I still find it hard to believe that Bike Week has been so successful. We have over 100 students who have brought their bikes to school to ride during recess and lunch. The playground has been a real buzz. On Friday, when we are dressed in blue for beyondblue and riding in the playground. It’s going to look amazing!

Please remember that the assembly has been moved to Friday at 12 noon. If parents want to come and watch their children riding prior to the assembly then you are more than welcome.

Thanks again to all the families and children who have donated to my bike ride from Singleton to Kearsley. I have exceeded my goal of $1000 and it looks like it’s going to be closer to $1500. It’s great to have that community support.

Staff have been really busy getting ready for all the events that are happening in the school. The Athletics carnival has been confirmed for Thursday 7 May, Week 3 (back up 21 May) next term. The Starstruck team has been accepted and plans are underway. The School Improvement Team held its first meeting on Wednesday. Easter Hat Parade, PSSA trials for various sports have been happening and all the classes are still functioning as normal. What a great school!

The new picnic tables that the P&C and school purchased have arrived and they look great. We have 7 old picnic tables (red & yellow) that we are offering to the community for a donation of $10 each. If you are interested in taking one home please leave your name at the office.

Parking rangers were patrolling the school zones today. People were fined for parking in the bus zone, $304 and two points. Please do not drop off or collect your children within the bus zone. Keep it safe for our children at all times.

Thank you to all the parents and children who have wished me the very best in my new position as Principal of Abermain, I will commence this position next term. To the students, staff and community of Kearsley, thank you for all the memories and the experience that I have gained during the past seven years. I look forward to my new challenges and I’m sure I’ll miss the people of Kearsley PS.
Kookaburra Awards

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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.

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 and money need to be returned by Tuesday 31 March.

Election Day Cake Stall 28 March
The P&C will be running a cake stall on Election Day 28 March from 9am – 1pm. Any donations of baked goods can be dropped off on the morning or Friday afternoon at the canteen. Thanks!

Canteen -HELP NEEDED
We are in need of canteen volunteers: Wednesdays - 1 volunteer needed for 22 April, 20 May, 17 June, 22 July, 19 August, September 16.
Thursdays - 2 volunteers needed for 23 April, 7 May, 21 May, 4 June, 18 June, 23 July, 6 August, 20 August, 3 September, 17 September. Please contact Amy Archibald if you can help.

School Survey
Please participate in the school survey which will provide the staff with information to assist planning in spelling and literacy. Hard copies are available from the office or you can use the following URL address to fill out online https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KearsleyPSparent2015

School Hats
Could all parents please check their children's hats to make sure they have their correct hat. We have had several incidences of hats being picked up and taken home accidentally.
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 have been sent home with 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.

Hunter Sports High Yr 7 - 2015

Parents who are considering sending their child to Hunter Sports High School for Yr 7 in 2016 need to fill out an application form and send in to the high school by 30 April 2015. The trial dates for the various sports on offer are 11-13 May 2015. Application forms and information sheets can be collected from Mrs Weekes.

Chocolate Drive

Boxes of assorted Freddo chocolate boxes went out 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. There are still plenty of boxes to be sold if you would like to sell more!

School Photos - 22 April 2015

School photos will take place on Wednesday 22 April by MSP Photography. Full summer school uniform is to be worn. Students are to return photo envelopes with money on the day. If you would like a family portrait taken please collect an envelope from the office. A few helpful points to remember are

- You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Please enclose correct monies as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit cards accepted).
- There is a new order online system available this year also full details appear on the front of each envelope.

PHOTO ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED OUT TO STUDENTS ON 1 APRIL 2015.
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.

**THE CANTEEN IS NOW OPEN EVERY MONDAY!**

### Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


### 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!

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### Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 1 2015

**March/April**

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Why volunteer in the school canteen?

Schools and community organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help out. With many parents working or busy looking after children there is a real shortage of volunteers in school canteens.

Volunteering in your child’s school canteen has a whole range of benefits to you, your child and the school community:

- You may be able to have some input into what food is sold in the canteen
- It gives you an opportunity to meet other parents at the school and gives you another social outlet
- You can support your child in their food choices at the canteen
- Your child is able to see you at the canteen
- You are supporting the school be able to provide a food service for the students

Our school is in need of more volunteers for the canteen so if you

### Facts about tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it’s also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors)

### Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know)

### Succeeding in science


### Reminder about Crunch&Sip®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program. To ensure that your child takes part in Crunch&Sip® you need to pack a piece of fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water every day.

