Fantastic Start to the year

I would like to congratulate the staff, students and parents on a wonderful start to the year. There is a lovely feel to the school with lots of happy children and busy teachers planning new and exciting things for the students. The veggie garden is underway, the sports are really starting to take off, reading groups are established and working hard, the P&C is busy and some staff have already received additional training. I’m really proud of the way the Kearsley School community has started this year. Keep up the great work.

Parenting Toolbox

You would have received an information sheet last week about an information session regarding an additive free pantry. The speaker, Tanya Winfield is a highly regarded expert in the field of food additives. I encourage parents to come along with me next Monday night, 25th at Cessnock Public School and listen to her wonderful health tips. Remember it doesn't cost anything but you do need to book. To make a booking phone 49909354.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Over the coming weeks increased information about our PBL plan for improvements will be sent out to inform parents. We also hope to have a parent information afternoon session to answer any questions you may have. The old Kookaburra, token system from previous years will not continue in Term 2 as we move into our future plan. Certificates received in Term 1 at assembly will be included into the students final number until 28 March (Week 9). At that stage there will be a special star party for all students who have been recorded a star student or above over the years. Star badges will no longer be required by students as the school moves into a new reward system that acknowledges students positive achievements.
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Class Awards

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P&C Reminder

Just a quick reminder that the school P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 4 March starting a 2:30pm in the library. The P&C is a great way to have your say in the way that the school operates and is an important way of supporting the school. So, come along and meet others, have a good time and be part of the school P&C. Afternoon tea will be provided at 2:15pm.

Swimming Carnival Ribbons & Zone Swimming Representatives

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Seeking P.B.L Sponsorship

In line with our impending PBL change in Term 2 we are currently seeking a $500 per year sponsorship from a local business. The money will be used to fund a canteen voucher for each student who reaches a specific target by displaying our three values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning. Please contact the school if you would be willing to support this great cause.

Clean Up Australia Day

At 2:30pm on Friday March 1, as part of Clean Up Australia Day, we will be cleaning up in and around the school grounds. Senior students will be walking down to Jeffery Park to clean up our community. Could the students please bring a pair of gloves to wear for the clean up and an old plastic shopping bag to collect the rubbish in. Children will only be picking up paper litter, not anything sharp or dangerous. Parents and community members are most welcome to come along and help the students.

Prohibited Employment Declaration

All parents / carers who volunteer in any capacity (reading groups, canteen, P&C, driving students to and from sporting/excursions etc.) at Kearsley Public School will need to fill out a prohibited employment declaration form. These can be collected at the office or we can send one home with your child.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have promptly paid their school fees. Please make your payment by the end of Term 1.

- Families with 1 student
  - $30 ($7.50 per term)
- Families with 2 students
  - $50 (12.50 per term)
- Families with 3 students or more
  - $60 ($15.00 per term)

CESSNOCK CITY WOMENS SOCCER

REGISTRATION DAYS 2013 SEASON
REGISTRATIONS For: Girls U/12s
Girls U/14s
Girls U/16s
Girls U/18s
All Age Women

DATE: Sunday 17 & 24 February 2013
TIME: 10am - 12 noon
VENUE: East Cessnock Oval
CONTACT: Robyn Larsen 0411560351
         Ken Gallen 0422195345

Note: This is a Sunday competition. New players welcome from 11 years. Copy of Birth Certificate are required for new players.

Junior Creative Writing
@ Cessnock Library
PROGRAMME
LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5 PM
(except during school holidays, which we’ll work around)

February 27: DRAW A STORY
March 27: MAP IT!
May 1: TREASURE BAG
May 27: NEWSPAPER
June 26: WHO WORE THAT?
July 31: MY LIBRARY RULES!
August 28: FRACTURED FAIRYTALES
September 18: HARRIS BURDICK
October 30: POETRY
November 27: PUBLISH!

For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the desk, or ring Sandy.

PARENTING TOOLBOX

Tanya Winfield is a mother of three who created Additive Free Pantry to inspire change throughout Australia. Having a child with Asthma motivated Tanya to look at what type of foods were going into her young son’s body. Shocked at the number of chemicals added to the food he was consuming, Tanya cleaned her pantry out and never looked back.

Come along and learn real life, easy and practical time-saving ideas on how to give the best health to your family:

February 25th 2013 at 6.30pm
At Cooinda, Cessnock Public School Hall
Cost: Free
Bookings are essential as there are some goodies!

Call 4990 9354 or call in to Koon-nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School.
# Kearsley P.S Canteen Roster March

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**1 MARCH**
- Davina & Dusty Lawless

**GOOD FRIDAY**

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Your canteen insurance is now due. Please pay your $2.00 P & C / Canteen membership to the school office ASAP.
Come and Join us for loads of information and fun

On Thursday 7th – 14th – 21st March, 2013
10.00am – 12.30pm

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Program

at Koe Nara, Cessnock Public School, Cessnock

Childcare and morning tea will be provided

To Register: Please call Lesley - 49215758
Mary - 49217925 or email mary.ross@newcastle.edu.au
Thank you to Mrs Duggan for running our school banking. Money and deposit books should be sent to school each Thursday and handed to class teachers.