Zone Swimming Representatives

On Thursday the 25th of February Rhett D, Jarrod H, Zaria W, Izaiah W, Seth A, Toby W, Flynn H, Sam A and Jordarna B represented KPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Cessnock Pool in a range of different events. Although we didn’t qualify for regionals we are exceptionally proud of their achievement. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Graham for attending as our supervising teacher taking on the role of one of the timers.

Age Swimming Champions

Our age swimming champions were presented with their medallions at last Fridays assembly. Congratulations Jarrod H, Izaiah W, Rhett D, Sam A and Jordarna B! The winning house was Caledonia with house Captain Sam A and Vice Captain Toby W accepting the trophy.

Colouring Competition Winner!

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were invited to enter a colouring competition by the Cessnock Show organisers. Emily P of Kindergarten was the winner of the Early Stage One section. She was presented with her prize at last Friday’s weekly assembly. Emily received free entry to the Cessnock Show and a free ride pass. Well done Emily, keep up the great work!
The “Tell Them From Me” student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

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.
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.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Donn—Kearsley Hotel

At last year’s Presentation Day assembly Mrs Donn from Kearsley Hotel generously handed over a cheque to our school for $1000. We really appreciated their support and are happy to say that the money has just been put to good use. We have purchased $1000 worth of new home readers to update our very old classroom sets. Thank you to the Donn family and the Kearsley community for their ongoing support!

Stage 2 Excursion—Sydney May 17 & 18 2016

Preparation is underway for an overnight excursion to Sydney for Years 3 & 4 students on 17 & 18 May 2016. The students will be participating in a Convict Sleepover at Hyde Park Barracks where they will also visit the Hyde Park Barracks Museum. Other activities will involve a visit to Elizabeth Farm, Sydney Sea Life Aquarium and a History of Sydney Harbour tour onboard a Sydney Harbour Tall Ship. The approx. cost of the excursion will be $70 which includes all meals (except lunch on the first day), bus transport, entry to all activities and overnight accommodation. The excursion will be supervised by Mrs Trigg, Mrs Singleton and Miss Rawlins. There will be an opportunity for a limited number of parent helpers to join us. A more detailed note will be sent home shortly.

P & C News

The P&C will be holding an Easter Guessing Competition on Thursday 24 March 2016 to coincide with the Easter Hat Parade. Each guess will be 50cents. A cake stall will also be held after the parade. Donations of cakes and slices etc would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on the morning of the parade.

There will be no Easter raffle this year.

The new shirts are looking great and the P&C have plenty of stock left, so feel free to pop into the office to purchase more shirts if required. Selling price is $22.00 (cost price).

For newcomers to our school, the P&C meet on the 1st Thursday of each month in the school library at 1.30pm. We discuss all matters regarding the school and canteen, fundraising and general items that may be occurring in the community. It’s a great way of finding out what is happening within the school community, voicing your concerns/opinions and meeting new friends. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016 at 1.30pm, which will be our AGM, where all positions will become vacant and elections will be held to fill those positions. Our general meeting will immediately follow the AGM. Everyone is welcome. A $2.00 membership fee is required to be paid by all P&C members and Canteen volunteers. This will cover you for insurance purposes. Please pay your $2.00 membership fee at the office prior to the next meeting.

The canteen is urgently seeking volunteers to fill days each month. If you can spare 1 day a month or one day or week (3 hours, 9am-12pm), all help would be greatly appreciated. Thursdays are currently very short on volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact Amy Archibald on 0431891776 or email amyarchibald@gmail.com ASAP. If some days cannot be filled, then the canteen will close on those days. So don’t forget, the next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016, at 1.30pm. Hope to see you all there.
Cricket Wrap-up

On Wednesday 24th February, Kearsley's knockout cricket team played against Pelaw Main. Kearsley decided to field first and put on an excellent display of bowling. Our bowlers were well supported in the field with some terrific catches being taken. Pelaw Main were all out for 82.

Wickets were taken by Trenten (2), Sam (2), Jake (1), Harrison (1), Flynn (1), Korey (1), Kye (1) and Toby (1).

Kearsley came out to bat, needing to score 83 runs to win. After a slow start, Harrison took off with the bat to score a whopping 31. He was well supported by Flynn who scored 13 runs before he was dismissed. The team managed to chase down the runs with their final result being 5/85.

Students play their next game on Monday 7th March at Chinaman's Hollow, against Abermain. Good luck to all participating.

Clean Up Australia Day—TOMORROW

At 2:30pm tomorrow, Friday March 4, 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.
Indoor Soccer
PCYC Cessnock
Commencing March 1st, 2016

Details:
4pm-5pm, 4-6 years, Teams of 6
5pm-6pm, 7-12 years, Teams of 8
6pm-7pm, High School age, Teams of 8
7pm-8pm, Open/Mixed, Teams of 8

$30 for introductory 5 week season. All players need to be PCYC members. $10 for U/10, $20 for adults.

Get in early to secure your team place. Call 4991 1487 to book now!

Cessnock Relay For Life Presents:
Trivia Night
Saturday 23rd April 6pm
Legends Of Music Theme
From Bowie to Bieber all genres all years

Tables Of 8 - Tickets $25 ea - Includes Finger Food
CESSNOCK LEAGUES CLUB - DARWIN STREET CESNNOCK
Book Tickets at The Club or www.cessnockleagues.com.au

Raising Funds For Cessnock Relay For Life

2016 Relay Launch
We will be launching our 2016 Relay and announcing an exciting new project to
BENEFIT CESNNOCK!

MINDARIBBA PAEDIATRIC CLINIC

OPENING
2nd February 2016
9:30am – 1:30pm

WHERE
Mindaribba LALC
1a Chelmsford Drive Nettlerd 2323

All consultations Bulk Billed • Opened
Every 2nd Tuesday • Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm
• Paediatrician • Child & Family Nurse •
Pathology •

MINDARIBBA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

FAMILY DAY 4 CHARITY
SUNDAY 15TH MAY CESNNOCK SHOW GROUND
10AM TILL 3PM

HD ABERMAIN
Car & Bike Show
Live Entertainment
Pub VS Pub Tug Of War
Charity Challenge
Markets
Kids Zone
Magic Show
BBQ & Food Stalls
Face Painting
And more!

ENTRY:
$5 Adult
KIDS FREE
KID ZONE WRIST BANDS
$10 UNLIMITED PLAY

SUPPORTED BY
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. A prohibited employment declaration form needs to be filled in as well. These can be collected at the office or one can be sent home with your child. Amy Archibald is doing canteen rosters and can be contacted at amykarchibald@gmail.com for any questions regarding rosters. Thank you!

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SCHOOL BANKING

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

Are you hearing about NDIS but don’t know what it’s about??

Come along and yarn with someone who works within the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

Ask the questions that you’ve been thinking.

Who should come?

Are you a person with a disability and aged under 64 years?

Or do you know a family member or friend?

Do you live in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri or Maitland area?

Come along and get all the info about why you might like to register for the NDIS, how you do that and what happens next...

Wednesday 2nd March 2016

10am till 2pm

Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre

76 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri

4937 1094

FREE BBQ!!
Our Relay for Life team - Le Krasey Krew - is now taking orders for the 2016/17 Newcastle/ Hunter/ Central Coast Entertainment Book. We would love it if you could support our team this year. For those who would like to order one... please text or email Kathy Pynsent on 0418417301 or kathy_pynsent@hotmail.com Thank you!

Kathy Pynsent - Relay for Life

$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 and 2015 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free $1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are fulfilled by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.