From The Principal’s Desk

Last Friday students from Kearsley represented our school at the Zone swimming trials. Our students performed well and were great ambassadors for our school. Lloyd and Rhett Duggan placed very well in their races and were unlucky not to go on to represent the Cessnock zone at region. Congratulations to everyone who tried their best.

Adam Attwood also won selection in the zone basketball team. He will travel to the regional trials tomorrow. Good luck Adam!

Clean up Australia Day was held at Kearsley P.S on Monday. Students and staff did a fabulous job tidying and cleaning our school grounds. It is important to remember, to always teach our children their responsibility of ‘keeping our environment clean’.

I am hoping that the path from the Library to the footpath will be constructed this weekend and the rubbish in the corner will be removed on Saturday.

If you have a spare hour on Saturday morning and you would like to help us to give some attention to our gardens now that autumn is here, it would be much appreciated.

The P&C Annual General meeting was held today. Further information to follow.

Our Year Six parents and students attended their first information session at Cessnock High ready for 2015. High school enrolment forms will go home on Monday 10th March with your child. They are to be returned by Thursday 20th March, 2014. If you do not receive it, please check first with your child and then with the office.

Currently the staff at Kearsley P.S are revisiting the Discipline Policy regarding students representing the school or attending excursions, if there has been ongoing behavior issues in the classroom or on the playground. Thank you.

Sue Holt (Rel. Principal)
Kookaburra Awards

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Kinder Enrolments 2015

Names are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. Please call at the office to pick up an enrolment form and add your child’s name to our list. If you know of any new families that will be joining our Kinder class in 2015 could you please let them know to call at the office. Thank you.

Voluntary School Contributions

Students were issued with invoices for school contributions. The contribution rate has stayed the same as the last few years. Please make your payment by the end of term 1 to go into the draw for a $25 GIFT CARD.

- $30 for families with 1 student ($7.50 per term)
- $50 for families with 2 students ($12.50 per term)
- $60 for families with 3 or more students ($15 per term)

The eldest student in each family has been listed on the statement. These fees are not compulsory but are very much appreciated as they are put towards purchasing much needed supplies and equipment used daily by the students of our school.

Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to our Swimming Carnival Age Champions: Snr Boy Champion Lloyd Duggan, Snr Girl Champion Sophie Rockley, 11yrs Boy Champion Braith Gosney, 11yrs Girl Champion Darcy Balazic, Jnr Boy Champion Sam Archibald & Jnr Girl Champion Jordarna Barber. The winning house on the day was Caledonia. Medallions and ribbons will be handed out at our weekly assembly on Friday 7 March.

Toys at School

Could all toys please be left at home unless it is your child’s news item, then it will be left in the classroom till home time. We have plenty of sports equipment that the students can borrow here at school for them to play with. We have very upset children when their special toys are lost or accidentally broken. Thank you for your support with this matter.
ICAS Competitions 2014 Yrs 3 – 6

Once again the University of NSW is conducting the “International Competitions and Assessments for Schools” (ICAS) for students in years 3 - 6. These are external assessments in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, Mathematics and English. If your child wishes to enter there is a fee for each competition. It is **NOT** compulsory for students to enter these competitions, only if they wish to do so. You can choose which competitions you wish to enter. A detailed note will be sent home with this newsletter. **The money for all competitions you are entering needs to be given to your class teacher by tomorrow.**

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Canberra Excursion

Years 5 & 6 have the opportunity to participate in a 4 day excursion to Canberra on Tuesday 2 September till Friday 5 September 2014. This is an exciting, fun-packed experience for all students. The cost will be approximately $400.00 which includes return coach transport, accommodation, all meals (except lunch on Day 1), and all activities.

