

KITCHENER KITE

"Aiming High"

Mr Osland's Oracle

Hello everyone towards the business end of Term 4 and another issue of the *Kitchener Kite*. Please keep an eye on the **updated school website** with our **term calendar and upcoming events**.

Student Leaders for 2013

Yesterday, our student leaders speeches during assembly once again showed the amazing quality we have in the school. Our 6 student nominations—**Chloe, Brynn, Paige, Jacob, Jasmine and Mathew** all presented themselves tremendously well. Voting took place today; our 2 captain and 2 vice-captain positions for 2013 will be announced during our **Presentation Day Ceremony**. I would like to thank all students and parents who set the standard extremely high. Well Done!

Photo Shoot Promotions

As a part of our school promotions, the school was involved in a professional photo shoot today. Photos were taken with K/1 students looking at the L3 (Language, Literacy and Literacy) program; students working in the vegetable gardens, Year 1/2/3 students involved in a video conference; and, Year 3-6 participating in sport activities.

Year 6 Transition to High school

I would like to wish our Year 6 students who will be starting at Cessnock High School on Monday the very best as they move into the next phase of their schooling. Good luck and best wishes.

End of Year Events

This year's day-time **Awards Ceremony (10am)** will promote the outstanding achievements of the students in our school. Please join us on the **12th December** and celebrate the successes in our school. We invite parents to stay and have a picnic lunch with their child/ren, if they wish. Everyone is invited.

Year 6 Farewell and School Disco will be happening on the **13th December**. The school disco will start at 7.30. More details will be sent home in the coming week.

Carols and pizza night will be held as a community event at the school on the **14th December at 5.30pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents and friends to come along with the students and sing carols and have a relaxing Christmas get together. The pizza menu is included in this week's newsletter; orders & money need to be returned by Friday 7th.

School Bags

The school has taken stock of customised school bags for next year. They are on display in the school office foyer and come with a 15 year warranty by the supplier. The costing of the back packs have been finalised with both bags of an extremely high standard. Please do not hesitate to come in and have a look.

Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school; no matter is too small or too large.

Together we can achieve great things.

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Quote of the Fortnight

*Be the change you
want to see in the
world*

Gandhi

Pool Fun Day Tuesday 18th December

Our whole school class party / **pool fun day** will be held on **Tuesday 18th December at Cessnock Pool.**

We will be leaving school around **10am and returning about 2.30pm.** The cost for **pool entry** is **\$2.50.** Transport will be by **private vehicle.** Please complete and return the permission note attached to this newsletter by **Friday 14th December.**

Children should bring/wear swimmers, sunscreen, hat, towel, plastic bag (wet clothes), swim bag, drinks, lunch, recess, casual party clothes, party food (chips, lollies, drinks etc ~ not compulsory).

LAST LUNCH RUN

Today was the last lunch run for the year for our school. Cessnock High School canteen will be unavailable next week due to catering for their own school function; Wednesday 12th December is our Presentation Day, so no lunch run will be provided, and, Wednesday 19th December is the last day of the school year for the students.

POSTS, POLES, WIRE, BRIDGE AND MORE

Our continued efforts to beautify our school grounds have been ongoing and progressive.

The gardens at the front of the school and the raised vege gardens are looking wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Katrina Moss and students for planting, weeding and watering, ensuring that our school looks good.

As a result of our school grounds clean-up, we have a number of second-hand items surplus to requirements ~ posts, metal poles, pine logs/posts, rolls of wire, the bridge from the aviary fish pond, bush rock and numerous other items.

If you are interested in any of these, please see Mr Osland, Principal. Items are reasonably priced, with all offers considered. All funds raised will be used to further improve our school grounds. We would like these items to be removed by the end of this school term.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ANIMAL & GARDEN CARE

With the school holidays less than 3 weeks away, our thoughts turn to the care of the school animals (chooks), gardens and trees. We rely on the generosity of our school families to assist with maintaining and caring for our school. If you are able to help, even for a week of the holidays, please let Mrs Firth know so that arrangements can be made and details

Parent Helper Thank You

Afternoon Tea 2pm

On **Friday 14th December**, we will be hosting the Parent Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea at **2pm in the SPR.** All parents/carers who have helped our school *in any way* during 2012 are invited, *and urged*, to attend. This is our way to say 'Thank You' on behalf of the staff and students for all the extra help we receive. Our willing and giving helpers are a vital part of our school and very much appreciated.

