Thanks to all the people who have sponsored me for my bike ride for beyondblue. There are several ways you can support me for the ride. One is donate through the attached link: https://give.everydayhero.com/au/ian-30

Donate at the office or come for a ride on the day. See attached sheet for further details about the day.

I'm looking to form a small group of parents who would be willing to assist improve our school. The school improvement team would meet at regular times during the term to suggest ideas for improvements to our school. This could be to inform me of the little things that we are missing, things you think we should do or things that we as a school just don’t see. If you are interested in joining this group please leave your name at the office or let me know before the 13 March. I would hope that our first group meeting could be in Week 8.

Raising issues or concerns within the school is always important, therefore I ask all parents to make an appointment through the front office if you wish to talk to class teachers or the principal. By making an appointment we can set aside the time required to deal with your concerns in the best possible way. It’s just like going to the doctors...we need to make an appointment.

You will have noticed several notes come home recently requesting money for various extra curricula activities. We realise that this may place a financial burden on some families and as always financial assistance is available to those families. Please collect an application form from the office if required. We would rather families ask for help if it means their child may miss out on joining in on an activity. **ALL** applications are kept confidential.

Transition to high school has already commenced for next year. On Monday, staff from Cessnock High School spoke to the students in Year 5 and 6. Last night parents and students were invited to the high school for an information night. Expression of interest forms will go home on Monday with all Year 6 students to enroll in High School. If you have any questions about the transition please contact the school office.

Ian Lamph
Kookaburra Awards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mrs Singleton</th>
<th>Mrs Pitt</th>
<th>Miss Rawlins</th>
<th>Miss Williams</th>
<th>Mrs Manderson</th>
<th>Mrs Trigg</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ella B</td>
<td>Saranah R</td>
<td>Madison K</td>
<td>Logan B</td>
<td>Aryahn H</td>
<td>Darcy B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emi-Jay B</td>
<td>Bella I</td>
<td>Rubi S</td>
<td>Trenton M</td>
<td>Keelee S</td>
<td>Rhett D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyger L</td>
<td>Clare C</td>
<td>Jarrah W</td>
<td>Ashley H-J</td>
<td>Annabelle R</td>
<td>Sam A, Jai B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montannah V</td>
<td>Maddi B</td>
<td>Kaydance B</td>
<td>Bayley B</td>
<td>Jordarna B</td>
<td>Louise D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Koa P</td>
<td>Porsha B</td>
<td>Maria N</td>
<td>Izaiah W</td>
<td>Madison K</td>
<td>Lily G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brock H</td>
<td>Klay W</td>
<td>Paige C</td>
<td>Jye D, Malakai L</td>
<td>Oliver C</td>
<td>Justin P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montannah V</td>
<td>Dominic L</td>
<td>Harmony L</td>
<td>Lilly B</td>
<td>Blaze M, Keelee S</td>
<td>Brock B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Darcy R</td>
<td>Jasmine H-J</td>
<td>Zac C</td>
<td>Jorja K</td>
<td>Chelsea P</td>
<td>Liam O</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Principal’s Awards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Jordarna B</th>
<th>Isabelle P</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jai B</td>
<td>Harmony L</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Kinder Enrolments 2016

Names are now being taken for Kindergarten 2016. 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 2016 could you please let them know to call at the office. Thank you.

School Cross Country

On Friday 13 March 2015, 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 to the park at 9.30am after our Friday morning assembly. 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 was sent home last week.

Dance2bfit

We are having a Dance Program at our school in Term 2 this year. The Program is called “Dance2bfit” it is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Permission notes will be sent

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.

Invoices will be sent home this week to the eldest student in each family for those who have not already contributed.

Bathurst Excursion

Years 5 & 6 have the opportunity to participate in a 4 day excursion to Bathurst on Monday 17 August until Wednesday 19 August 2015. This is an exciting, fun-packed experience for all students. The cost will be approximately $320 which includes return coach transport, accommodation, all meals (except lunch on Day 1), and all activities. This cost has been based on 30 students so the cost could change slightly depending on definite numbers. Notes were given to students last week. Expressions of Interest need to be returned to your class teacher by Thursday 2 April. 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. Parents/Carers are welcome to start paying off their child’s trip as soon as they would like. You may make payments for as little or as much as you like.

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. Notes and money for all competitions you are entering needs to given to your class teacher by tomorrow Friday 6 March.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUBJECT</th>
<th>COST</th>
<th>SITTING DATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Digital Technologies</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
<td>Tuesday 19 May</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
<td>Wednesday 3 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Writing</td>
<td>$18.70</td>
<td>Mon 15 June – Fri 19 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spelling</td>
<td>$12.10</td>
<td>Tuesday 16 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
<td>Tuesday 28 July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
<td>Tuesday 11 August</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Chocolate Drive

Boxes of assorted Freddo chocolate Boxes went out this week for the P&C’s Term 1 major fundraiser. Each Box contains 50 Cadbury Freddo chocolates to be sold at $1 each. All money and any unsold chocolates need to be returned to school by Friday 24 April 2015. Please return money in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class to the office.
# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2015

## March

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>CLOSED</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Julianne Duggan Jane Hayes</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>Teresa Hale Colleen Coombes</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>Colleen Coombes Renae Flaherty</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>Colleen Coombes Catherine Crane Tammy Crane</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>Amy Archibald Vanessa Rockley</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

---

### SCHOOL BANKING

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

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 29th March 2015
9am—2pm
Congewai Public School
605 Congewai Rd, CONGEWAII

* Band * Pie Bake off
* Funky Junk Flea Markets
* Fabulous stalls filled with unique arts
* Jumping Castle

Come and see what all the hype is about!

Please follow our Facebook page for more information.
www.facebook.com/congewaipublicschool

---

Kearsley PS Correct Shoe Policy

---

**HUNTER DENTAL GROUP**

CESSNOCK, GREENHILLS & DUNGOG DENTAL
4990 1279 • 4934 7877 • 4992 3366

**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 $1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 0-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!
U/6 to U/10 girls wanted for a **Saturday** morning competition.

U/11 to U/18 and all ages girls wanted for a **Sunday** competition.

Call Kenny Gallen on 4990 9863 or 0422 195 345

OR Robyn Larsen on 0411 560 351 for registration details

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

---

**FOOTBALL - REGISTER NOW!**

Kearsley Cougars Soccer Club is looking for new teams / players for u5s – u7s.

Games start 11th April 2015. Home games are played at Jeffery Park Kearsley generally alternating with Away games in other areas.

**Cost:** upfront $68/$83 for 5-7/8-10 rego plus $5/wk game fee.

**Clothes:**
- Playing shirts supplied on loan.
- Players supply own boots.
- Other clothing can be ordered - shorts $20, sox $10 through the online registration system or email.

New 5-7yrs get shinpads free!

For full offering see our Welcome Kit on [www.kearsleycougars.sportingpulse.net](http://www.kearsleycougars.sportingpulse.net)

Start Registration or get more details:
call Julianne on 49913108 or jcripps-clark@foleywollow.com.au
Multiplication times tables

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-english_glossary/8Qum/551/
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.

Basketball Report

Last Friday Years 1 to 6 got to participate in a Basketball Skills Program from Maitland basketball players. They taught us some basketball games and tricks such as Golden Child, how to shoot properly, how to dribble properly and we played a game where we had to take the ball off the other children as well as much much more. We would like to say Thank you!

By Zoe G and Darcy B

Age Swimming Champions 2015