From The Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to Bradley R and Isabelle P for their achievement of being selected in the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) choir that performed on Monday for the commencement of Seniors Week. This is a wonderful effort and we value their commitment. Keep up the good work.

School Uniforms

I would like to remind parents and students that all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the students name. This is very important as we come to the time of year where students start off in a jumper them remove it as the day warms up. I encourage all parents to ensure their children are dressed in the appropriate school uniforms that has been set by the P&C this included black shoes with navy blue socks (yellow were removed last year by the P&C, so they are being phased out), yellow shirts, checkered culottes for the girls and navy blue shorts for the boys and a navy blue jumper. We do encourage all student to be consistent with this and if they are unable to comply with this uniform could a written letter be sent to the school explaining the reason for being out of uniform.

Busy time of year

I would like to remind everyone of the wonderful effort put in by staff each term. The staff are very busy organising and planning the best we can for the education of the children. In the coming weeks we have the following events coming up: Harmony Day, High School parent talks, School photos, Thirty Thinkers writing day, zone cross country, cricket, netball trials, soccer trials, NAPLAN, Staff development days, ANZAC services, Star Party as well as teaching the children everyday. So if you see a staff member doing something you like or are thankful for, please let them know what a good job they are doing because we are working hard to provide a great education for your children.
Kookaburra Awards

**EASTER HAT PARADE - Thursday 28 March @ 2pm**

Kearsley PS annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 28 March starting at 2pm under the C.O.L.A. The school choir will begin the festivities followed by the class hat parades. The whole school will join in a Mexican Hat Dance followed by the drawing of the P&C Easter raffle. The afternoon will conclude with an Easter egg hunt. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to make a hat, design a poster or make a basket for the parade. Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will take place on Tuesday 2 April by MSP Photography. Full summer school uniform is to be worn. Students are to return photo envelopes with money on the day. If you would like a family portrait taken please collect an envelope from the office. A few helpful points to remember are

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Please enclose correct monies as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit cards accepted).
- There is a new order online system available this year also full details appear on the front of each envelope.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the following students who are our Kearsley PS swimming champions for 2013: Thomas H, Nina R, Nikki M, Darcy B, Sam A and Lloyd D.

The Anzac march/service on Thursday 25 April 2013 falls during the school holidays, all students are welcome to represent Kearsley Public School with Mrs Singleton. Students can meet Mrs Singleton at 11am at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and then march as a school group to TAFE park for the service. Students must be collected from the park immediately after the service. All students are required to wear full school uniform including hats. A detailed note will be sent home during the last week of term.

Congratulations to Brandon R who attended the PSSA Zone Soccer Trials on Monday 18 March. He was successful in making the team and will now travel to Mayfield on 12 April to try to gain a position in the Hunter team at the Regional Trials. Good luck Brandon we are all very proud of your efforts.

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Thank you to the families who have promptly paid their school fees. Please make your payment by the end of Term 1 to go into the draw for a $25 GIFT CARD.

- 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)

The P&C are running an Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets have been sent home with the children and extra books are available from the office. Thank you to the many families who have returned tickets and money already. We would appreciate it if parents could send in donations of chocolate eggs, rabbits, baskets, cellophane etc. Just take them to the office by Tuesday 26 March.
# Kearsley Canteen Roster - March 2013

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Wes Batey is now doing the rosters for the canteen...if you see a mistake or are rostered on a day you don't normally do please phone or email Wes on wesb93@yahoo.com.au. Your canteen insurance is now due. Please pay your $2.00 P & C / Canteen membership to the school office ASAP.

# P&C MEETING REMINDER

Just a reminder to all families and friends that the next P&C Meeting for Kearsley PS will be held on Thursday 11 April 2013 at 2pm in the school library.

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**School Banking**

Thank you to Mrs Duggan for running our school banking. Money and deposit books should be sent to school each Thursday.
Paint the Town REaD

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) will launch “Paint the Town REaD” in the Cessnock Community on the 10th April. Students from grades 1 and 2 as well as school leaders from the fourteen local Public school will march through the main street of Cessnock wearing red shirts and carrying red balloons in a joint demonstration of our Public Schools' commitment to the engagement of the whole community in promoting early literacy skills.

