PCYC

On Tuesday, Kearsley Public School went to the PCYC for our PBL reward day. My favourite two activities were futsal and the youth room, which had table tennis, pool, air hockey and foosball. My team was undefeated in futsal, it was really fun. Written by Flynn H

Mayoral Photography Challenge

Congratulations to Nate R who placed 2nd in the Mayoral photo competition. The school received $150 prize money for his efforts which was used to purchase a camera for Nate to continue taking wonderful photos.

2016 Staffing Plans

Please be aware that these are current plans for 2016 and changes could occur at the beginning of the year.

Kinder—Mrs Katie Manderson  Year 1—Mrs Nicole Pitt
Year 2—Mr Aaron McLoughlin  Year 3/4—Mrs Rebecca Singleton
Year 4/5—Miss Katie Rawlins  Year 5/6—New Assistant Principal
LAST /RFF—Mrs Tracey Graham & Mrs Susan Stipack
Library—Mrs Kathy Pynsent
SLSOs—Mrs Jude Dodd, Mrs Tammy Reed, Mrs Michelle Lizdenis, Mrs Amy Archibald
Principal—Mrs Melissa Trigg

Thank you for a fantastic year and for your continued support. Looking forward to working with you all in 2016.
First Day for Students in Years 1-6 2016

Thursday 28 January 2016 is the first day for students in Year 1-6 for the new school year. The office will be open on Wednesday 27 January for any queries or purchases of new school hats.

Kindergarten start 1 Feb 2016

Our new kinders will begin at staggered times on Monday 1 Feb 2016. Each child should have received their start times already if you have misplaced yours please see the office. They have enjoyed 5 days of Kinder Orientation throughout Term 4 and have spent time getting to know their buddies. We are looking forward to seeing all their smiling faces next year!

Semester 2 School Reports

Students will receive their semester 2 school reports tomorrow Friday 11 December. If you would like to discuss your child’s progress report with any teacher please make an appointment at a time convenient to you and the class teacher.

School Swimming Carnival 2016

Our school swimming carnival has been booked for Friday 12 February 2016. Full details and notes will be sent home with students Term 1 next year. Children from Yr 2 who turn 8 in 2016 and all primary children will attend.

School Banking

Mrs Duggan would like to apologise as a lot of the Commonwealth bank school banking redemption prizes were out of stock. So that your children do not miss out, prizes have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in Term 1 2016. We would like to thank Mrs Duggan for her continued support.

Art Day

Yesterday the students participated in a special art class with renowned local artist Lex James. The students produced some creative Christmas art work whilst learning some new art techniques. Thank you Lex for visiting Kearsley PS. Lex holds afternoon and Saturday morning art classes at Thornton.
PCYC Fun Day

On Tuesday our students had an amazing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) reward day at the Cessnock PCYC! It was a day full of fun! Activities that the students participated in were: Futsal, Gymnastics, Trampolining, Hip Hop and Youth Room games. The students were given an ice block when they returned to school. The behaviour of our students was excellent!

Student Bus Passes

As you may have seen on recent media releases, the NSW Government Transport Department is introducing Opal Cards for student travel. This will be replacing the current system of bus, train and ferry passes. All parents or carers of students entering Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 7 in 2016 are now required to apply online for their School Travel Pass. The recent bus pass applications you have completed have now been made obsolete.

How to apply:
Step 1. Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students
Step 2. Print, sign and date the completed application, then bring it to the school for endorsement by 11th December 2015.
Step 3. The school will then endorse the application and forward it to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the school Opal Card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

P & C News

Well, what a great year the P&C has had supporting the children of Kearsley Public School. From holding raffles, stalls, chocolate and pie drives we’ve been able to provide substantial donations to the school for various projects that benefit our children. We were also fortunate enough to receive a grant through the Community Building Partnerships program, which allowed us to renovate the canteen kitchen. This has been a fantastic opportunity and well worth the hard work. The canteen has now been brought into the 21st century!

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn tonight at the Community Carols and Open Air Cinema event. The prizes are fantastic and have all been donated, mostly by local businesses. A list of these generous businesses has been included in this newsletter. Please shop local and help support those who have supported us.

Our success this year is due to our dedicated and hardworking P&C and canteen members, as well as the school staff. You all do an amazing job, big or small. And so I say thank you for giving up your own time, thank you for supporting our great school and thank you for wanting to help provide the best possible educational opportunities for our kids.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year. Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays!
### Student Classroom Equipment Requirements for 2016

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**THE LAST ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR IS TOMORROW**

St. Joseph’s Parish Cessnock
2015 Sacramental Programme

**ENROLMENT FOR RECONCILIATION**

Children who are in Year 4 (or older) are warmly welcomed to take this important step in their faith journey. If you feel that your child is ready to participate in this programme please note that the Enrolment Meeting will be held after 6pm Mass on Saturday 6th February 2016 at St. Joseph’s Church.

