Newling News

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Student of the Week



Kearla Hoskins-Caldwell

Kearla is a positive hard working Year 4 student. She comes to school each day ready to do her very best and learn as much as she can. Kearla uses the You Can Do It keys to help her be happy and successful at school. Kearla is a champion speller and represented Newling Public School at the recent Premier's Spelling Challenge Regional Finals. Kearla shows respect for her classmates by sharing, listening politely and helping younger students. Kearla asks for teacher advice when problems occur and keeps calm and resilient. Congratulations on being a great role model for all Kearla!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Christmas Hamper and School Fete

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the annual Christmas Hamper being raffled by the P &C at the end of year concert. Donations of non-perishable goods are still needed and much appreciated.

Raffle tickets should be returned to office as soon as sold and, if necessary, more raffle tickets are available.

Volunteers to help with stalls or to organise the school fete are still needed. Any amount of time you are able to volunteer would be most appreciated.

Congratulations - Microsoft Innovator Mrs Peasley

Last week Mrs Peasley attended the National Microsoft Partners Innovative Schools Forum to give a presentation on the outstanding work being done in the Kindergarten classroom.

The achievements of Mrs Peasley's work at integrating the use of technology into learning and teaching of 21st century skills was displayed at the forum to schools from all over Australia. The presentation and the case study of the great work will be on the Microsoft Partners in Learning website for school teachers all over the world to view and get ideas from.

Congratulations to Mrs Peasley and the Kindergarten students on their wonderful work throughout the year to improve learning with technology.

Also, thanks to Mrs Peasley for fulfilling duties as Relieving Principal during my extended absence.

Breakfasts Club

The breakfast Club continues to be a well-used service with many students enjoying the breakfast each Monday and Thursday morning. The St Marks UNE Church provides this service and volunteers are from the St Marks community.

It would be wonderful to have some parents or friends of the school involved.

If anyone would like to help out it only requires a short time commitment (15-30

mins.). To assist with this program please contact the school. Extra help to set up, serve and clean up would be greatly appreciated.

Swim School

Swim School commences on 3rd December (next Monday) and continues for two weeks. The TAS pool will be used so that the lesson can proceed regardless of the weather. The cost of the swim school is \$60 per student with a reduced rate for siblings.

Swimming is a vital skill for all children and while we will endeavour to assist all students to be involved, this activity must be paid for before being able to participate.

Please call or drop in to the office if you wish to make arrangements for partial payments over a set period of time.

Payment MUST be made or arranged for your child to participate.

Visiting Teachers

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches us generally we get an increase in parent enquiries direct to teachers' concerning a number of items. The office should be able to answer most general enquiries. If the matter is of a students or class nature, call and arrange a time to speak to the teacher at a convenient or visit only outside of school hours.

We welcome all parents into the school and regard the opportunities to talk with parents about a student's schooling as very important. Our priority each school day during school hours though is to teach and supervise students.

Our school protocol for unexpected visits is that staff will ask you to come back at a convenient time should they be approached during class time. If the enquiry is considered urgent the visitor will be directed to the Principal.

Additionally, any visitor to the school is required to first report to the office and sign in to the school visitor book before entering school grounds for the safety of all children.

Your cooperation to ensure that class lessons are not interrupted and all persons on school

grounds are accounted for is greatly appreciated for the safety and learning of all students.

Reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home in the last week of school containing complete assessment of progress this year. Each teacher will endeavour to arrange a convenient time to speak with each child's parent /carer to discuss progress this year and answer any queries about child goals for next year of school.

Star Awards

"You're a Star" awards for Week 7 of Term 4 were presented to successful students who have been achieving the *You Can Do It* keys to success and demonstrating persistence and giving effort.

Congratulations to Jace Lennox, Ashleigh Staples and Darcy Pitt.

Murray Cox Principal



WIN an iPAD Mini



If you make a deposit in your Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account between 19 November to 14 December 2012 you will go into a draw to win 1 of twelve iPAD Minis.

MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER: BBQ AND MOUSTACHES





Mr Waters has been growing a moustache this month, "Movember", to raise money for men's' cancer research and mental health. This Thursday, Newling students can help support Mr Waters in his fundraising efforts by buying a sausage sandwich for lunch- \$2, and by making a gold coin

donation to receive a painted on moustache. A group photo of all moustache wearers will be posted in next weeks' Newling News.



Did you know? That your brain was as big as an adult's when you were just 6 years old!

Did you know? When you cough, the air rushes through your windpipe faster than the speed of sound!

Did you know? 26 million eggs are eaten in the UK every day. That's an eggstraordinary amount!

By Tyneisha

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4/5N?

After 2 months of tender loving care our vegetable garden is producing some delicious healthy vegies. We have harvested lettuces, spinach and peas and soon our carrots will be ready. Thank you to Nick Steele for keeping the water coming and Catherine for supervising the harvest.

In Art we are busy making our own paper. We are using shredded paper to make mulch which is then soaked in a tub of water before being laid on a screen to create the paper and remove the water. The paper is then hung on a line to dry. The results are terrific and we are helping the environment by recycling.

Good Breakfast Club invites you (teachers & parents) to our last breakfast of the year.



Where? Outside the canteen
When? Thursday, December 13
Time? 8:30am till the 'bell
What's to eat? Eggs, bacon, sausages,
baked beans, toast, fresh fruit and
pancakes.