Congratulations to all the children who attended the school PBL disco today. It was great to see so many students attending the disco, this means we have a large number of students who display excellent behaviour regularly throughout the term. This achievement is something to be very proud of for the staff and students. Keep up the great work next term!

Tomorrow each student will receive a copy of their Literacy continuum that indicates how individuals are progressing at school in reading, writing, talking and listening. During the holidays it is a good time to talk to your child about their progress and what you may be able to do to progress further along the continuum. For e.g. More reading at home, extra time on spelling, writing the shopping list and sending an email to a friend to improve their writing skills. If you would like more information about the continuum please talk to the class teacher.

Tremendous support was given for beyondblue with a total of $1677.75 being raised. This was well above my expectations, so thank you all for your support.

This being my final newsletter before commencing my new role at Abermain, I would like to take some time to reflect on the wonderful times I have had at Kearsley.

To the wonderful students of the school. I like the way that you jump in and have a go, help out and do your best. This has been evident with the many sporting activities, new activities in class and the playground. I enjoy hearing the chatter during play time and the working buzz of the classroom. Remember kids, set your goals high, work hard to achieve them and success will come your way.

To all staff, a big thank you I know you have a clear vision for the school. It’s now the time with all the educational reforms happening within the Department to dig deep and put Kearsley Public School at the top. Strive to be your best and achieve everything that you want in life.

Mrs Trigg, best wishes in your new role as Relieving Principal, I know you will do wonderful things for the students, staff and community.

Thanks to the P&C, volunteers and community members your dedication and efforts over the years has helped to create a beautiful school. Great opportunities are presented to our students and we are all very proud them and the school for it’s achievements.
Mothers Day Raffle Tickets

Mother’s Day raffle tickets will be sent out with today’s newsletter at a cost of $1.00 per ticket. They are to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 29 April 2015 and will be drawn on Friday 8 May 2015.

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!

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.

ANZAC Day Services

The Anzac march/service falls on Saturday 25 April 2015. All students are welcome to represent Kearsley Public School with Mrs Trigg at the Kearsley Dawn Service, meeting at the tennis courts at 5am. Students can also meet Mrs Singleton and Miss Rawlins at 11am at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and then march as a school group to TAFE park for the Cessnock service. Our school leaders will be involved with the readings at the dawn service and will place flowers on the cenotaph at the Cessnock Service. Students must be collected from the park immediately after the service. All students are required to wear full school uniform including hats and if wearing family medals place them proudly on the right hand side, of your shirt.
School Survey

School surveys have been collated and the results are indicated as follows. 25 people replied to the survey, 7 of those were through the electronic survey. Total surveys returned represented 28% of our school families. 14 responses were happy with the spelling program, 1 person was not and 10 would like more information. Using the literacy continuum showed 14 responses were happy, 0 said they were not happy, and 11 would like more information. 19 responses were happy with the school education programs and six indicated they were not and added comments indicating; more information about new programs and two responses identified homework as a real issue. As a result further sessions will be offer about the understanding of the continuum, new programs will be detailed to the community prior to release and homework issue will be addressed for next term. Thanks to the parents who took the few minutes to have their input to the school development and offering ideas to improve our school.

Bathurst Excursion

Yr 5 & 6 students expressions of interest for this years Bathurst excursion need to be returned to your class teacher by Thursday 2 April (TOMORROW). Numbers are needed to finalise bookings with the bus company etc early next term.

P & C Meetings

P&C Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at the new time of 1.30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30 in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

Mini Cross Country

Kinder and Year 1 held a mini cross country at school last Wednesday. The following students were placed in their race Kinder girls-1st Emi-Jay B, 2nd Evie Rose M and 3rd Kirsty F. Kinder boys– 1st Hudson B, 2nd Jett G and 3rd Sam D. Year 1 girls– 1st Pierah K, 2nd Porsha B and 3rd Isla H. Year 1 Boys– 1st Gavin F, equal second Luke A and Nate R.

Zone Cross Country

The Cessnock Zone Cross Country Trial will be held on Thursday 23 April 2015 commencing at 9:00 am at Cessnock Racecourse. The cost will be $5 per competitor paid to the office. Travel will be by private car and students need to be at the track by 9:00am in time to walk the course at 9:15am. Students must wear their school sport shirt and a pair of shorts to the trials. Students will take their own lunch and plenty of water. Bellbird PS will be operating a canteen on the day. Medical notes are to be returned by Thursday 2 April. Remember to check notes and adhere to the guidelines on the day.

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.
# Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 2 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.

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

**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!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
Thursday 9TH & Friday 10TH APRIL
9AM – 3PM
(Ages 5 – 16yrs all levels)

All are welcome to come along and join us for some fun packed days of tennis coaching & lots of games !!
Cost Per Child - $40 per day - can come either 1 or 2 days
$20 half day (young juniors, 9am – 12pm)
Children are to bring along: racquet (can be provided if needed) hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes & joggers and their own food for the day.
(fruit will be provided throughout the day)
Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided on Friday 10th April.

CESSNOCK TENNIS COURTS
Aberdare Rd, Cessnock
Bookings are essential by 31st March
PH. will 0425 302470 sonya 0433 782284
e. willoneiltennis@bigpond.com

Safetytown website
A road safety education program
This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details,

Back by popular demand
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

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 Kurrri Kurrri 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 Eggs, 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 Kurrri Kurrri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
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Sock Puppet Making Workshop – ages 5-12
Wednesday April 8 Kurrri Kurrri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 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 Kurrri Kurrri Library 10.00 – 11.00 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!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+
Tuesday April 7 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Tuesday April 7 Kurrri Kurrri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
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 Kurrri Kurrri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
It's alive! Use recycled materials and your imagination to create a wild monster!

Movie & Craft Afternoon - ages 5-12
Wednesday April 15 Kurrri Kurrri 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 Kurrri Kurrri 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 934939 or Kurrri Kurrri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Childrens Services Officer
49 934384
Email: Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Easter reading
Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge?
Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here:
What's your child reading right now?
Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

School calendar
What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.
Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryId=2&viewType=yearView