This cost has been based on 28 students so the cost could change slightly depending on definite numbers. We will endeavour to do some fundraising to bring this cost down for families. Notes were given to students last week. Expressions of Interest need to be returned to Ms Thompson by tomorrow. NB: There MAY BE an opportunity for parents to attend at the same cost as students – please tick the box on the note if interested. A payment plan has been devised so families can budget for the trip. A $50 deposit needs to be paid by **28 March 2014.**

School Cross Country

On Friday 21 March 2014, our school will be holding a cross country run for all Yrs 3 – 6 children. This will enable us to pick our team for the Zone Cross Country. The race will be at Jeffery Park, Kearsley. We will be walking from school at 9.15am to the park. We will walk the track and the race starting time will be 9.45am. We will be returning to school by lunchtime. Please ensure your child is wearing their sports uniform, joggers and hat. Students aged 8, 9 or 10 years old will run 2 laps each, 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3 laps each. A permission note will be sent home next week.

Zone Swimming Carnival Report

All Kearsley PS students swam well and represented our school with pride. The Duggan brothers were the standouts on the day. Lloyd gained two 3rd place ribbons in backstroke and butterfly and his younger brother Rhett blitzing the field to take out the 50 metre freestyle.

Canteen Easter Colouring Competition

The canteen is running an Easter colouring competition. There are two categories, Kinder—Year 2 and Year 3—Year 6. Students are asked to finish the pattern of the picture then colour or decorate it. Entries need to be handed back to teachers by April 9, winners will be announced at the Easter hat parade on 11 April.
# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

## March

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All volunteers who work in the school canteen, reading groups or who volunteer and are on school grounds need to pay a membership fee to be covered for insurance purposes. Please pay your $2.00 P & C / Canteen membership to the school office ASAP. Amy Archibald is doing canteen rosters and can be contacted at amykarchibald@gmail.com for any questions regarding rosters.

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School Banking has resumed for the year. Please send in bank books every Thursday for Mrs Duggan to process. Thank you.
10th February 2014

Dear Local Schools,

Below is an introduction to the Child Dental Benefits Schedule which started on 1st January 2014.

**Child Dental Benefits Schedule 2014 Introduction**

The Children Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) commenced on 1 January 2014 and will provide access to benefits for basic dental services to children aged 2-17 years. It will replace the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP) which was a prevention only scheme.

The total benefit entitlement will be capped at $1,000 per child over a two calendar year period. A child’s eligibility for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule is assessed at the beginning of each year and requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or a relevant Australian Government payment.

The CDBS will provide individual benefits for a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and will not be paid for any services provided in a hospital.

All Hunter Dental Group practices will be accepting these vouchers and **Will FULLY BULK BILL to Medicare.**

This means as long as funds are available there will be **NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE.**

To make a booking please contact your local practice on:
- **CESSNOCK** 4990 1279
- **GREENHILLS** 4934 7877
- **DUNGOG** 4992 3366

We hope that you could pass this information on to your parents and students.

Yours sincerely

Dr George Patience & Hunter Dental Group team.
HELP Kearsley PS raise money simply by shopping at IGA. Collect a card and key tag from the office. NO forms to fill out they are already registered and ready to use!
Turn off the TV or computer and get active

Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.

On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run.

When you hear “I’m bored” – think of something active to do.

During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.

Why reduce television time?

studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still

TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours

TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity

there is an association between TV watching and being overweight

40% of children 5 – 12 years report watching an average of two hours or more of television or videos a day.

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YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2015 INFORMATION EVENING

Mount View High School would like to welcome your child in 2015.

We would like to invite parents and their children in Year 6 to our information evening.

Monday 10th March 2014
5.30pm to 6.30pm
in the school hall

This will be a wonderful opportunity to:

- meet Mount View High School staff, including the Year Adviser for Year 7 2015, Miss Rowena Agostino
- view the facilities of Mount View High School
- hear about subjects on offer for Year 7 2015
- be advised of the enrolment process and
- receive information about our transition program for Year 6 into Year 7 2015.

If you have any enquiries please contact the school on 49402566.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.
Junior Creative Writing @ Cessnock & Kurri Libraries

Who: Children and Young adults aged 10-16 yrs

Where: Cessnock & Kurri Public Libraries

When: Monthly

How?: Contact the library for more information and to join our group

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karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

CESSNOCCH LIBRARY:
Sandy Ryan: PH: 49934384
sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Don't forget to check out our website at www.kearsley-p.schools.nsw.edu.au