From The Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to everyone. We hope the break with your family and friends was restful and relaxing, especially with the fabulous warm weather. Term 2 is always a busy term and is only nine weeks, finishing on June 27.

We are awaiting the staffing department of the DEC to provide the school with a permanent classroom teacher, which will be completed as quickly as possible. We have been advised to advertise through the merit selection process for the Assistant Principal position which will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. While we are waiting for the two new teachers, we welcome Miss Liz Sharkey on class 3/4 and Mr Dan Ringis on class 5/6.

This week we have our Canberra Parent meeting at 5:30 pm today. It is very important that at least one parent represents the student who will be attending this major excursion. Parents also need to note that the first instalment for Canberra is due on Friday. Regular small payments are also welcomed. The May P&C meeting was held today. Thank you to all parents who attended for your support. Next week is the Mother’s Day stall and the Discover Uni Day for Year 6 students and their parents. Unfortunately a bus will not be provided for us by the Uni and students will need to be transported by parents. A note went home on Tuesday regarding this matter. NAPLAN testing will occur on the 13th, 14th, 15th May. Please ensure your child is present at school before 9:00am so that students can be focused on doing their best. They will have practice for the testing in class next week.

Our School Athletics Carnival will be on Friday 16th May and we look forward to sharing the day with our parents, friends and families. Please check the changes to the school discipline policy sent home at the end of last term. We look forward to an exciting and productive term 2.

Sue Holt  Relieving Principal

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Canberra Excursion/Parent Meeting
An instalment of $70 for the Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion is due tomorrow Friday 2 May. A parent information evening is being held this afternoon at 5:30pm.

Public Speaking Competition
All students will be involved in a Public Speaking Competition. Winners will then be chosen to represent our school at the Hunter Central Coast Regional Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. Speeches will need to be prepared at home and performed in class at school. The best 2-3 from each class will be chosen to present their speech at Assembly in Week 5 Friday 30 May 2014. A note with full details is at the back of this newsletter or see Mrs Holt for further information.

Athletics Carnival Friday 16 May @ Turner Park
The annual Kearsley Public School Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 16 May 2014 at Turner Park. The carnival is for all students in Kinder to Yr 6. Parents are requested to transport their children to Turner Park by 9.05am as all teachers will meet them there. Families are encouraged to stay and enjoy the day with their children. Prompt pick up at 2pm is appreciated. A separate detailed permission note will be sent home with students next week.

Weekly Friday Assembly CHANGE of Time
The weekly assembly on a Friday has changed times and will now be held at 2:25pm starting from TOMORROW.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P & C are running a Mother’s Day Stall to give students the opportunity to purchase a present for their Mother, Grandma or Nan on Thursday morning 8 May 2014. P & C have purchased the gifts for the stall. Items will cost from 50 cents to $10.00. Students will go in class groups during the morning.

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
Thank you to all the families who paid their school fees last term. Mrs Holt drew the lucky winner of the $25 gift card out this morning. Congratulations to the Howell family!

NAPLAN 13, 14 & 15 May 2014
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan

ANZAC Day Services
Thank you to the students who participated in the ANZAC day services. They represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Jane Goldie for making our wreaths to lay at both memorials they were by far the nicest wreaths at the service.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Our school students are getting active as part of the Australian Sports Commissions' Active After School Communities Program. This program encourages students to increase their physical activity levels and improve motor skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. During Week 2 to 8 of Term 2, 2014 our school will offer a variety of activities for participating students. The program will start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. A Permission note is being sent home today. We are only able to take the first 60 students with their note returned.

Cessnock United Soccer Club

We are needing players for our under 6's, and under 10's teams at Cessnock United FC, (soccer). Any child turning 5 or 6 in this calendar year can play or anyone turning 10 this yr. Please get them to contact me Ann Skinner on 0416001979 or by email skinnerfamily5@bigpond.com thank you.

School Banking Token Redemption Day : Thursday 8 May 2014.

Please bundle up 10 of your silver bank tokens and enclose them with your banking along with a piece of paper detailing :- Your name & which one of these items you'd like as your banking reward:- Handball, Penguin keyring, scented pencils, shark keyring, Whale-shark pencil case, Wallet, Headphones, Knuckles, Pat moneybox, Pru moneybox, Spen moneybox.

Commonwealth Bank “Youthsaver and School Banking Term 2” Promotion

This term Commonwealth Bank is giving students and schools the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings. Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

- Major student prize.
  - Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
  - VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
  - Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
  - A $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

- Runner up student prizes. 130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

- School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes. There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:
  - $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
  - Plus the School Banking Coordinators of each winning school will receive a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school). [Note from the Bank Coordinator: If this turns out to be us at Kearsley PS the card will be donated to KPS P&C].

