – 11:45am running writing workshops for the primary classes and reading stories to infants. A note went out this week reminding parents that if your child would like to purchase one of his books and get it personally signed then your child will need to bring back the slip with the correct money on Wednesday 10th. Jack will have helpers here on the day collecting money and handing out books. Looking forward to having Jack here and meeting our students.



Learning and Management Business Reform (LMBR)

Kearsley Public School is currently undergoing training for (LMBR) Learning and Management Business Reform (LMBR). The LMBR is designed to modernise school systems and provide a consistent way for all schools to manage financial and student data. It is one of the largest public sector business reform initiatives in NSW and as such the training and implementation stages will have considerable impact on our school. Mrs Weekes will have the most demands placed upon her and she will require our support and patience above and beyond as LMBR unfolds. Mrs Weekes and Mrs Reed will attend 15 training days over the next two terms and Mrs Trigg will attend 5 training days. Thank you for your support during this busy time.

NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5—9,10 & 11 May 2017

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> Tuesday will be Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday will be Reading and Thursday will be Numeracy. Toast will be provided to NAPLAN students before school if they would like to attend.

P & C Chocolate Drive

The P&C are holding a chocolate drive and if your family would like to participate boxes can be collected daily from the canteen from Wednesday 22 March—9am –12pm. Students will **NOT** be permitted to collect chocolates. Parents/Carers will need to sign for their box of chocolates when collected. A small amount will be available for collection at the office if you can't make it to the canteen.



Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 26 April 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on 26 April 2017 and closes on **Friday 12 May 2017**. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 26 April 2017. You must submit only ONE application for each student. The closest opportunity class school to Kearsley PS is Cessnock West PS.

Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, school hats and visiting shows etc. When you access the \$ make a payment you must enter: the student's name, class and reference number OR the student's name, and date of birth. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please see Mrs Weekes.

Aboriginal Culture Groups

Every Wednesday from 12:00pm—3:05pm Joey and Chantelle will be teaching all our students about Aboriginal dancing, art and craft making. It will be a fantastic opportunity for all our students to participate and experience wonderful elements of Aboriginal culture.

Cross Country

Our school will be holding a cross country run for all Yrs 3 – 6 children tomorrow. 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 9.15am. We will be returning to school by lunchtime. Please ensure your child is wearing their 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. Don't forget to bring your water bottle! Infants will also participate in a colour run held at the school starting at 9:30am.

P&C News

A big thank you goes out to the families who have supported our chocolate fundraiser. We appreciate all of your help, as do the students! Our Cadbury Chocolate boxes are still available from the canteen daily between 9-12pm. The option of prepayment (\$50) is available. Funds raised will be donated towards class excursions held throughout the year.

The P&C will hold their annual Mother's Day stall next Friday 12 May. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a small gift for mum with their class throughout the morning. Gift prices will range from \$1 - \$8.

If you are thinking of volunteering in the school canteen in 2017, please contact Bee Scarborough on 0400343076 or email cams_mum@hotmail.com. All help is appreciated. The canteen is looking for someone who would like to help out with the rosters for 2017. If you are interested, please contact Bee Scarborough on 0400343076 ASAP.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 1 June 2017 at 1.30pm in the hall. It would be great to see you there.

KEARSLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL – STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

Please feel free to use this form when your child is either LATE or ABSENT from school



Student's Name: _____

Year (Please circle): K 1 2 3 4-5 5-6

Date/s Absent (Include all dates): _____

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Mother's Day

To Mums, Grandmas, Nans and Caregivers

You are invited to a special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at Kearsley Public School.

1:30pm Friday 12th May 2017

Following the afternoon tea, you are invited to join your children for recess and our afternoon assembly.

There will be a special performance by Kindergarten during assembly.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 10th May 2017

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Kearsley Canteen Roster—Term 2, 2017

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8 Rochelle Brady Allison Powell	9 HELP NEEDED Tammy Crane	10 Wes Batey Rochelle Brady	11 Kate Sharpe Sam Edwards	12 Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold
15 Rochelle Brady Simone Goman	16 HELP NEEDED Tammy Crane	17 Rochelle Brady Jenny Brooks	18 Karieanne Clifford Catherine Crane	19 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
22 Rochelle Brady Allison Powell	23 Tammy Crane Jo Chapman	24 Rochelle Brady Bee Scarborough	25 Karen White Anne Stanley	26 Melva McLennan Lynn Dunncliff
29 Rochelle Brady Sam Edwards	30 Julianne Duggan Jo Chapman	31 Rochelle Brady Jodi Hodges	<u>1 JUNE</u> Karieanne Clifford HELP NEEDED	2 Rochelle Brady Sam Edwards

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5 Rochelle Brady Miranda Delaney	6 Tammy Crane Jo Chapman	7 Jodi Hodges Rochelle Brady	8 HELP NEEDED Anne Stanley	9 Melva McLennan Amanda Penfold
12 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 HELP NEEDED Tammy Crane	14 Wes Batey Rochelle Brady	15 Karieanne Clifford Catherine Crane	16 Bee Scarborough Miranda Delaney



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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 as providing 100 points of ID. These can be collected at the office or one can be sent home with your child. Bee Scarborough is doing canteen rosters and can be contacted at 0400343076 or email cams_mum@hotmail.com for any questions regarding rosters. If you are unable to make your canteen day please contact the person you are doing canteen with to let them know you can't make it and try to find your own replacement. Thank you!

SCHOOL BANKING

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

AUTHOR

JACK HEATH

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Monday 8th May 4pm to 5pm

FREE creative writing workshop for children and teens 9 years and over.
Please bring paper and pens.
Cessnock City Library 4993 4399

Tuesday 9th May 6pm (approximately one hour)

FREE author talk for all ages. Jack will talk about his life and his work.
Refreshments and book signing is included.
Kurri Kurri Branch Library 4937 1638

Jack Heath a 30 year old, Canberra based, internationally bestselling author who has written eighteen action-packed thrillers for young people. His books have been shortlisted for multiple awards, optioned for film and television, and published in several languages. They have sold more than 100,000 copies worldwide.
Jack started writing his first novel at age 13, when he wondered why books weren't as action-packed as the video games he liked.
He submitted the novel to a publisher when he was 17, and it was published when he was 19. In the course of his research he has trained with firearms, performed street magic, visited morgues and prisons, travelled through Russia and spent a year reading only books by women. Jack tours schools around the world to promote literacy, and encourage reluctant readers to discover the magic of stories.

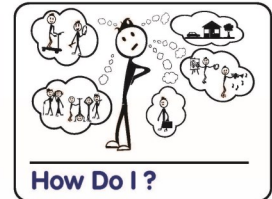
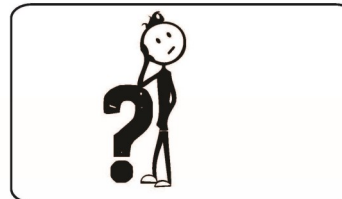
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Apple (red delicious, Granny Smith): apple porridge; apple crumble.

Banana: banana bread; banana and oats smoothie.

Mushroom: ginger, mushroom and fish stir-fry; chicken and mushroom sausage rolls; beef and mushroom meatloaf.

Pumpkin: pumpkin, spinach and cheese cannelloni; spicy pumpkin soup.

Zucchini: zucchini quiche with rice crust; zucchini and corn fritters.

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Host a morning tea to help Cancer Council fund vital cancer research, prevention programs, advocacy and support services for those affected by cancer.



The official date for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is May 25, but you can host a tea any time in May or June.

Hold it at school or home.

Every dollar makes a difference to funding Cancer Council's vital research, prevention and support service programs.

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