Carols & Pizza Night 5.30pm

Friday 14th December

As a way to promote the Christmas season and community spirit, a **Carols and Pizza Night** will be held from **5.30pm** that same day (**Friday 14th December**) in the SPR. This will be a wonderful way for the families of our schools to enjoy each others company, Christmas Carols and Pizza for dinner.

A menu is attached to this newsletter. **Orders** and money needs to be returned to the school office by **Friday 7th December.**

Calendar – Dates to Remember Term 4

Week 8

Tuesday 27th November	2.45pm Assembly ~ 2013 Student Leaders Nomination Speeches (Yr 5) (SPR)
Wednesday 28th November	Student Voting for 2013 Student Leaders
	Fortnightly Newsletter
	Last Lunch Run for the year

Week 9

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

Monday 10th December	Student Reports home to parents
Wednesday 12th December	Presentation Day Awards Ceremony ~ 10am (SPR)
	Fortnightly Newsletter
Thursday 13th December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner 5.30pm—7pm
	Whole School Disco 7.30pm—9.30pm
Friday 14th December	Parent Helper Thankyou Afternoon Tea ~ 2pm
	Carols & Pizza Night ~ 5.30 pm

Week 11

Tuesday 18th December	Whole School Pool Fun Day ~ Cessnock Pool ~ 10am—2.30pm
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day for Students
Thursday 20th December	Staff Development Day (SDD) #1 ~ No Students
Friday 21st December	Staff Development Day (SDD) #2 ~ No Students ~ Last Day for Staff

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
from all the staff at
Kitchener Public School



P&C NEWS

LUNCH RUN ROSTER—Term 4

** Wed 28th November Erin Jackson

**** This was the last
lunch run
for the year.**

***There will be no more lunch runs
for the rest of the year.***

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

Community Communications

Cessnock Regional Art Gallery will be exhibiting art titled *Home* until Friday 21st December. Four artists explore the notion of home and all it encapsulates. There is also an opportunity to become a member of the art gallery. Please contact the gallery at 16 Vincent Street, Cessnock or ring 4991 6619.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE

Looking for good second-hand household items? Furniture, electrical, lounges, washing machine and much more from two households are for sale. Please contact Sam (Walkley) on 0418 423 105 for full details of items being sold by relatives.

Movie Night at Wollombi Public School ~ Saturday 1st December.

Duma, the story of a boy and a cheetah, set in Africa. This movie is rated PG. Tickets \$10; Family (2 A & 2 C) \$35. Children under 5 ~ Free. Tickets now selling through Wollombi and Laguna stores and, Wollombi Public School office. Gates open 5.30pm; Music and selected shorts 6pm. Feature (**Duma**) starts 7.30pm. Open air pop up cinema ~ bring your own chair, beanbag, blanket, pillow. Food, popcorn and drinks available. Face painting and jumping castle for the "littlies" (This is an alcohol free event) Enter gate on Wollombi Road at Wollombi Public School. Come along and enjoy this great



St John's Anglican Church will be hosting a **comedic nativity pantomime A Lad in a Manger** at 2pm & 6.30pm **Saturday 15th December** at their Church Hall, Dudley St, Cessnock. Tickets are \$5 from the Cottage, Dudley St, Cessnock or ph 4991 4761.

Cessnock Basketball Centre are taking nominations for **teams** for the **2013 competition**. All details are available in the foyer of the school office, or by phoning the basketball centre.



