

# Kearsley Public School

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ISSUE 16 TERM 4 WEEK 5

Thursday 12 November 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4

#### Week 5

12 Nov—Kinder Orientation

13 Nov—**Rescheduled**  
Coalfields Cup Gala Day

#### Week 6

17 Nov—NAIDOC Incursion

18 Nov—Fit4Kids

19 Nov—Cricket Blast Cup

20 Nov—Girls League Gala  
Day

#### Week 7

25 Nov—2021 Captain  
Speeches & Elections

26 Nov—Stage 3 Beach Day

27 Nov—Beach to Bush Talks

27 Nov—Sport House Leader  
Elections

#### Week 8

30 Nov-3 Dec—Virtual  
Presentation Week

#### Week 9

10 Dec—Yr 6 Farewell  
Ceremony

11 Dec—PBL Reward Day

#### Week 10

14 Dec—Class Parties

## NAIDOC Week

This week our school has started participated in a variety of NAIDOC activities. Some of our Kuluwayn leaders taught indigenous games to all classes . Students have also been learning about dreaming stories. There are more activities to come!



## Remembrance Day

Our student s showed great respect this week at our Remembrance Day ceremonies. K-2 participated in a ceremony at school, led by our candidates for school leader for 2021, with the rest of the school joining the community service where our current school leaders played a vital role.



## Digital Technology Awards

Congratulations to Mikah F, Gavin F and Kai O for their results in the University NSW Digital Technologies assessment, with Micah and Gavin earning a Participation certificate and Kai earning a Credit. Well done!



## Kuluwayn Leaders for 2021

Last week out Kuluwayn Team held their AGM and voted in the new leaders for 2021. Congratulations to: Hudson B—President, Jakell D—Vice-President, Jett G—Secretary and Leon H—Events Coordinator. They will do a great job!





### Kookaburra Awards

Mrs Stipack	Mrs Graham	Mrs Power	Mr Smith	Mr Carter	Mr Fairfull 4/5	Mrs Malam/ Mrs Richards
Theo H	Amelia W	Armani P	Sophia M	Catlin M	Charlotte B	
Beth W	Heath B	Anthony L	Charlotte B	Clayton H	Maddie M	
Max K	Jeziah W	Maclyn W	Isla A	Antonio H	Vaughn W	
Harrison D	Kyle A	Zoe M		Evie S	Hannes M	
Saxon R					Seth K	

### Assistant Principal Awards

Seth King	Kai O
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### Principal Awards

Dakotah M	Isla H
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## Water Bottles

The weather is heating up! Please remember to send your child with a drink bottle each day. Our bubblers are still not able to be used due to Covid-19 restrictions but we do have bottle refilling stations available.



## Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

This year due to COVID-19 restrictions the Year 6 end of year celebrations will look a little different. We will be holding a Graduation Ceremony at Cessnock Leagues Club where students will be able to invite 2 adults. Social distancing guidelines will be followed at the venue. The event will run from 5pm until 7pm on Thursday 10 December. At this stage we will be unable to hold the whole school disco after the ceremony, however if restrictions are eased we will add this to the evening at a later date.

## Book Club

Book club order forms were sent home last week. If you would like to order gifts to put aside for Christmas please write on the order "CHRISTMAS GIFTS" and Mrs Reed will keep these separate for you. Money and orders will need to be finalised by Thursday 26 November.

Buy a book from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

orders are due: **26 November 2020**





## High School Transition—Cessnock HS Sport Gala Day

Transition for Year 6 students to Cessnock High School will continue on **Friday 20 November**. On the day students from all feeder schools will participate in a variety of sport sessions to develop leadership and sport specific skills. Students are required to wear their primary school's sport uniform. Students are advised to bring their own lunch and water bottle. They are expected to arrive at Cessnock High School by **9.25am** and be picked up promptly at **1.45pm**.

The final Transition date for Year 6 will be in Week 8: **Tuesday 1 December**, 9.30am-11.00am

## Surf Fun Safe Program Excursion

An excursion to Nobbys Beach has been organised for Yrs 4/5 and 5/6 on Thursday 26 November. Students will be doing a range of activities on the day with Hunter Surf Life Saving instructors.

