



TERM 2

Week 2

10 May—Walk Safely to School Day

10 May—Cross Country Ribbons Assembly

Week 3

16 May—Book Club Due

17 May—Zone Cross Country—back up date

Week 4

22 May—National Simultaneous Story Time



Welcome back for Term Two. Thank you to all students and families who were able to attend either of the recent ANZAC services. The students did a wonderful job of representing our school.



I am so proud of the learners at our great school. Our students are eager, attentive and curious. I am impressed with how they recognise their strengths and keep persisting in areas needing that bit more energy. Your continued support and involvement are invaluable in creating our wonderful school community, where every child can thrive. I look forward to us working together to make this term a memorable and successful one for all our students.

Thank you to the many families that are providing explanations for absences in School Bytes. It really makes a difference.

We began our first Friendology lessons this week. Student's were introduced to the concept of a being a Friendship Ninja. That's someone who uses friendship skills and stands up for themselves.

To start with, students explore the importance of SELF-COMPASSION and why it's the very first step in developing healthy relationships.



Before we can have good friendships with others, we need to know how to treat ourselves like a best friend first!

I wish all mums and special people in our students' lives a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

Anthea Robinson



Our overall current attendance rate is 90%.

Year 5—2025 Opportunity Class Applications

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2025 opened 4 April and **close 20 May 2024**.

Why selective education? Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development • emotional wellbeing • friendships and social life. Learn more at our website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>

Walk Safely to School Day—10 May 2024

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop

- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps prevent chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, active kids are healthy kids! For more information, [visit www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)



Zone Cross Country—POSTPONED

The Zone Cross Country Carnival that was due to take place TOMORROW has been postponed due to the grounds being too wet. The new tentative date is Friday 17 May; however, **this may change dependent on weather conditions over the coming week**. Please continue to give permission and make payments via School Bytes by Thursday 16 May. We will update parents with all details as soon as we know.

*****Our school cross country ribbons will be handed out TOMORROW at assembly.**



Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge opened for student entries on Monday 26 February 2024. The final date for student entries is Friday August 23 2024.

The PRC student site is available again this year! Students can search for books, read, add books to their reading logs and track their progress throughout the challenge. You can find the site at www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au or find the handy link on our Kearsley Public School webpage

Students will learn how to enter books and be encouraged to do so at home and in library time at school.



P&C News

The P&C would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day & hope you like the gifts the children purchased for you from the Mother's Day stall.

The canteen will be holding a Special Food Day on Wednesday 5th June, notes will be coming home shortly.

The P&C have recently been able to assist the school in purchasing some new equipment to the value of almost \$8000, including the purchase of new balls and sports uniforms, picnic mats, upgraded garbage bins, toys and equipment for the playground, art materials, puppets, maths resources and musical instruments. You'll see all these new items out and about soon. This wouldn't be possible without the support that you all provide when taking part in our fundraisers, so we thank you immensely for your ongoing support. **The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at 3:30pm in the school library.**

School Jackets

The P&C will be putting in an order for light weight and winter weight jackets. If you wish to order one for your child please fill in an order form and either send the correct amount in cash to the office OR do a direct deposit to the P&C bank account. Please make sure you put the students name as a reference. We have jackets in the office if you wish to try on for sizing.

Jackets (Light weight) - \$36-\$38 Winter Jackets - \$60



All order forms with payment need to be submitted to the office by Friday TOMORROW.

Kearsley Canteen Roster May/June—2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
13 Bee S Casey F	14 Angela H Eliza S	15 CLOSED	16 Bee S	17 Heidi L Loretta L
20 Megan C	21 Jess B	22 CLOSED	23 Hayley W	24 Bee S
27 Bee S Casey F	28 Savana G Kayla G	29 CLOSED	30 Bee S	31 Heidi L Loretta L
3 JUNE Megan C	4 Savana G Kayla G	5 SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER DAY	6 Bee S	7 Savana G Kayla G

We are always happy to have volunteers for our canteen. If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact the P&C executive OR school office. 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.





Artwork by Sami Bayly

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2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

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Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens Monday 26 February
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 23 August




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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences from school?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- ⇒ Compulsory Schooling Conferences— You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- ⇒ Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order—If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.
- ⇒ Prosecution in the Local Court— School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

At KPS, we aim to work with you to support your child's attendance. We will reach out to you if we have concerns about your child's attendance, but always know that you can contact us at anytime if you need some support around attendance.

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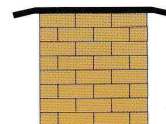
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ACC: 00905244. Please put student name as a reference.

Shirts - \$30 Jackets (Light weight) - \$36-\$38 Winter Jackets - \$60



Hats - \$16

Beanies - \$10

Lunch Order Bags - \$10



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KEARSLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Pre-order with Payment - (Cash - Correct money appreciated, Direct Bank Deposit)

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Ph: _____

Shirts \$30 each		
Shirt size	Quantity	Cost @ \$30 each
4		
6		
8		
10		
12		
14		
16		
Bucket Hat \$16 each		
Hat Size	Quantity	Cost @ \$16 each
Medium		
Large		
Jacket (Light weight) \$36-\$38 each		
Jacket size	Quantity	Cost @ \$36-\$38 each
6		
8		
10		
12		
14		
16		
Winter Jacket \$60 each		
Jacket size	Quantity	Cost @ \$60 each
4-6		
6-8		
8-10		
10-12		
12-14		
XS Adult		
Winter Beanie \$10 each		
Beanie Size	Quantity	Cost @ \$10 each
OSFA		
Lunch Order Bag \$10 each		
Colour	Quantity	Cost @ \$10 each
Total Cost		\$



4 simple steps to a healthy lunchbox

Packing an everyday lunchbox is as easy as:

Step 1: Pack vegetables for Crunch&Sip®/Fruit break (e.g. carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes).

Step 2: Pack fruit and an everyday snack for recess (e.g. popcorn, reduced fat yoghurt, rice crackers and cheese).

Step 3: Pack a sandwich, wrap, roll or leftovers (e.g. pasta, rice or roast vegetables) for lunch.

Step 4: Finish with water as the perfect thirst quencher.

Don't forget to pack an ice brick to keep food safe!



Carrot sticks



Banana
Reduced fat yoghurt



Vegetable fried rice



Water