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Annual Presentation Day

**All parents/carers and their guests are welcome
to attend our Presentation Day Ceremony**

When: Wednesday 12th December
At: 10.00 a.m.
In: The SPR (Special Programs Room)

**We look forward to seeing you at school to help us celebrate
the wonderful achievements of the students from
Kitchener Public School.**



Kitchener Public School 5.30pm Friday 14th December Carols and Pizza Night



Pizza Menu

Supreme, Vegetarian, Meat Eaters, Cheese, Hawaiian

Family ~ \$7.00 Individual (1/4 Family Pizza) ~ \$2.50

Write orders on paper bag with name and/or students name,
class and enclose correct money.

Eg. Mary Collins C/- John Hamble Yr 3/4 1 x Family Supreme \$7.00

Orders and money need to be at the school office by Friday 7th December

(NO late orders)



Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 27th November, 2012

K/1	Rory, Mitchell
Yr 1/2/3	Kahlan, Jennefer
Yr 3/4	Orlando, Jacob T
Yr 5/6	Chloe, Paige H
Principal's Awards	Dylan, Stevie, Kahlan, Olivia, Liam, Jesse, Brynn, Jacob H
Teachers' Sports Awards	Darcy, Tess, Mat W, Caitlin
PBL Excellence Awards	Bella, Grace, Ocean, Oliver
Birthday	Will, Kaiden, Stevie Rose
Star of the Week	Anthony, Mat S

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. **Many great prizes have already been donated!!**

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.

A book of raffle tickets has been given to each family with last fortnight's newsletter. Tickets are \$1.00 each in books of 20 tickets. We encourage families to promote our Monster Raffle and not only sell tickets to family and friends but perhaps mum and dad can take them to their workplace.

This is an updated list of prizes/donations already collected, with many more to come.....

BBQ	Popcorn Maker	Car Wash Products	Hair & Body Pack
O'Neill's Family Jeweller Voucher	O'Neill's Tyres	Cessnock Vouchers	Sandboard Adventure Tour
Meal Vouchers	Cinema Tickets	Timber Products	Kids Play Centre Vouchers
Restaurant Vouchers	Reptile Park Family Pass	Car Wash & Vac Voucher	Dog Bed (Goldmans)
Glenworth Valley Outdoor Adventure Voucher		Kitchener Produce Store Vouchers	

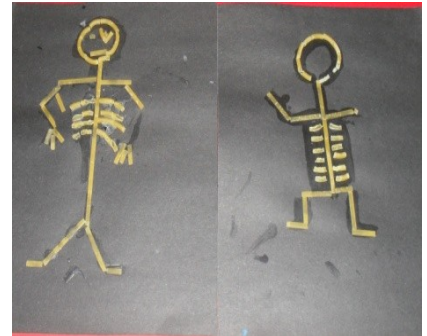
Prizes will be drawn similar to a Tombola ~ a prize will be announced (eg. BBQ) then a raffle ticket will be drawn from the barrel. Prizes are to be collected at the end of the Presentation Day ceremony to ensure a smooth flow of proceedings.

Please return tickets (sold or unsold) and money by Friday 7th December. More booklets of tickets are available at the school office. If you would like a whole book to take to the workplace, just let Ms Wilson in the office know.

Tickets will be sold up to the start of our Presentation Day Ceremony.

Year 3/4 News

Year 3/4 has been very busy this term learning about The Human Body. As part of our unit they learnt about The Skeletal System and they have represented the skeleton with pasta.



Outstanding effort to all students involved in creating their artwork.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

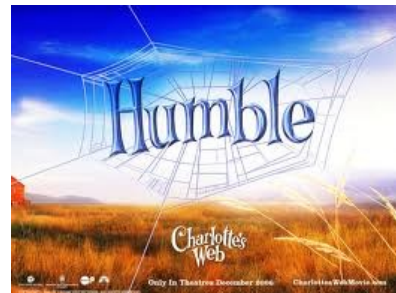
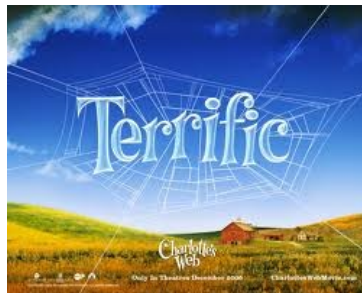
Review by Tess - Year 1/2/3

On Monday, we watched Charlotte's Web because we are reading the book.

