From The Principal's Desk

Wow! What a fantastic school we have at Kearsley.

Congratulations to all of those students participating at our annual school carnival last week. It was wonderful to see all students getting in and trying their best. Thank you to all of the parents and community members who attended the carnival and supported the school. The ribbons and medallions will be handed out at our school assembly on Friday 22nd May.

It was wonderful to see so many mums and grandmothers at our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Thanks to Mrs Singleton and Miss Williams for organising the event and thanks to the P & C for running the Mother’s Day stall and raffle. It was lovely to see how excited the students were to purchase something special for their mum or grandma at the stall.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the first lesson in Dance2BFit, which will continue this Thursday. It’s not too late to pay, if you would like your child to be involved.

This week has seen our Year 3 and 5 students undertake NAPLAN testing. The students have completed Language and Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy tests. The data collected from these tests helps the school set future goals and targets for our teaching and learning programs.

Our Star Struck team is very busy with rehearsals at the moment and preparing to perform in a few weeks time. I am really looking forward to watching the show and seeing our wonderful students on the stage.

It has come to my attention that a few of our female students are wearing make-up to school. This is not appropriate for girls their age. Please discuss this with your daughter and support us in this matter.

On Thursday 28th May a speech pathologist from All Areas Speech Pathology will be holding a parent workshop. It is an informal meeting where parents can ask questions about their child’s speech and development. The session will be in the library and will begin at 2pm and finish by 3pm.

Melissa Trigg
Principal
Stewart House Donation Drive Competition

A Stewart House Donation Drive envelope was sent home last week. If you wish to donate please return to the office by Friday the 15 May for a chance to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice which is being run by Stewart House.

Lost Property

As the weather begins to cool down in the mornings students are wearing their jackets/jumpers to school and taking them off as it warms up at lunchtime. Please mark all items of clothing clearly so it can be returned to students when found. There is a lost property box in the hallway outside the office and parents are welcome to check for lost items there.

Athletics Carnival Wrap-Up by Miss Rawlins

On Thursday 7 May, Kearsley Public School held their Athletics Carnival. Infant students were in for a fun day which included modified games and a 70 metre race. Students between the ages of 8 and 12 participated in a range of track and field events. Students who participated competed to the best of their ability and maintained fantastic attitudes. Ribbons for place getters and medals for age champions will be handed out on 22 May. Students who have qualified for the Cessnock Zone Athletics Carnival will be notified soon.

Thanks to everyone who came down to support their children and help out in the canteen and on the field. Your contribution and support have assisted in a successful carnival.
Student Sport & Extra Curricula Activities Representation

Over the last few months we have had a number of students represent our school in various activities and sports. We are very proud of all of our students and their achievements. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers and volunteers who provide transport to and from these activities. Without your support our students would not be able to participate in these activities that enrich their schooling.

Great Galaxies Show

Last Friday Kearsley PS enjoyed watching the engaging show Great Galaxies. The show was a combination of fun, facts and theories about our earth, past and present and its place in the solar system.

Newcastle Uni Day - Year 6 Students

Year 6 students and their families have the opportunity to experience a day on campus and see what university is all about. The day is for family members and students to see and hear about university together. PLEASE NOTE: Travel will be by private transport. Parents or carers attending this excursion with their child will need to provide transport to and from the University. Permission notes were handed out last week and need to be returned to Mr McLoughlin by TOMORROW.

NAIDOC Week - Merchandise

NAIDOC week is July 5 –12 and as this is during school holidays we will be celebrating our NAIDOC week here at school from Tuesday 14 July. On the back of this newsletter there are various items of merchandise that can be purchased. NAIDOC week merchandise is available to purchase by order ONLY. This is NOT compulsory. If you wish to purchase any of the items please send the order form and money to school by Thursday 28 May 2015. NO LATE ORDERS

GRIP Leadership Conference

Our four school leaders will be involved in a GRIP Leadership Conference on Monday 18 May 2015. Transport will be by bus and students will need to be dropped at Cessnock East PS by 7:30am and picked up at approx. 3:50pm. Mrs Trigg will be attending with the students on the day.

School Fees Gift Card

Thank you to all our families who supported our school by paying their voluntary school contributions. The winner of the gift card was Hannes M from Kinder.

School Photos - New Date: Monday 15 June

School photos will take place on Monday 15 June 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.

IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR ENVELOPE PLEASE CALL AT THE OFFICE
### NSW Department of Education & Communities
### 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.

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### 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!
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!

Aussie Hoops is an introductory skills program for all kids aged between 5 & 10 years of age who want to learn the fundamentals of basketball. This program is designed to develop individual and team skills in a fun, safe learning environment. The coach for this program will be former Australian Junior Representative and U.S College Star, Sophie Kleeman. Sophie’s experience in playing at highest level of basketball will be a huge asset in regards to skill development for participants.

Be certain not to miss this opportunity to improve your skill base and develop your game through the expert coaching of Sophie Kleeman.
School is back, assignments are due and half yearly exams are approaching. Let the library help.

Cessnock City Library subscribes to a tutoring service provided free to our library members. From Year 3 through to Year 12 and TAFE, yourtutor can assist you and your children to succeed. Yourtutor is an anonymous online chat service available from Sunday to Friday 3pm –10pm. English, Maths, Science, assignment and research skills are just some of the subjects they cover.

All you and your child need is to have valid Cessnock City Library card to log in to this valuable service. 

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