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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### Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

#### May

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**School Banking**

Please send in bank books every Thursday for Mrs Duggan to process. Thank you.
Shim Jang Taekwondo - Traditional Self Defense

**WHEN:** Tuesday's during school terms

**WHERE:** Kearsley Public School Hall

**TIME:** 4pm to 5pm

Call Steve Turner for more information on 0400002951
Come and try Heart Foundation Walking!

When: Thursday 8th May 2014, arrive at 9:45am for a 10:00am start
Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start
Where: Peace Park, Cessnock Road, Weston
Details: Approximate walk length is 3km or 30-45 minute walk
Who: Everyone welcome!
Bring: Hat, sunscreen, thermos with hot water for a cup of tea. Dress in red or wear a Heart Foundation Walking shirt if you have one.
RSVP: Shane on 4993 3410 or chhb@samaritans.org.au by 5th May. Please RSVP essential for catering purposes.

FREE healthy morning tea, tea and coffee for all walkers and prize local support.

Active tips for busy families
- make time to be active as a whole family
- go out and play basketball, tag or soccer, throw a ball or ride a bike with your children
- meet friends or family in a park and take balls, hoops, Frisbees, bats or other outdoor games to play.
- Set a limit on television watching, computer time and video games to no more than 2 hours a day.

No time for breakfast?
Try some of these quick breakfasts children can enjoy “on the go”.
- reduced-fat yoghurt, or a yoghurt drink.
- reduced-fat milkshake
- healthy cereal in small plastic bag (a small carton of milk can add a calcium boost)
- slice of banana loaf or other low fat fruit loaf

Bringing Up Great Kids
Want to learn some new ideas to support you in parenting your children in a 6 week group
May 7 to June 11 from 9:45 to 12 at Korora
Bookings essential—call 4999 9354
Child Care available

Child Dental Benefits Schedule
An Australian Government Dental Scheme
YES WE BULK BILL!!
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive Trade Basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.
For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointment call us today!

Family Energy Rebate
2013-2014
DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014
2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

Hunter Dental Group
Cessnock, Greenhills & Quindans Dental
4990 1279 • 4934 7877 • 4992 3366
PUBLIC SPEAKING TASK

All students in Years K - 6 are to prepare a speech on a topic of your own choice. (E.g. Your family, your pet, a special holiday, a sport, a hobby etc.)

Speeches will be presented to the students own class during the week of 19 May through to 23 May 2014. The best speeches will then proceed to the finals on Friday 30 May 2014 and be presented at our weekly assembly. Parents and family are encouraged to attend.

The 2 best speakers from each stage will be chosen to represent the school at the Hunter Central Coast Regional Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Duration of speeches:

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- Marks will be deducted for talks that are too short or too long
- Make your talk interesting so that your audience will listen
- Practise your talk at home in front of your family using expression in your voice, face & body

Zone Competition Marking Scale:

MATTER (40%)
- Creativity/originality of introduction /10
- Content /20
- Creativity/originality of conclusion /10

METHOD (30%)
- Sustained audience engagement (humour, audience response) /30

MANNER (30%)
- Presentation (enthusiasm, stance, spontaneity and naturalness of gestures, NO PROPS) /30

HINT:
- Print your speech on to palm cards. It might be an idea to pin or staple them together so they don’t go out of order.

Good luck,
Mrs Holt
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

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During Week 2 to 8 of Term 2, 2014 our school will offer a variety of activities for participating students. If you would like your child to participate in this Program, please complete the permission note below and return to the office by Tuesday 6 May 2014. Please send notes to OFFICE ONLY.

The program will be conducted for 7 weeks each Thursday for Kinder to Yr 6 commencing on Thursday 8 May 2014. The program will start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. All students will need to be collected no later than 4:20pm. The program will be delivered by school staff. There is no cost to this program.

As part of this schools healthy eating program, fruit will be provided for each student at the beginning of each session.

The program will only be available for 60 students in years K to 6 so the first 45 notes received at the office will be first on the list.

Please note students MUST wear their school hats at every session.

The permission notes will be accepted at the front office ONLY.

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance is dependent on students fulfilling their responsibilities within the Discipline Policy of this school.

Sue Holt
Principal

I hereby consent to __________________________________ participating in the ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM to be conducted at Kearsley Public School on Thursdays from Week 2 to 8 of Term 2 2014. I understand that he/she must be collected from school at 4:15pm.

Special needs of my child which you should be aware (e.g., allergies, medication)—please provide full details

__________________________________________                        ____________________________
Signature of Parent of Guardian                                                               Date

Please return this form to the office by Tuesday 6 May 2014