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KEARSLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Term 4 Week 9
December 7th 2023

What a fantastic night our Christmas Fair was. Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting this event. A small but mighty band of P&C members put a lot of organisation into the Fair's preparation and worked very hard on the night. A shout out to all of the staff that graciously lent a hand as well. Thank you to all of the families and businesses that contributed donations to help make this such a successful event. Our students were brilliant dancers, poets and singers on the night too.



No doubt many of you will be buying new school shoes for 2024. Please try and buy shoes that are entirely black or as close as possible. They can be leather shoes or a jogger style. Shoes like converse and multi coloured joggers are not suitable. Colourful joggers can be worn on Fridays for sport.

Our funding has significantly decreased and our numbers will unfortunately be lower next year.

The classes for next year are:

- * Kindergarten – Mrs Susan Stipack
- * Year 1 – Mrs Nikki Pitt/Mr Jarrad Folpp
- * Year 2 – Ms Nikola Blumer
- * Year 3/4 – Mrs Renee Richards
- * Year 5/ 6 – Mrs Brydie George
- * Library, Science and Digital Technologies – Mrs Tracey Graham
- * Learning & Support Teacher (LAST) & Intervention – Mrs Maxine Power
- * Assistant Principal - Mr Jarrad Folpp
- * Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction – Mrs Sharon Wendt

Mrs Jude Dodd, Mrs Amy Archibald and Mrs Jen Rutherford are our School Learning Support Officers. (SLSO's) Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Fisher and Ms Wong. Mrs Fisher is a much loved classroom teacher who has positively impacted the students in her class, built relationships with community, reinvigorated the dance group and taken on sporting teams. This year Ms Wong has been an important member of the early years team, ably teaching Year 1 and Kinder and providing valued intervention to targeted students. Thank you for your contributions to KPS, we will miss you both.

I wish all of our wonderful Kearsley families a happy and safe Christmas break and hope you all have the opportunity for some special family time.

Anthea Robinson



IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4 Week 10

- 11 Dec—Volunteers
- Thank You Morning Tea
- 11 Dec—Top Blokes
- 12 Dec—K-2 Wetlands Excursion
- 14 Dec—PBL Reward Day—End of Year Celebration
- 14 Dec—NRL Visit
- 15 Dec—Tennis Coaching
- 15 Dec—Last day for students 2023
- 15 Dec—2:20 Assembly & Year 6 Clap Out @2.55pm

2024 TERM 1

Week 1

- 30 Jan—Staff Development Day
- 31 Jan—Staff Development Day
- 1 Feb—First day for students for 2024
- 1 Feb—Kinder Best Start Testing
- 2 Feb—Kinder Best Start Testing

Our overall attendance rate for 2023 = 90%

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**Kookaburra Awards**

Mrs Stipack	Millie D	Rosalee H	Ezekial S	Loeki W
Mrs Fisher	Kiarntae W	Madison D	Karleigh W	Levi D

Assistant Principal Awards

Kiahna R	Link W
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Principal Awards

Mylah P	Savannah D
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Canteen Update

Canteen will now be **CLOSED** in the last week of term. **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN IN 2024.** Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Farewell to our Long Serving Families

This year we have a few families who will be leaving the school as their children move on to high school. On behalf of the staff and students, we would like to thank the families of Hannah C, Jony C, Aloura C, Jack D, Micah F, Tayla J, Zachary K, Leah M, Tim M, Zoe M, Kaiden P, Armani P and Beau P.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Our school community is aware that during weekends and some holidays we get unwanted visitors in our school grounds who cause damage to our equipment. Our neighbours have been fantastic in contacting us in the past when they have witnessed such incidents. If you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call Cessnock Police. We hope you have an enjoyable break and a huge thanks to our school community for caring for our school as much as we do!

Thank You Morning Tea

Our annual Thank You Morning Tea will be held in the school hall on **Monday 11 December from 11:15—12pm**. All those who have volunteered their time to help our school throughout the year are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat. We really do appreciate the wonderful support we have from our whole school community.