The story is about a little girl named Fern, who wakes up early one day and saves a pig called Wilbur and she looks after him. When Wilbur finds out that he will be Christmas dinner, his best friend Charlotte writes three words in her web to try and save his life. The first one is 'some pig', the second one is 'terrific' and the last one is 'humble'.

Then at the fair Wilbur wins the show and does not get turned into pork after all. A short time after the fair Charlotte dies. Wilbur saves Charlotte's babies but only 3 stay at the barn. Their names are Joy Nillie and Arenea.

My favourite part of the movie is where Wilbur wins a gold medal and saves Charlotte's babies when she dies.



Kitchener Public School Back Pack and Library/Home Reader Bag



Mighty Tuffpack School Back Pack
\$35.00



Osteo Snr School Back Pack
\$55.00



Library/Home Reader Bag
\$10.00

We have two School Back Packs and a Library/Home Reader Bag on display in the foyer of the school office. Each new Kindergarten student will be given a Library/Home Reader Bag when they commence school each year. Library bags can also be purchased for current students. We also have 2 School Back Packs on display. Both these items are in our school colour, complete with the Kitchener School logo are tough and durable and have a 15 year warranty. The larger bag has multiple compartments, is made of a more durable material and would suit older students. The smaller, medium-sized bag would suit all students. The library bag and both back packs bags are on display in the school office foyer.

The cost of these items are ~	School <i>Mighty Tuffpack</i> Back Pack	\$35.00
	School <i>Osteo Snr</i> Back Pack	\$55.00
	Library/Home Reader Bag	\$10.00

If you are interested in purchasing either of these items, please complete the tear off slip below and return, along with the money, to the school office by Wednesday 5th December. This will allow for the bags to be available prior to the end of the this school year.



Cut along ✂ dotted line

Kitchener Public School

Bag Order

I would like to order the following item/s:

- ☐ School *Mighty Tuffpack* Back Pack _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____
- ☐ School *Osteo Snr* Back Pack _____ X \$55.00 = \$ _____
- ☐ School Library Bag _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

\$ _____ is enclosed.

Parent Name

Date

Contact Phone Number



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Class Party/Pool Fun Day ~ Tuesday 18th December, 2012

A Class Party/Pool Fun Day will be held at Cessnock Pool on Tuesday 18th December, 2012 for all students (K – Yr 6).

Activities to be undertaken during the day are free-time play in the pool and play on the grassed areas within the venue's facilities.

Supervision will be provided by the class teachers and SLSOs [formerly TAS].

Travel will be by private vehicles, departing at 10am & returning approx 2.30pm.

The cost is \$2.50, for pool entry.

Please fully complete the permission note below, which includes statements regarding student's medical needs; authority for medical aid; and, swimming ability.

This activity has been approved by the Principal.

Todd Osland Principal

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Permission Note ~ ONE CHILD PER FORM

I give permission for _____ of _____ to attend the Class/Pool Party on Tuesday 18th December, 2012 at Cessnock Pool, departing at 10am and returning at approx. 2.30pm. I understand that travel is by private vehicle.

I have enclosed \$ _____ for pool entry.

Even if you have previously given this information, please provide again ~ Special needs of my child which you should be aware [including any medication required] eg. Allergies, medication, asthma etc ~ please provide full details.

Water or swimming activities - advice
The excursion will involve the following water or swimming activities: Free-time play in the pool and play on the grassed area within the facility.
These activities will take place at: Cessnock Pool.
Water or swimming activities - response
In relation to the proposed water or swimming activities, I advise that my child is a: (please tick one)
<input type="checkbox"/> strong swimmer <input type="checkbox"/> average swimmer <input type="checkbox"/> poor swimmer <input type="checkbox"/> non-swimmer
I give / do not give permission for my child to participate in the water or swimming activities.
I authorise medical aid if it is considered necessary by the supervising teacher. Yes/No

Signature Parent/Caregiver

Date

“ I am able to provide transport for _____ children, including my own.

Signature Parent/Caregiver

Date