Permission notes and money need to be returned to class teachers **by tomorrow Friday 13**

**November. Items supplied:** Hand sanitiser, long sleeve rash shirts (for usage during the day), surf lifesaving equipment.

**Students to bring:** Hat (to be worn when not in the water). sunscreen, change of clothes and a warm jumper/jacket for a cooler day, proper footwear (in case of having to walk to the bathes), food and drink for recess and lunch.

## Kick-Start Kinder @ Kearsley

The Kinder Orientation has started and it is lovely to see our newest members of Kearsley Public School enjoying their visits. We have two Thursday lessons left on 19 and 26 November 2020. Due to Covid 19 restrictions changes to our normal orientation process have had to be made.

## School Leaders Election

Speeches for Leaders in 2021 will take place on Wednesday 25 November 2020 from 9:30am. **Parents of students making speeches will be able to attend the school, remembering to follow COVID-19 protocols.** Classes will also be watching the speeches via Zoom. Voting will take place immediately after speeches have been made. Photos of the candidates will be on the voting slips to help the infants classes remember each candidate clearly. At 2.55pm on Wednesday 25 November the school will assemble outside where the leadership positions will be announced. **Parents of the candidates ONLY** may attend the announcement. Successful candidates and their parents will be invited to attend the presentation of their badges and sign a leadership agreement at Presentation Day on Thursday 3 December. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Rescheduled U12's NRL Coalfields Schools Gala Day

The Under 12's Coalfields Cup Gala Day has been rescheduled for **tomorrow 13 November**. Students will need to arrive at school **by 8.00am sharp** to be transported by bus to Lakeside Sporting Complex Raymond Terrace. Students will return to school at approximately 1.30pm. Student will need to bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. The canteen will not be open on the day.

## Cricket Blast Cup

Selected students from Stage 2 and 3 will attend Turner Park on Thursday 19 November for the Cricket Blast School Cup. Students will depart from school by bus at 9am and return at approximately 2.15pm. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Sports uniform and a hat are required. Cricket equipment will be provided on the day. The school will cover all costs of this event.

## P&C News

Greetings everyone, nearly Seasons Greetings at that... only 6 weeks until Santa comes! This year, due to COVID restrictions hampering our ability to be on school grounds, we have decided not to hold a Christmas raffle. HOWEVER, we have been successful in locking down a date for a BUNNINGS BBQ - Saturday 5th December! As in previous years, we are asking for donations of soft drinks (cans), sauces, paper towel etc, or gift cards for us to purchase the above. We are also asking for volunteers who can help with the BBQ on the day. We will aim to make up a roster (2 hour time slots) so that no one has to be there all day. If you can help, please contact Nicole Wadsworth on 0401-245521.

Our Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser has been a huge success with roughly \$1500 raised. Thank you to everyone who purchased and/or sold tubs. Orders will be available for collection from the school hall on Thursday 26th November from 2:30pm. Entry will be from the front gate (on Caledonia St), and each person who enters will need to fill in their details on a COVID registration sheet. Due to restrictions still being in place, parents can't "hang around" the school grounds to wait for their children - they will need to pick up their cookie dough and leave the school grounds immediately. Who else can't wait for "normal life" to resume!

Red Food Day saw a trial of a possible new menu item (the berry yoghurt). Brook is looking forward to some more exciting items to try over the next few weeks. If you have any menu suggestions for the canteen, please send them through to us. Without your input, we can only assume what the kids would like.

Our next P&C Meeting is on Thursday 3rd December but the best thing about it is.... We can once again hold it on school grounds!! There are extra rules though. It has to be outside of school hours, so we will hold the meeting at 3:30pm, and there can be no more than 30 people present.

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think!" – Albert Einstein

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

Learn

Make friends

Build skills through fun

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### P&C UNIFORM SHOP

**AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE**

Pre-order with Payment  
Order Forms at Office

**(CASH ONLY - Correct money appreciated)**

Shirts - \$25	Jackets - \$36
Hats - \$14	Beanies - \$10

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BOTTLE  
EVERY DAY!!