**Thank You to our P & C**

Our P&C is a small but dedicated, hard working group of parents who go above and beyond for our students. Each year they raise money which is then donated directly to our school to provide extra opportunities for our students. Our school would not be what it is without their amazing support! A sincere **THANK YOU** from staff and students!

Swimming Carnival 2024

Our school Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Wednesday 7 February 2024. Students turning 8 or older in 2023 will be able to attend. The Zone Carnival will follow on Tuesday 27 February at Cessnock pool for those students who qualify. More information will be sent home in Week 1, 2024.

Library Wrap Up

Holiday borrowing will take place in Week 10, after stocktake has been completed. The last of our library borrowing has taken place this week, however, if you would like your child to borrow for the holiday period, we are happy to do so with parental permission. Please start returning library books that you may have at home. Overdue notes have been sent home during Week 7 & 8. If you received an overdue note but you believe the book has already been returned please see Mrs Graham in the library. We will also hold our Star Reader Challenge draw in Week 10. All students that have participated each term will receive their book for the holidays. Thank you to our wonderful student library monitors for all their help this year.

Kindergarten Start

Our new Kinders will begin at staggered times on Tuesday 6 Feb 2024. Each child should received their start, if you have any questions please see the office. They have all enjoyed Kinder Orientation throughout Term 4 .We are looking forward to seeing their smiling faces next year!



PBL End of Year Celebration Day

The whole school will be involved in an end of year celebration that includes a reptile show, movie & popcorn, class sessions with NRL coaches and snow cones. PBL badge assembly starts at 2.40pm under the COLA.



Tell Them From Me Survey

We had 35 people complete The Tell Them From Me survey and we have 83 families in the school.

From the results we know some areas to celebrate from our parent's perspective include that:

- Parents feel very welcomed, the school is friendly and it's a great little community
- Their children know the rules for school behaviour and the school supports positive behaviour
- The school encourages our students to do their best
- Our school is a culturally safe place for all students
- 88% of respondents feel the physical environment is welcoming and well maintained
- 90% of parents would recommend our school to others
- Students generally feel safe at school
- Teachers show an interest in our students
- Parents can speak to teachers and school executive when needed

The main areas we can improve in include:

- * Keeping parents more informed around their child's progress and learning in a variety of ways
- * Continuing to help prevent bullying
- * Communicating around what happens in learning at our school

P&C News

With this being the last newsletter for 2023 we would like to thank our whole school community for their support this year with our fundraising efforts. Without your support we wouldn't be able to pass on the funds that we do to our school.

We hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas Fair last week. It was a fantastic night with many happy faces. Thank you to all our helpers and to everyone that donated towards our Fair. A special thanks to Conveyor Partners for not only donating a large amount of stock to our fair but also for supplying the yummy treats that Santa was able to hand out. Thanks again this year to Barry's Quality Meats for their generous meat and onion donations.

We have been very lucky this year with generous donations from many businesses and they are all appreciated.

A few that were very substantial in our fundraising ability have been:

- Solid Engineering
- Kearsley Hotel
- Conveyor Partners
- Barry's Quality Meats

We can't thank them enough!

Congratulations to all the award winners from today and all the best for our year 6 families heading to high school.

From all the P&C we would like to thank Tammy & Catherine Crane for their years of dedication and hard work on our P&C.

Finally Merry Christmas to you all and A Safe New Year.

Next meeting Thursday 1st Feb 2024. All welcome.





Kearsley Canteen Roster 2023 December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED

We are in desperate need of volunteers for our canteen. If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact — **Catherine Crane on 0423817587**. 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.



Summer Holiday Activities For Kids @ Your Library Pre-booking essential as places are limited.

KIDS EVENTS

FILM & CRAFT – for children ages 8 -12

Monday January 8	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Tuesday January 9	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Enjoy a movie about everyone's favourite wizard, followed by craft.