"Paint the Town REaD" is an early literacy community scheme that encourages the whole community to read, talk, sing and rhyme with children from birth, so that they will be ready for reading and writing at school.
Research shows that the early literacy skills developed before starting school are the foundation and therefore vital for attaining competency in reading and writing at school – and future success and happiness in life - something we all want for our children!
A highlight of this significant Cessnock event will be the attendance of Australian children’s author, Krysten Walker Cox (Didgeridoo Dreaming), who will read to the students as they gather in the grounds of Cessnock TAFE. We also hope to have a local didgeridoo artist and Aboriginal dancers attend. A mascot for the initiative will also be introduced on the day.
Local businesses have been highly supportive and have agreed to assist CCGPS with the promotion of early literacy skills by incorporating specifically designed book-boxes into their shops/business fronts. These red boxes will contain books for children to read when they visit local services as well as rhymes etc which they can share with their families.
The launch event for this initiative will begin at 11am and conclude at 12:30pm on the 10th April. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend, with simultaneous activities for younger children also being provided through Cessnock City Library.

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Join all the festivities for Cessnock’s Harmony Day celebrations.

WHERE: The Plaza outside Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, Vincent Street, CESSNOCK
WHEN: Thursday, 21 March 2013, 5:30 – 8pm

The Harmony Day theme for 2013 is "Many Stories - One Australia". With residents from over 200 countries, Australia is a land of rich diversity and vibrant multiculturalism.
The Harmony Day festival in 2013 will be a celebration for everyone, with exotic cuisine, live multicultural song and dance, film, traditional costumes and more.
Featuring The Shimmy Sisters belly dancing, Nepali Dance, Chinese Singing, Oops! the Clown, FREE massages, costume parades, Perry Fuller on the didgeridoo, Children's craft & face painting, Cessnock Combined Schools Choir and the 2013 Colourfest Film Festival.
Sausage sizzle, Equatorial cuisine, boutique goods and more .. It will a great evening for all ages.
Nulkaba Public School
Annual Country Fair
THIS Saturday 23rd March 2013
10am to 3pm

★ Sizzler ★ Jumping Castles ★ Giant Fibreglass Slide ★
★ Chair-o-planes ★ Laughing Clowns ★ Pirate Ship ★ Dunking Machine
...and don’t forget to visit these great stalls:
★ Chocolate Wheel ★ Face-painting ★ Freshly Made Fairy Floss on a stick
★ Lollies ★ Popcorn ★ Icee’s ★ Donuts ★ Espresso Coffee ★ Novelties ★ Tattoo’s ★ Golf Putting ★
★ Hairspray ★ Family Portraits ★ 2nd Hand Books ★ Chocolate Shot ★ Plant & Produce ★
★ Cakes & Craft ★ Our famous Bottle Stall ★
★ BBQ and Drinks ★

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA / MINUTES
Annual General Meeting: Monday 4th March 2013
Commencing: 7.30pm @ school library


Apologies: as notified

Previous Minutes:
Correction: refer P&C Meeting Minutes Confirmed: m. AA, s. KC

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: refer P&C March Meeting Minutes

Treasurers Report: refer P&C March Meeting minutes

IL would like to thank previous P&C executives for their time and effort over the past 12 months. Please encourage new friends and parents to come forward and visit P&C Meetings in the future.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2013

PRESIDENT: Daisy Lawless — Nom by self, Second AA, Accepted, Elect.d.
TREASURER: Kerri-Anne Clifford — Nom by self, Second AV, Accepted, Elect.d.
SECRETARY: Janey Brooks — Nom by self, Second KC, Accepted, Elect.d.
VICE PRESIDENT: Jacqui Collieson — Nom by self, Second, Accepted, Elect.d.
ASST SEC: Amy Advocado — Nom by Th, Second MM, Accepted, Elect.d.
ASST TREAS: Kristy Callaghan-Wilkinson — Nom by self, Second DL, Accepted, Elect.d.
CANTINEER: Amanda Vince — Nom by KC, Second WB, Accepted, Elect.d.
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(Nomination by decision by P&C for Amanda Vince to streamline Canteen ordering and protocol)

Membership Fee: $2 — IL, s. AV

Meeting Closed: 3.00pm (followed by normal March P&C meeting)