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## Kearsley Canteen Roster 2020 November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
16 <b>CLOSED</b>	17 <b>CLOSED</b>	18 Bee Scarborough Tammy Crane	19 Rochelle Brady Wes Batey	20 Joy Johnson <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
23 <b>CLOSED</b>	24 <b>CLOSED</b>	25 Bee Scarborough Karieanne Clifford	26 Rochelle Brady Catherine Crane	27 Brook Gatt Michael Gatt

## December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 Nov <b>CLOSED</b>	1 Dec <b>CLOSED</b>	2 Bee Scarborough Tammy Crane	3 Rochelle Brady Wes Batey	4 Joy Johnson <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
7 <b>CLOSED</b>	8 <b>CLOSED</b>	9 Bee Scarborough Karieanne Clifford	10 Rochelle Brady Catherine Crane	11 Joy Johnson Kasey Robertson
14 <b>CLOSED</b>	15 <b>CLOSED</b>	16 Bee Scarborough Tammy Crane	17 <b>CLOSED—Staff Development Day</b>	18 <b>CLOSED—Staff Development Day</b>

The school canteen will remain partially CLOSED for Term 4 until further notice due to lack of volunteers. WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY will be our only opening days. We are in desperate need of volunteers for our canteen particularly on FRIDAYS. If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact the roster manager— Brook Gatt on 0407450566. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Our Canteen Menu can be viewed online at <https://kearsley-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c/canteen-menu.html> or by scanning the QR Code.



### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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### 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.



## Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



### Need help packing a lunch box?

Check out our new [online presentation](#) that will show you how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love to eat!

For recipes, tips and more visit:

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



## Good for Kids good for life

### NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

The days are getting longer and it's a great chance to get outdoors with the family.

Have fun finding as many things as you can in this scavenger hunt, or create your own.

You could go for a walk in your local area, or even just your backyard.

Encourage children not to touch or collect the items, but record them on their hunt sheet.

- An animal's footprint
- A bird's nest
- A clover (find a 4 leaf clover for an extra 10 points!)
- The Southern Cross
- Paper bark
- A native Australian animal
- A mushroom or fungus
- Spot a creature that lives underwater
- A large feather
- A sunrise or sunset over the horizon
- A lilly pilly tree
- A gumnut
- A water-fall
- A heart-shaped stone
- A farm animal
- Spot a witchetty grub
- A herb garden
- Nature pushing through concrete

For an example downloadable list, visit: [natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scavenger-hunt](http://natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scavenger-hunt)

Acknowledgement: Northern Sydney LHD



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## Good for Kids good for life

### TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES



'kal-ka-doon kee-an'

All school-age groups (K-12)

#### Background

In areas of north Queensland, a game of throwing skill was played. A large bone, such as an emu shinbone, with twine attached to it was thrown in to a pit or hole.

#### Short description

The game involves throwing a ball into a small bin target as many times as possible.

#### Equipment

- Use 'foxtail' or a tennis ball in a stocking (or long football sock) as the bone.
- Use a large plastic bin or hoop as the pit or hole.

#### Game play and basic rules

- Play singly or in groups of two to four players.
- Players line up behind one another in their groups.
- Players hold the foxtail a short distance away from the ball and take it in turns to attempt to throw the foxtail ball in to the bin or hoop from 3-5 metres away.
- To avoid interference, the player throwing the foxtail is 2 metres in front of the rest of the line of players (mark a line for this)
- As an extra challenge, the balls are held further down the tail.

#### Scoring

- Players can keep score of successful throw for a set time (2-3 minutes) or set number of turns (four to six).
- If using a hoop, score one point if the foxtail touches or bounces in and out of the hoop, and two points if it stays in the hoop.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games, Sport Australia



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## Nutrition Snippet

### SAVVY SNACK SWAPS.



### Swap cake for these healthy snacks:

- [Banana Bread](#)
- [Pumpkin and sweet potato scones](#)
- [Fruit loaf](#)

Check out our [interactive healthy swap guide](#) for more inspiration!

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# Remembrance Day

11 NOVEMBER

## In Flanders Fields

poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high;  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

*lest we forget*



## Kinder Orientation



### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

1. Parents and Carers are still asked to stay off school grounds.
2. If you **NEED** to be on school grounds, you **MUST** first go to the office to sign a declaration. This assists the school to complete contact tracing if needed.
3. The most preferred methods of contact are: phone call, Dojo messages, email or messenger.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.