WAND MAKERS WORKSHOP – for children ages 5-12

Monday January 15	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Thursday January 24	Kurri Kurri Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE
Thursday January 11	Branxton Community Hall	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Make your own magic nature wand to weave some magic with these holidays!

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PAINTING WORKSHOP – for children ages 5-12

Thursday January 18	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday January 17	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Make your own night sky with glow-in-the-dark stars using glow paint, star stickers and black paint – what other glow-in-the-dark masterpieces can you create?

TWIRLING TWIG MOBILE – for children ages 5-12

Thursday January 18	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Tuesday January 16	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Thursday January 11	Branxton Community Hall	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Explore the principles of centre of gravity, and tension and compression in this beautiful little yarn wrapped mobile project.

JD's WORLD OF MAGIC CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP – for children ages 6-12

Monday January 22	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$5.00
Monday January 22	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$5.00

Have you ever dreamed of joining the circus? Now you can! Join magician extraordinaire JD Howlett for a circus workshop – have lots of fun and learn some basic circus skills.

SENSORY STORYTIME – for children aged 2-6

Tuesday January 23	Cessnock Library	12.00-1.00	FREE
Wednesday January 24	Kurri Kurri Library	12.00 – 1.00	FREE

Children of all abilities are invited to come and spend some time in a peaceful and calming environment – enjoy the library's collection of sensory items and engage in some fun sensory activities.

GIANT GAMES – for children ages 5-12

Tuesday January 23	Cessnock Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday January 10	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Join us for a game of Giant Jenga, or try your hand at Giant Snakes and Ladders.

NATURE AND NURTURE SENSORY ART WORKSHOP – for children ages 2-8

Thursday January 25	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$5.00
Thursday January 25	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$5.00

Enjoy sensory art activities at this special workshop run by Nature and Nurture – children will be encouraged to explore their world through their senses. These hands on workshops allow kids to squish, squelch, spin and splash through nurturing and creative play.



With your help, a safer community.

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- ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
- Stay within **3 metres** of your car
- Stay less than **2 minutes**

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Fine =
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& Lose 3 Points

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Not Restrained**
(Not wearing a seat belt
or not in a child seat)

Sections 265, 266, 267
Road Rules 2014

For more information see: **Road Rules 2014**
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*Fines are current as of January 2023. Fine amounts change regularly.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

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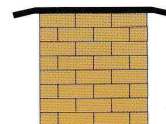
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Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wireless/Bluetooth headphones valued approximately \$20	Small pencil case with HB lead pencils	Small pencil case with HB lead pencils	Small pencil case with HB lead pencils	Small pencil case with HB lead pencils
Home Reading Folder	coloured pencils	coloured pencils	coloured pencils & Texta's	coloured pencils & Texta's
	Glue stick	Glue stick	Glue stick	Glue stick
	Eraser	Eraser	Eraser	Eraser
	Sharpener	Sharpener	Sharpener	Sharpener
	Home Reading Folder	Home Reading Folder	Scissors	Scissors
	Library bag	Library bag	Library Bag	Library Bag
				blue/red ball point pens
Ideally a Canteen Lunch Bag That can be purchased from the canteen 	Ideally a Canteen Lunch Bag That can be purchased from the canteen 	Ideally a Canteen Lunch Bag That can be purchased from the canteen 	Ideally a Canteen Lunch Bag That can be purchased from the canteen 	Ideally a Canteen Lunch Bag That can be purchased from the canteen 
	Optional- Wireless/ Bluetooth headphones valued approximately \$20 for all students.	Optional- Wireless/ Bluetooth headphones valued approximately \$20 for all students.	Optional- Wireless/ Bluetooth headphones valued approximately \$20 for all students	Optional- Wireless/ Bluetooth headphones valued approximately \$20 for all students

Note- All items should (wherever possible) be clearly marked with the child's name.