Details required are: **Baptismal Certificate**

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The canteen will close for 2015 **TOMORROW**. The volunteers totally clean out the canteen by washing walls and ceilings, emptying fridges and freezers etc as per school policy. The last day for lunch orders will be **TOMORROW**. We wish to thank all our volunteers who give their time to provide a very valuable service to our students.
Kearsley Public School is proudly a White Ribbon School. We would like to support Jodie's Place our local women's refuge by collecting items of need. They are in great need of toiletry items - anything you might use in the bathroom, they need it! Think toilet paper, deodorant, sanitary items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair care, plus baby items such as wipes and nappies.

Please consider picking up an extra item or 2 when you next shop, and drop it off to the office. Thank you for your support!
Kearsley Canteen Roster—Term 3, 2015

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To get an idea of volunteers for next year’s roster, can you all let me know if you are still happy to volunteer in the canteen on your usual day/s of the month for next year. If you won’t be volunteering next year, please let me know so I can make notes to remove you from next year’s roster. You can email me on amykarchibald@gmail.com or text/phone me on 0431891776. Thank you for all your help and dedication throughout 2015.

Amy Archibald
P&C President

SCHOOL BANKING

Please send in bank books every Thursday for Mrs Duggan to process. Some great prizes can be earned for regular banking! Thank you.
Kearsley Public School

Christmas Carols and Open Air Cinema

Thursday 10th December

5:30pm—BBQ Dinner to support the Rural Fire Service

Jumping castles (Free to KPS families) - $15 unlimited for other community members

Slushies, Fairy Floss and Traditional lemonade: $4 each

Bucket of Popcorn — $5 Bag of Popcorn—$4

Christmas carols—sing along with the school choir

8:00pm—Open Air Cinema: Christmas themed family movie

** All funds raised will be donated to ‘Jodie’s Place’**

Come along and enjoy a great family night!
Please support Craig Richards (a parent of our school) who has generously tinted the classroom windows of 2 of our classrooms. The reduction in glare and heat will benefit our students for years to come. Thank you for your support Craig!

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or cynthia.culhane@thecraftsfamily.com.au

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ABERMAIN MISSION HALL CHURCH & ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL present!
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Location:
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Monday, 14th December 2015
Gates open 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start
Gold Coin Donation Entry
Food & drinks available throughout the night
Visit from Santa
Fireworks begin at 9.00pm

ALL WELCOME!! DON’T MISS THIS ONE!!
2015 Christmas Raffle Donation Prizes

- Lostmy.Name – book voucher
- Funky J’s Handmade - $30 voucher
- Naarah Grace Photography – family photography voucher
- Sugar & Spice Cake Design – 24 cupcake voucher
- Richmond Vale Railway – 2 X family passes
- Daniels Restaurant – $50 dinner voucher
- Balloon Aloft – hot air balloon ride voucher
- Elfin Hill Accommodation – 1 nights mid-week accommodation, breakfast & wine
- Aqua Golf Hunter Valley – 1 X voucher (2 games aqau golf & 4 games putt putt) and 1 x voucher (1 game aqua golf & 2 games putt putt)
- Saddlers Creek Wines – 4 bottles wine
- Marsh Estate – 2 bottles wine
- Criterion Hotel – 2 x $25 Bistro vouchers & bottle of wine
- Ivanhoe Wines – 2 X wine and cheese tasting packages
- Drayton’s Wines – wine pack
- Pedens Hotel – 2 X $50 dinner vouchers
- Shark & Ray Centre – 1 X family voucher
- Cadbury – Marvellous Creations block chocolate
- Razzle Dazzle Ultimate Cleaning – $70 cleaning voucher
- Kelman Vineyard - wine
- Jane Fowler Travel Managers - $250 travel voucher
- Wynward Estate – 2 x wine and cheese tasting vouchers for 4 ppl
- Pepper Tree Wines – 2 bottles wine
- Xtreme Go-Karting – 6 X $25 vouchers
- Cessnock City Motor Group – Holden Shirt & Hat
- Cessnock Toyota – Greg Norman polo shirt & hat
- Crowne Plaza – 2 X 18 holes golf including cart hire @ Hunter Valley Golf & Country Club
- Pokolbin Estate Wines – 2 bottles wine
- Video Ezy – Cessnock – 10 X New Release movie hire vouchers
- McDonalds Australia - $30 in vouchers
- Taronga Zoo – Admission pass 1 adult
- Flanagan’s – 2 X $50 vouchers
- Newcastle Maritime Museum – 2 X family passes
- Kimmys Fish n Chips - $20 voucher
- Balloon Worx – voucher
- Xedos Cutters – shampoo, treatment and blow-dry voucher
- Kick 4 Touch – 2 X Xmas wine goblets, Steeden football, hat, NRL USB flash drive, magnetic premiership ladder
- Bombora – body board
- The Crossing – coffee vouchers
- Jdlani Jewellery & Giftware - $20 voucher
- Sienna B Boutique - $25 voucher
- Super Strike Bowling – bowling passes
- Bluebird Florist - $20 voucher
- Mitre 10 – steel bucket and assorted gardening products
- Hair by Ali – product & voucher
- Mars Food Australia – food package
- Avon hamper
- Aberdare Takeaway – 2 x plain hamburgers, 2 x kids hamburgers, medium chips and 6 chicken nuggets (value $30) voucher
- Featherdale Wildlife Park – 2 adult passes
- Oakvale Farm – family pass
- Toboggan Hill Park – activity pass for 4 people (value $50)
- Australian National Maritime Museum- 2 X family passes
- Powerhouse Museum – 4 x adult admission tickets
- Battlezone – 2 X family pass
- Captain Cook Cruises – cruise voucher Sydney Harbour 2 Adults
- Newcastle Jets – 4 X general admission tickets to 18th December game
- Cafe De-Javu @ Toronto - $60 dinner voucher
- Abermain Bowling Club – 1 bottle Lindeman’s Wine voucher & buy 1 meal, get one free voucher
- Hunter Wetlands Centre – Family Day Pass and Canoe Hire
- Candelabra – candles valued to $100
- Maitland Jail – double entry gift voucher and self-guided tour
- Kearsley Autoport – 6 X $25 fuel vouchers
1. Balloon Aloft flight, Ivanhoe Wine & Cheese Tasting Voucher for 4 people, bottle of wine and chocolate

