

Wednesday 17th October, 2012

KITCHENER KITE

"Aiming High"

Mr Osland's Oracle

I would like to welcome back all our students and families to Term 4 as we move forward towards the end of the school year. I hope to continue to build on all the positive achievements from Term 3.

Once again we working this term on the exterior aspects of our school. We hope to finish our front garden, entry pathways, upgrade our chicken shed and generate class and community vegetable gardens. We are also resuming the tidy up of the area around the SPR. Any support that can be offered would be greatly appreciated; please come in and see us.

As a part of our school upgrade program, we are selling our shipping container which is located behind the student toilet block; if anyone knows of someone interested, please contact the school.

This term will see a lot of activities and events occurring so please keep an eye on our school calendar, school website and information sent home via the students and staff to assist with planning and organisation.

Some events occurring in the immediate future within our school are:

- **Kindergarten Orientation and** weekly visits (Starting Friday)
- **Pie drive fundraising**
- **School Swimming Scheme** for Years 2 to 6
- **Kitchener's Got Talent** 2 performances day and night
- **Canberra Excursion** (Years 4,5,6)

All these events would not be possible without the assistance of our great staff, wonderful parent helpers and community support. We wish to only enhance our events with your support and cooperation.

Special thankyou to all those parents who assisted with the election day fundraising, pie drive organisation and upcoming Kinder Orientation morning tea.

I would also like to thank parents who assist their child's learning by ensuring they complete their homework on a weekly basis. I would like to inform parents that each class is set homework weekly which is linked to different activities occurring in class. I do understand some of the challenges that are faced with homework but we are trying to maximise the learning of our students and promote the fundamental of Responsibility for their future endeavours. Any concerns please do not hesitate to discuss them with the teacher; we are happy to assist.

The schools Woolworths' *Earn and Learn* points were allocated this week. The school community generated over 29000 points, a remarkable total given the size of our school. The school has used these points to purchase assets that will create new learning opportunities in robotics, Lego construction and additional literacy activities.

I would like to finish each newsletter with a quote to inspire or reflect upon. It will be in the bottom right hand corner.

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Quote of the Fortnight

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
(Unknown)

Let us continue to take single steps as we work together on the journey that is educating

Things that have been happening

- **Clearing the school grounds of fallen trees, stumps and rubbish;**
- **Painting of the gutter and eaves on the front of the main (older) building, to match in with the colour scheme of the new MDR classroom building; and**
- **Putting final touches on our new display boards, for front of school.**

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Our end of year dates are included in the calendar of dates in this newsletter.

The last day of this term for students is Wednesday 19th December. Staff has the next two days for Staff Development, finishing on Friday 21st December.

Big Thank You

We would like to thank Mr Will O'Neil of *Will's Lawn Mowing Service* (Liam Yr 3/4) for the use of a heavy duty commercial brush-cutter to clear the debris, long grass and



KITCHENER SCHOOL & P&C Monster Raffle

Kitchener Public School will soon hold our first monster raffle. This will be a combined effort with the P&C. Parents (P&C executive, P&C members and school community volunteers) are currently seeking donations of goods and services from local businesses. This will be a co-ordinated effort to ensure a good coverage across our wider community.

We wish to thank our volunteers for their efforts in securing items for our monster raffle which will be drawn on Wednesday, 12th December at our presentation day assembly.

Raffle tickets will be given to each family in the coming weeks.

Kitchener's Got Talent

Wednesday 31st October

Kitchener school will be holding its *inaugural* Kitchener's Got Talent on Wednesday 31st October. The line up at this stage will involve 14 items/acts from a great array of performing arts ~ singing, dancing, acting, instrumentals, tricks and visual arts.

There will be a morning session for our students to attend and, so that our parents don't miss out on seeing stars in the making, a 5.30pm session in the SPR on Wednesday 31st October. All are welcome and invited to attend, with entry by a ticketed gold coin donation. This will be a fundraiser for the school.

We'd like to thank our teacher, Miss Bec Munday for all her time and effort in organising, auditioning and assisting the children in 'polishing' their routines.

Swimming Scheme ~ Years 2 & 3 (option for Years 4, 5 & 6)

Kitchener school has been given an opportunity to be involved in the **INTENSIVE SWIMMING** Program.

The Scheme is conducted over ten days, from **Monday 29th October to Friday 9th November**. Students will depart school at 1.30pm and return to school by 3.15pm. **Daily lessons are 45 minutes at Cessnock Pool.**

Students who have difficulty with water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are recommended to participate in the School Swimming Scheme.

The Scheme focuses on weak to developing swimmers in Year 2 and 3 but provides opportunities for swimmers in Years 4, 5 and 6 to participate.

To **keep costs low** we are asking for **parent assistance in transporting students to** and from the pool. Any support would be appreciated.

There will be no charge by the Swimming Instructors. **Pool entry will cost \$2.50 per day (paid daily). Total cost for the 10 day scheme is \$25.00.** (or, paid in full, upfront)

Each child should bring: **a plastic bag for their swimming costume and a towel.** All swimming equipment needs to have child's name clearly labelled if possible. All students will be expected to wear their school uniform and then get changed at the pool. On cool days warm clothing is recommended.

