



TERM 2

Week 10

5 Jul—Gymnastics
5 Jul—Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1

22 Jul—Staff
Development Day
23 Jul—First day of Term
3 for students

Week 2

29 Jul—School Leaders
Mayoral Morning Tea
31 Jul—Hunter School
Dance Festival
31 Jul—Year 6 Taster
Lessons Cessnock HS

This week we have been celebrating NAIDOC and its 2024 theme of 'Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, Loud and Proud.' Students were part of art workshops with the National Portrait Gallery that focussed on Aboriginal artists or subjects. Each student created their own artwork inspired by this year's theme that was wonderfully displayed at our Art Exhibition at Kearsley Hall, along with our special artwork from Lesley Salem. Thank you to all of the families and community that were able to join us. Mrs George was instrumental in making this special event happen. Students have also participated in weaving, art, drama and listened to some dreaming stories as part of our celebrations. Thank you to Maddie Miller, a past student, who also helped and taught us some dance. Some preschoolers from Bellbird Preschool also came to see our exhibition.



We also wish Mrs George all the best as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing some wonderful news soon. We are excited to welcome Mrs Emma Penny who will be teaching 5/6G for the rest of the year.

Thank you to the families who were able to attend a Learning Meeting. We hope you found them valuable. We had a great turn out. It has been another wonderful term at our great school and I hope you get to enjoy some special family time during the holiday break.

Anthea Robinson 😊



Kookaburra Awards

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Hartley G	Phoenix B	Kayla F	Britney B	Ellie S
Abigail G	Flynn D	Emily H	Tate M	Ava W
Phoenix H	Talan J	Issac S	Ebonee P	Kyle A
Saxon O	Chase P	Letty S	Trey R	Josh B

Assistant Principal Awards

Ash F	Issac S
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Principal Awards

Hartley G	Jeziah W
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Term 4 Swim School

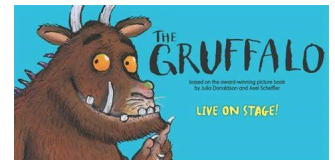
Swim School will be held at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre in Term 4 this year. Swim School is being offered to all students in Years 2 - 6. The total cost may be as high as \$100 per student for the 2-week daily program. The cost includes bus transport daily to and from the pool, as well as pool entry fees. The cost of the daily 45-minute swimming lesson for each child is paid for by the NSW Department of Education. Parents may make regular small payments if they wish, however, **an initial deposit of \$20 needs to be paid by TOMORROW** to secure a spot. Further details will be provided in Term 3. Please contact Mrs. Power for any queries.

Zone Athletics Carnival—6 August 2024

Congratulations to the following students who have made the Kearsley PS team to compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival on 6 August 2024 at Maitland—Ebonee P, Letty S, Tyrah P, Issy M, Tia D-M, Aleeah R, Beth W, Izzy G, Calais P, Ivy M, Karleigh W, Maeve A, Tillie D, Tanika R, Madison D, Noah S, Louis R, Harley M, Phinn H, Levi S, Connor H, Ash F, Tate M, Trey R, Max K, Kyle A, Jeziah W, Mayson B, Joel F, Kiarntae W, Charlie S, Levi D-M and Joshua B. A bus will be provided for competitors. Further information about events will be sent home with students next term.

K—2 Excursion

On Friday 6 September, students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will travel to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle to see the stage show, *The Gruffalo*. Students join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in this magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Searching for hazelnuts, Mouse meets the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the party mad Snake. Will the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures? After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo – is there? Songs, laughs and scary fun!



The ticketed price for the show is \$25 per student. The school will pay \$14 per student to help reduce the cost to our families. Thank you to our very generous P&C who will be paying for the bus for this excursion. Please pay the **\$11 cost** and give permission via School Bytes by Thursday 5 September.



Canberra Excursion Update

Our Canberra excursion has been locked in for Week 1, Term 4—Wednesday 16 October until Friday 18 October.

This year the excursion is now being offered to all students in Years 4—6. It is anticipated the next Canberra excursion will take place again in 2027 when our current Year 1—3 students are in Year's 4—6. We would like to give all of our students the opportunity to attend Canberra moving forward and this will be cost and staffing dependent.

A School Bytes permission note has been emailed to all families with costs. The full cost of this excursion is \$495. The P&C have very generously donated \$50 per student, the Government has a PACER rebate of \$45 per student and the school will pay \$30 per student. **THE TOTAL COST TO FAMILIES IS \$370.** This can be paid off in instalments and at any amount you wish provided it is **PAID IN FULL BY FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024.** Parents can also start paying off smaller amounts each week if they wish.

Student Assistance may be available to assist families with part payment. Please collect an application form from the office and **RETURN BY FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024.** No late applications will be able to be accepted after this date as a review of all applications allows us to budget how much assistance we can provide families.

All food will be provided by the venue. If your child has any additional dietary requirements, please communicate this by filling in the dietary requirement in the medical section of the permission note to ensure alternative catering can be arranged. Please pack lunch, recess and a drink for Day 1. No food or snacks are to be brought from home except for lunch and recess on Day 1. The school will provide plenty of bottled water, recess snacks and fruit for days 2 and 3.

A full packing list will be given to students at the end of Term 3.