**Allowed for Crunch&Sip®**
- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Tinned fruit in water or juice
- Dried fruit in small amounts and on limited occasions
- Plain water

**Not allowed for Crunch&Sip®**
- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups, fruit straps)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips
- Olives
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Baked vegetable breads
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Popcorn
- Flavoured/carbonated water, cordial, Fruit or vegetable juices
- Any drink other than plain water

If your family is having difficulties providing a piece of fruit or vegetable every day please let us know and we will assist you in addressing this.

**Phone 4924 6499**
Did you know?

It is very important to ensure your child attends school every day. Children who miss school regularly may fall behind in their studies and struggle to catch up. If your child is absent, you should contact the school as soon as possible to inform them of the reason for the absence.

If your child is ill:

- **If your child is sick at school:** If your child is unwell, please contact the school immediately. They will provide you with instructions on how to care for your child at home.

- **If your child is sick at home:** If your child is unwell, please contact the school as soon as possible. The school will be able to provide guidance on how to care for your child at home.

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Wednesdays March 11 – April 1
10 am to 12 noon at Koe-nara

This is a FREE course

Parents report this program helps their children to:
- make friends and keep them more easily,
- concentrate longer, stay calm when upset or angry

Please call Jane on 4990 9354 for bookings

Childcare available but bookings ESSENTIAL
If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly to get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check-in** regularly with your child.

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**The simplest way**

SunSmart Snippet

...to keep your kids safe in the sun.

Did you know that when it comes to sun protection, not all hats are equal?

We all know hats help protect against skin cancer and eye damage.

But did you know that baseball caps don't provide much protection? Baseball caps leave checks, ears, chin and back of the neck exposed to ultraviolet radiation, and to the real risk of skin cancer in later life.

Choose a sun-safe hat:

Sun-safe hats include broad-brimmed, bucket, or legionnaire hats. These hats are inexpensive, and give your kids the best chance of staying protected in our harsh summer sun.

Finally, don't forget to apply sunscreen in the morning before school! Enjoy summer, and remember to be SunSmart!

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**The simplest way**

Nutrition Snippet

...to make ice blocks.

Summer afternoons are hot and sticky in Australia, and kids come home from school tired and hungry. Get them eating fruit with these super easy, fruit-filled ice blocks...

Place any combo of finely diced fruit into moulds like:
- mango,
- blueberries,
- strawberries,
- watermelon,
- rockmelon,
- kiwifruit,
- drained canned peaches,
- apricots or pineapple in natural juice, or passionfruit pulp.

Top with a fruit juice of your choice then freeze until solid – at least 4 hours, or overnight.

**Enjoy watching your kids eat fruit!**

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**Link Up**

Bringing you choice to make life a bit easier

If you are Aboriginal and aged over 55 years, or who are caring for someone with a disability, Link Up is a great way to learn about how to make living at home easier and more enjoyable. Help with cleaning, transport and meals are just some of the services you can find out about on the day.

Where will Link Up be held?

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In our commitment to working together and with respect for Aboriginal culture, a number of community and cultural activities will be held at each Link Up event.

**So come along, have a wander and a yarn, ask questions, and enjoy some lunch!**

For more information contact Sve Skibickow on 0409 075 439 or email sus.skibickow@wesleymission.org.au

[www.wesleymission.org.au](http://www.wesleymission.org.au)
Easter holiday activities @ your library
Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.
Tickets on sale mid March.

Easter Craft – ages 5-12
Monday March 30 Kurri Kurri Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE
Tuesday March 31 Cessnock Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE
Come along to this free Easter craft workshop - wear old clothes, as one of our planned activities, dyeing Easter Egggs, can get very messy!

Me and My Shadow Story time – ages 2-6
Tuesday April 7 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Wednesday April 8 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Have fun with shadows – stories, songs and craft

Sock Puppet Making Workshop – ages 5-12
Wednesday April 8 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Every family has stray socks – rescue one from your rag bag and bring it to life in this workshop - bring a sock in and take home a puppet!

Baby Rhymetime – ages 0-2
Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 10.00-10.30 FREE
Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Monsters! Story time – ages 2-6
Tuesday April 14 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Wednesday April 15 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Monstrous stories, songs and craft!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+
Tuesday April 14 Kurri Kurri Library 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00
Tuesday April 7 Cessnock Library 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00
Pizza, wii and board games

Make a Monster! Junk Sculpture Workshop – ages 5-12
Thursday April 9 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Thursday April 9 Kurri Kurri Library 1.00 – 2.00 FREE
It’s alive! Use recycled materials and your imagination to create a wild monster!

Movie & Craft Afternoon - ages 5-12
Wednesday April 15 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Thursday April 16 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by a free craft activity.

Aboriginal Art & Astrology Workshop – ages 11+
Thursday April 16 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Friday April 17 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Free Youth Week workshop - learn about Aboriginal astrology, then participate in the creation of a group painting using the images and symbols you’ve learnt about.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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