2. $250 Travel Managers Voucher, Sydney Harbour Story Cruise for 2 adults, Family pass to Maritime Museum, wine and chocolate

3. Elfin Hill 1 night midweek accommodation including dinner and wine, Xmas wine goblet, Wine and chocolate

4. Ivanhoe Wine & Cheese Tasting Voucher for 4 people, Xmas wine goblet, $50 Daniels Restaurant voucher, wine and chocolate

5. Wynwood Estate Wine & Cheese Tasting Voucher for 4 people, $50 Pedens Hotel voucher, wine and chocolate

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7. Naarah Grace family photography voucher, Candle, wine and chocolate

8. Razzle Dazzle Ultimate Cleaning Voucher, Candle, wine and chocolate

9. Cafe Deja Vu $60 voucher, Xmas coffee mug set, The Crossing coffee vouchers, wine and chocolate

10. Newcastle Jets 18th December game – 4 general admission tickets, $50 Flanagan’s voucher, wine and chocolate

11. HV Golf voucher for 2 games x 18 holes including cart hire, $50 Flanagan’s voucher, wine and chocolate

12. Hair by Ali voucher and hair care pack, 2 pack wine and chocolate

13. Avon Hamper, $30 Funky J’s voucher, Hair by Ali voucher

14. Nissan shirt and hat, BBQ Master foods pack, Criterion Hotel voucher, Battlezone voucher, and chocolate

15. $150 Xtreme Indoor Go Karting voucher, $25 Kearsley Autoport fuel voucher, Video Ezy voucher

16. Balloon Worx voucher, 24 cupcake voucher from Sugar & Spice, $25 Bluebird Florist voucher, $25 Sienna B Boutique voucher, Xedos Cutters hair voucher, Jdlani Jewellery $20 voucher, wine and chocolate

17. Drayton’s wine pack and chocolate

18. Aberdare Takeaway $30 meal voucher, Oakvale Farm family pass, Toboggan Hill Park family pass, $25 Kearsley Autoport fuel voucher, Video Ezy voucher and chocolate

19. Taronga zoo voucher for 2 adults, $25 Kearsley Autoport fuel voucher, Video Ezy voucher and chocolate

20. Superstrike family pass, Maritime Centre family pass, HV Wetlands Centre family pass, Video Ezy voucher and chocolate


22. Richmond Vale Railway family pass, Aqua Golf Vouchers, $20 Kimmys Fish and Chips voucher, $25 Kearsley Autoport fuel voucher, Video Ezy voucher and chocolate

23. Richmond Vale Railway family pass, Aqua Golf voucher, Abermain Bowling Club meal and wine vouchers, Video Ezy voucher and chocolate

24. Battlezone family pass, Maritime Centre family pass, Video Ezy Voucher and chocolate