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3 DAY CANBERRA EXCURSION
WEDNESDAY 16TH TO FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2024

EXCURSION SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY 16 TH OCTOBER, 2024
ACCOMMODATION: IBIS BUDGET CANBERRA
6.30 a.m. DEPART SCHOOL. (Coach will arrive at 6.15 a.m. to Load)
1.00 p.m. National Arboretum - Orienteering
3.00 p.m. Australian War Memorial 'We Will Remember Them'
Mount Ainslie Lookout
THURSDAY 17 TH OCTOBER, 2024
8.30 a.m. Royal Australian Mint - Teacher self-guided
10.30 a.m. Questacon
2.00 p.m. Parliament House - Tour
Embassy Tour
7.00 p.m. Canberra Reptile Zoo
FRIDAY 18 TH OCTOBER, 2024
8.30 a.m. Australian Institute of Sport - Tour/Sportex
10.30 a.m. Government House (Tier 2)
Approx 12.00/12.30 p.m. depart for return to School

Public Speaking Competition 2024

All students in Years K - 6 are invited to prepare a speech on a topic of their own choice. The topic should be something **you, the student**, really feels comfortable/enthusiastic/passionate talking about, e.g. family, hobbies, sports, a pet etc.

Speeches will be presented to the students' own class during the first week of Term 3, beginning Tuesday 23rd July 2024. The best speeches will then proceed to the school finals on Monday August 5th 2024 at a special assembly. Parents and family are invited and encouraged to attend.

Two speakers from each stage will be chosen to represent the school at the Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition in Term 3.

Zone Competition Marking Scale:

METHOD (30%) – How it is organised (structure / timing)

MATTER (40%) - What is said

MANNER (30%) - How it is said

A further breakdown on the marking scale can be found on the reverse side of the note handed out to all students on Monday Week 10. Please see class teachers if you require another note.



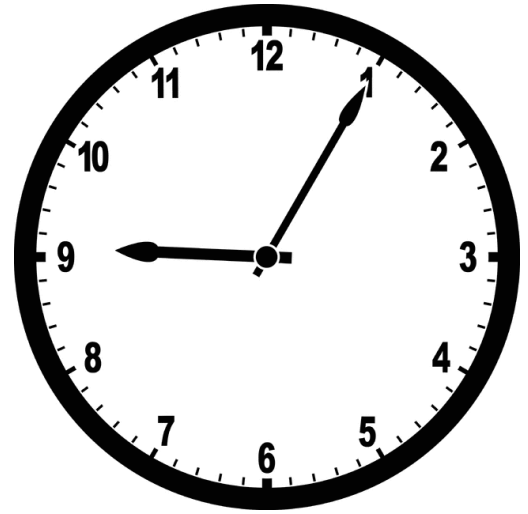
Attendance Matters

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

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.



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P&C News

Thank you to all our volunteers throughout term 2, who have helped in the canteen, with various fundraisers and other odd jobs. We had a busy but successful term.

We still have a number of socks available, left over from our silly sock fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see a P&C member and they can get the stock out to show you.

Term 3 is shaping up to be another successful term, we have a **school disco, McDonalds Family Fun Night & our Father's Day stall**, just a few wonderful things to look forward to.

The next meeting is today, Thursday 4th July at 5pm in the school library. Please join us to find out all the good things that happen behind the scenes.

Have a wonderful holiday, enjoy the break.

Kearsley Canteen Roster 2024—July/August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
22 JULY STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	23 Savana G Kayla G	24 CLOSED	25 Bee S	26 Heidi L Loretta L
29 Megan C	30 Angela H Amy M	31 CLOSED	1 AUG Bee S	2 Savana G Kayla G
5 Bee S Casey F	6 Savana G Kayla G	7 CLOSED	8 Bee S	9 Heidi L Loretta L
12 Megan C	13 Savana G Kayla G	14 CLOSED	15 Hayley W	16 Bee S

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.





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Dudley Street OOSH - Vacation Care Program 8th July - 22nd July 2024



Daily Fees

Vacation Care daily fees are now inclusive of any excursion and incursion costs that may occur on that day. We have implemented this to allow you to be able claim Child Care Subsidy on these extra costs therefore reducing the excursion and incursion costs for our families. The new fee structure is now:

Standard Fee - \$78.00 Bronze Fee - \$88.00 Silver Fee - \$98.00 Gold Fee - \$108.00
Any applicable Child Care Subsidy is taken off this price

Open 6:30am - 6:00pm



Our program is created by the children, with assistance from our qualified educators and is connected to the My Time Our Place Framework (MTOF)

Please ensure you have updated your details at MyGov for Vacation Care and accepted enrolment. If you are experiencing a loss of employment or significantly reduced income ACCS (Temporary Financial Hardship) may be applicable. For more information visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/additional-child-care-subsidy/who-can-get-it/temporary-financial-hardship-subsidy>

Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre uses the DEBIT SUCCESS fee payment system. Fees are direct debited from your account Fridays at 10am. Please check your bank for processing times.

Please refer to the attached "Healthy Food Guide" for food that is allowable at our Centre. We are a nut free centre which includes peanut butter and nutella.



Dudley Street OOSH accepts children from the following schools:

- St Patrick's Primary School
- Kearsley Primary School
- Cessnock Primary School
- St Philip's Christain College



If your child is not enrolled with the Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre please call the Administration and Support Team between 7.30am and 5.30pm for an enrolment pack to be emailed to you.



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