From The Principal’s Desk

Wow! Wow! Wow! What a sensational school we have at Kearsley.

Congratulations to our swimming champions who received their medallions at last weeks assembly. This is a great achievement for you all.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and students that have contributed to the schools future direction and ways for the school to make improvements. All these great ideas will be tabled at the next P & C meeting on 5 March at 2pm. Already some of the suggestions have been implemented such as the beautiful new high visibility jackets that the teachers are wearing so the children can identify the teacher on duty quickly.

On Tuesday, I was very fortunate to be able to take some of our Year 6 student to the high school to watch an Aboriginal cultural dance group. All the students from Kearsley had a chance to display their dance skills.

Out of uniform day during Bike Week. In Week 8 (16-20 March) the children will be able to ride their bikes during lunch and recess in the back playground provided their bike passes a safety test that consists of: brakes working, handle bar rubbers in good order, helmet in good condition and safe riding. Bikes can remain at school for the week if needed to save transporting daily. On the Friday 20 March (out of uniform– wear blue clothes) I’ll be riding from home( Singleton) to raise awareness for beyondblue. Beyondblue is working to reduce the impact of anxiety, depression and suicide in the community by raising awareness and understanding, empowering people to seek help, and supporting recovery, management and resilience. Community members are welcome to join me for the ride into Kearsley. I hope to raise $500 or more from donations towards beyondblue during the week.

I’m looking forward to the new air conditioning in the hall at this weeks assembly and how cool was the Kearsley Facts and Trivia afternoon. It was great to see our community working together. Keep up the great work, I have already started planning the questions for next weeks session Wednesday 25 February.

PLEASE NOTE: The staff car park is out of bounds to parents and students for safety reasons. Please access the school via the gates in Caledonia, Pokolbin and Allandale Streets, thank you.
A general permission note was sent home with ALL students. It gives students permission to use the internet, permission for walking excursions, permission to have photos taken at school etc. A separate permission note will need to be filled out for each child in your family. Please initial each one and sign at the bottom and return to your class teacher by Friday 20 Feb. If you have misplaced yours another one can be collected from the office.

**Kookaburra Awards**

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**Clean Up Australia Day**

At 2:30pm on Friday Feb 27, 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.

**Swimming Carnival Age Champions**

Congratulations to our swimming carnival age champions: Snr Boy Champion Adam A, Snr Girl Champion Louise D, 11yrs Boy Champion Sam A, 1lyrs Girl Champion Zoe G & Gemma-Rose D, Jnr Boys Champion Rhett D & Jnr Girls Champion Jordarna B. The winning house on the day was Caledonia.

**Ritchies/IGA Supermarket Cessnock**

Help Kearsley PS raise money simply by shopping at IGA Cessnock. Collect a card and key tag from the office and just swipe it each time you shop. NO forms to fill out they are already registered and ready to use! Last year donations to our school totalled $133.69, these funds were put towards purchasing prizes for our Positive Behaviour for Learning reward system. If you are new to our school community or have misplaced your tag please call in to the office as every little bit helps. We really appreciate your support!
Voluntary School Contributions 2015
The voluntary contribution rate has stayed the same as the last few years. We will have a $25 gift card for one lucky family who will be drawn from a hat. To be eligible 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)

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.

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. A new form needs to be done each year, so if you filled one in last year a new one will need to be done for this year, thank you.

P&C Meetings 2015 & Annual General Meeting
Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the school library. We would like to extend a special invitation to our new families to the school who may wish to join the P&C to attend. The next meeting will be the AGM which will be held on Thurs 5 March. All positions will be vacant and elections will take place at this meeting. To be eligible to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member of the P&C. Please pay your $2 membership fee to the office before 5 March. Our regular meeting will then take place straight after the elections.

ICAS Competitions 2015 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 note and money for all competitions you are entering needs to given to your class teacher by Friday 6 March.

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Zone Swimming Carnival
Well done to the 11 students who attended the Cessnock Zone Swimming Carnival. Our competing students were Jack G, Louise D, Darcy B, Zoe G, Gemma D, Sam A, Rhett D, Jake G, Tamara H, Jordarna B and Izaiah W. All of the competitors were very competitive throughout the day and represented the school to a high standard with their behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who supported this event and congratulations to all participating students on their wonderful achievements. The thoughts on the day – “it was fun and exciting”.

Zone Competitor ribbons will be handed out to students at tomorrow’s assembly. Mrs Graham
# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2015

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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. An invitation is extended to any new parents to our school community who would like to help out in the school canteen. If you are interested please contact Amy.

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OR Robyn Larsen on 0411 560 351 for registration details

We are also looking for coaches and managers for all age groups

**Maitland District Hockey Club**

2015 Junior Teams

As Maitland’s premier Hockey Club, we are looking for kids to fill our teams that we are entering in the U13 and U16 competitions played in Newcastle. The main focus of the club is improvement and enjoyment. We don’t concentrate on winning and losing, but we do encourage participation and involvement.

Games are played in Newcastle and training takes place in Maitland. We have 2 of the best coaches that will teach all the skills required in a fun, relaxed environment.

If you would like more information about joining a club that focuses on improvement and having a good time please don’t hesitate to get in contact with me

Glen Meehan – 0400311683

or at

Gmeehan@subzeroservices.com.au

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Lesley 4921 5758
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OUR COURSES for Semester 1, 2015:

- **SEE Program (Literacy and Numeracy)** – Skills for Education and Employment (10442/10443) – Free Course
  This course is for Centrelink referred clients to upgrade literacy, numeracy & employment skills.

- **Career Education & Employment for Women-Certificate II (CEEW)** (10089 NAT)
  This course helps women reenter the workforce or education after a long absence. Work placement included in the course.

- **Bloke's Refresher for Education and Work (BREW)** (10089 NAT)
  This course helps men reenter the workforce or education after a long absence. Work placement included in the course.

- **Tertiary Preparation – Certificate IV (TPC)** (29603)
  This is a Year 12 equivalent course, a pathway to uni &/or employment.

- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**
  This course is for people from non-English speaking backgrounds to improve English language skills for work or further study.

- **Skills for Work and Training (SWAT)** (10089 NAT - Certificate II)
  This course is equivalent to a YR 10 level of skills and knowledge.

CONTACT: Erol Engin (Acting Head Teacher Cessnock Hunter TAFE) 4993 0492
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Thursdays is KPS's student banking day. Please bring your passbooks in and give them to the teacher in the morning so she can put them in the special grey satchel for your class. You will get a silver token each time you bank and at the end of term there will be a BANKING REWARDS DAY where you nominate your reward and "pay" for it with 10 silver tokens. Put these silver tokens in a safe place at home until this newsletter lets you know a rewards day is coming. PS Each bank day afternoon don't forget to ask your teacher to get your bank passbook out again so you can take it home.

Hunter Valley Physie Club

PHYSIE develops good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and balance through dance. Our national choreography curriculum is age-appropriately designed to teach the relationship of music to movement, rhythm and musical interpretation. We provide a new syllabus and music every year and run annual competitions for teams and individuals.

Classes for girls 2yrs - Ladies. Branxton, Maitland & Singleton. Check us out at www.huntervalleyphysic.webs.com or email huntervalleyphysie@gmail.com