A permission note was sent home with students last week. If your child is eligible for the **Intensive Swimming Program, please complete and sign the permission note by this Friday (19th October).**

Calendar – Dates to Remember Term 4**Week 2**

Friday 19th October	Kindy Orientation # 1 ~ 10am—12.15pm
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Week 3

Friday 26th October	Kindy Orientation # 2 ~ 10am—12.15pm
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Week 4

Mon 29th Oct— Fri 9th Nov	Swimming Scheme ~ 2pm—2.45pm ~ Cessnock Pool Year 2 >
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Wednesday 31st October	Newsletter
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Friday 2nd November	Kindy Orientation # 3 ~ 10am—12.15pm
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Week 5

Monday 5th—Friday 9th November	Swimming Scheme ~ 2pm—2.45pm ~ Cessnock Pool Year 2 >
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Wednesday 7th—Friday 9th November	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion
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Wednesday 7th November	P&C Meeting ~ 2pm SPR
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Friday 9th November	Kindy Orientation # 4 ~ 10am—12.15pm
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Week 6

Tuesday 13th November	Assembly SPR ~ 2.50pm
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Wednesday 14th November	Newsletter
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Friday 16th November	Kindy Orientation # 5 ~ 10am—12.15pm
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	Year 6 <i>Try A Skill Day</i> Kurri Kurri TAFE 9.30am—11.30am
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Week 7

Friday 23rd November	Kindy Orientation # 6 ~ 10am—12.15pm
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Week 8

Tuesday 27th November	2013 Captains & Prefects Speeches ~ 2.50pm Assembly ~ SPR
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Week 9

Monday 3rd December	Year 6 Students Commence @ Cessnock High School
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Week 10

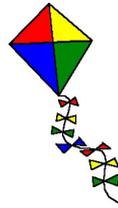
Wednesday 12th December	Presentation Day Ceremony ~ 10am SPR
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Thursday 13th December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner 5.30pm—7pm then Whole School Disco 7pm—9.30pm
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Friday 14th December	Parent Helper Thankyou Afternoon Tea Carols & Pizza Night ~ 4.30 pm
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Week 11

Tuesday 18th December	Whole School Pool Fun Day ~ Cessnock Pool ~ 10am—2.30pm
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P&C NEWS

LUNCH RUN ROSTER—Term 4

Wed 24th October	Jodie Barnes
Wed 31st October	Erin Jackson
Wed 7th November	Robynne Wilson
Wed 14th November	Rachel Ingram

Please place correct money in lunch orders as change cannot be given.

P&C Minutes

Wed 10th Oct

Attached

P&C Pie Drive

The P&C Pie Drive orders will be delivered on Tuesday 23rd October. Orders can be collected via the school office from 11.30am.

Community Communications

Kids HaLLoween Disco @ Cessnock Ex-Services Club. 6pm–9pm Wednesday 31st October. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress Up ~ Prizes to be won!!

Millfield Public School Bush Dance. 6pm–9pm Saturday 20th October. Cost \$10 adults; Children U16 \$5; Families (2 adults & 2 children) \$20; Children U 5 free.

Free jumping castle; live band; monster raffle; food & drink (strictly no alcohol)

Grandparents Day will be celebrated in the courtyard between the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre & Pedens Hotel from **11am–1pm Friday 26th October**. Choirs, Pipe Band, Dancers, Rock n Roll, Line Dancing, Information Stalls, Pepper Tree Soaps, Hand Massages, Vintage Car Display, Lucky Door Prizes, Sausage Sizzle, Grandparents Support Group and more. Come along and join in the fun.

It is believed that National Grandparents Day will be celebrated at Newcastle Foreshore on Sunday 28th October. More information when it comes to hand.



Kitchener Public School would like to thank **Allcott Hire, 1B Aberdare Road, Cessnock** who have kindly waived the hire fee for a bob cat for the school to use earlier today (Wednesday 17th October). Mrs Katrina Moss (Ellie Year 1/2/3) approached Allcott Hire (formerly Active Hire Group) on Monday who willingly agreed to Katrina's request. On behalf of the students, staff and parents, we wish to thank Mrs Katrina Moss and Allcott Hire Cessnock (Ph 4991 1477). It is generosity like this that creates community spirit and, a better school for all our students.

The bob cat has been used to clear fallen trees and logs and remove tree stumps. These have been piled ready for the rural fire service to do another scheduled burn-off.

Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 16th October, 2012

K/1	Josie, Dylan
Yr 1/2/3	Jack, Callan
Yr 3/4	Willis, Ethan
Yr 5/6	Omar, Daniel
Principal's Awards	Bella, Max, Jennefer, Kaleb, Natalya, Adam, Hayden, Caitlin
Teachers' Sports Awards	Laura Beth, Jyordi, Liam, Cheyne
PBL Excellence Awards	Darcy, Mitchell, Jennefer, Jayden, Chloe, Izak, Gemma, Lucy
Birthday	Jake, Mathew W, Brynn, Jyordi, Chloe, Lucas, Paige W
Star of the Week	Anthony, Jessica

P & C Meeting 10/10/2012

Meeting Opened 6.20pm

Attendance: Tamara Philips, Jodie Barnes, Tracey Poulton, Liz Irwin, Robynne Wilson, Todd Osland, Sharon Troy

Apologies: Erin Jackson, Teresa Butler, Amy Hancock

Previous Minutes: Read and Accepted

(M) Tracey Poulton

(S) Robynne Wilson

Business Arising:

- Mr Osland is hoping to organise a follow up working bee day to complete some jobs throughout the school that time didn't permit last working bee day. Date to be announced. All those able to volunteer some time please contact Mr Osland
- Pie Drive order forms went out last week of term 3. Please keep collecting orders and have them back at school by Tuesday 16th October with the money.
- Pie Drive orders return to school for collection on Tuesday 23rd October
- Discussed the trial of alternating day/night P & C Meetings to give all parents the chance to attend
- Uniform Policies discussed again regarding shoes most importantly as there seems to be too many students wearing inappropriate shoes
- Woolworths Earn & Learn points need to be allocated to items for the school by October 19. Mr Osland & Jodie Barnes discussing options
- Discussed the possible return of student banking
- Current supply of books for end of year student presentation need to be assessed to make sure there are books for all ages.
- Discussed hamper raffle to be held at presentation. All donations of non-perishable items welcome. Please leave with Sue Wilson in the office.
- Discussed end of year Monster Raffle of goods or services donated by local businesses. If you have vouchers or goods you wish to donate please contact Robynne Wilson 0422 592946 or Teresa Butler 0437 966 958
- Academic achievements focus – teachers are assessing all students – those higher achievers and those needing assistance

(M) Robynne Wilson

(S) Liz Irwin

General Business:

- School hats have now arrived however staff are assessing sizes to make sure all are available\
- P & C are now members of the P & C Federation and our volunteers can now be insured when helping out at school functions
- Cake stall during the September Elections was a success raising over \$170 with all goods sold on the day having been donated
- The new Drop Down Screen and projector has been installed in the SPR. Looks fantastic. Huge thank you to Mr Osland for donating the projector. Installation cost total \$2700. Kitchener School contributed \$1600 and P & C have contributed the balance of \$1100
- Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers went to the purchase of a T-Ball Kit + additional equipment to double as a SoftBall Kit
- New banners for front of school almost completed
- Naplan results have come in and sent out to parents. Congratulations to all students who participated this year
- School is selling the shipping container and funds from sale going towards much needed painting throughout the school. If you are interested in purchasing the container please contact Mr Osland

(M) Liz Irwin

(S) Jodie Barnes

Treasurers Report:

IN \$354.80		OUT \$435.26	
• Tuckshop \$47.00		Mini Olympics Chips \$49.26	Cheque
• Lunch Run \$129.30		P & C Federation	\$386.00 Cheque
• P&C Biscuits \$6.50			
• Election Day Stall \$172.00			

BALANCE \$6528.24 (Bank Statement as at 30 September, 2012)

(M) Tamara Philips

(S) Tracey Poulton

Principals Report:

- Huge thank you to P & C for approving the projector & screen in SPR
- Thank you to Robynne, Tamara for their awesome job at Election Day Cake Stall
- Thank you to Deb Burgess, Teresa Butler for the lovely sandwiches and to Glen & Rebecca Young from Kitchener Pub for their generous donation of cakes
- Canberra excursion 7th – 9th November has possible 28 students attending with 5 parents & 2 teachers
- Kitchener's got talent on 31st October great opportunity for students to reveal their talents to parents and community ... morning and afternoon sessions will be held
- Swim scheme for years 2-6 to be held daily 2pm – 2.45pm 29th Oct – 9th Nov .. hoping to use private transport to help reduce cost of program. If you can help any of the above dates please contact me
- Kinder orientation will be held next Fri 19th Oct ... Erin Jackson will be our P & C Representative on the day to help greet new families
- As a small school we are always in need of more enrolments to keep numbers high as possible. If you know anyone with children starting school or moving into the area please let them know we are here and what an awesome school we have ...
- As Abernethy is now part of our school zone and we have a bus from Abernethy to school we will be doing a letterbox drop
- P & C is happy to donate a hat to each new kindy student
- End of Year Presentation will be held 10am Wed 12th Dec
- Further discussion needed regarding P & C food items for sale at Presentation
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held 5.30 – 7pm at Kitchener Pub on Thur 13th Dec followed by an All School Disco from 7 – 9.30pm in the school SPR
- P & C will be selling glow sticks at the disco
- Parent afternoon tea to be held Fri 14th Dec followed by Carols & Pizza night
- Whole school Pool Day to be held Tue 18th Dec at Branxton Pool. Travel will be by bus
- Last day of Term 4 and 2012 is Wed 19th Dec

Meeting Closed 7.35pm