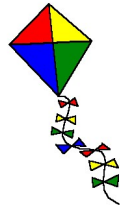


Thursday 13th December, 2012



Week 10; Term 4



KITCHENER KITE

"Aiming High"

Mr Osland's Oracle

This week's Kite the is the last for this year. I do pinch myself that I am here at Kitchener Public School working the amazing community we have here. *'Together we can achieve great things'*

Awards Day

Congratulations to all our awards winners for 2012. It was wonderful to see the students supported by their parents, grandparents and friends. Special thankyou to all those who helped behind the scenes who made it all possible and run so smoothly. Thankyou to our school leaders Tom, Harrison and Omar who lead the assembly and represented the school with pride. To all our sponsors and presenters, it would not be possible without your support, thankyou.

2013 School Leaders

Our school's leadership group was announced yesterday with our

Captains - Chloe & Mat S

Vice Captains—Jasmine & Paige H

The standards set by all students who went for a leadership position this year was of the highest standard. The school will also vote on sports captains in the coming year .

Monster Raffle

This year's monster raffle was a huge success with over 20 prizes from a variety of businesses and school supporters. I am very proud to say that the school raised \$1180 in ticket sales. This is an amazing effort and will go towards school development initiatives.

Year 6 Farewell

Congratulations to all our wonderful Year 6 students as you move on your journey into High School. May your dreams come true and always remember the skills and values you learnt here at Kitchener Public School.

Disco

I hope to see everyone tonight at our school disco. Please join us from 7.30pm-9.30pm in the SPR. This will be an opportunity for everyone to come together and have some fun. Younger siblings are welcome but are in the care of parents.

Carols and Pizza

Friday afternoon will see our carols get-together on our school oval flats. Please bring a rug, some chairs and join us in celebrating and spreading some Christmas cheer. All pizza orders have been sent in and will arrive at around 6pm. There will also be a special appearance by somebody in a red suit.

Special THANKYOU to

Mr Orr and Ms McCutchan!

would like to take the time to thank both Mr Orr and Ms McCutchan who have contributed positively to our school in 2013. Both teachers will be pursuing their careers next year in different schools and I wish them good luck next year.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to everyone returning in 2013.

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Quote of the Fortnight

***The surest way not to
fail is to be
determined to
succeed.***

***Richard Brinsley
Sheridan***

REMINDER

Pool Fun Day Tuesday 18th December

FAMILIES WELCOME!!

Our whole school class party / **pool fun day** will be held *next 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 the last newsletter by *this 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). ***Please note K/1 children will not be swimming in the big pool.***

***No lunch run
next Wednesday***

POSTS, POLES, WIRE, BRIDGE AND MORE

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, 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

Thank you, in advance, to the families who have arranged to care for our animals and gardens over the school holiday break.

Mrs Firth will pass on keys and any details that you may need during that time before next Wednesday (19th December).

REMINDERS

Parent Helper Thank You

Afternoon Tea 2pm

This **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** on **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.

(Pizza orders have been placed
and finalised)

Calendar – Dates to Remember Term 4

Week 10

Wednesday 12th December	Presentation Day Awards Ceremony ~ 10am (SPR)
Thursday 13th December	Fortnightly Newsletter 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

TERM 1 2013

Week 1

Monday 28th January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 29th January	Staff <i>ONLY</i> return
Wednesday 30th January	ALL Students (new Kindies <i>and</i> Years 1—6) return

Week 2

Tuesday 5th February	Small Schools Swimming Carnival ~ Cessnock Pool
Wednesday 6th February	Fortnightly Newsletter

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

2012



Well it is hard to believe that the end of the year is near.

We have had a very busy and productive semester in 1/2/3. The students have worked very hard and I have enjoyed watching the growth they have made in their learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holidays.



What We Have Enjoyed in 1/2/3

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|-----------------|--|
| <i>Claudia</i> | When I first started at Kitchener this term, I felt nervous. But everyone made me feel welcomed and I have made new friends. |
| <i>Joseph</i> | I found maths activities a lot of fun. |
| <i>Jack</i> | I liked having Miss Fradd as my teacher and the Blooms activities we have done. |
| <i>Callan</i> | I have liked doing the Literacy activities with Miss Fradd. |
| <i>Jennefer</i> | I have enjoyed having Miss Fradd as my teacher. The Literacy and maths activities have been fun. |
| <i>Grace</i> | I have enjoyed learning my times tables. |
| <i>Jessica</i> | I have enjoyed Literacy activities and Miss Fradd teaching us. |
| <i>Kaleb</i> | I have enjoyed Maths and Literacy groups with Miss Fradd. |
| <i>Allahna</i> | I have had a lot of fun in 1/2/3 with my friends and Miss Fradd. I really enjoyed the maths activities. |
| <i>Tiana</i> | Literacy activities have been my favourite thing to do in the class. |
| <i>Samuel</i> | I liked to do the spelling pre-test and test. |
| <i>Olivia</i> | I have enjoyed maths with Miss Fradd. I also like Miss Fradd's football spirit. |
| <i>Kahlan</i> | I have liked literacy activities and how Miss Fradd has taught us. |
| <i>Sarah</i> | I liked how Miss Fradd taught us many different ways of learning. |
| <i>Maddison</i> | I have liked doing literacy activities. My favourite ones were Blooms, reading with Miss Fradd, worksheets and computers. |
| <i>Ellie</i> | What I have liked about term 3 and 4 is all the things Miss Fradd has done for us. Such as the literacy activities, maths games, spelling games and much more. Thank you Miss Fradd. |
| <i>Jyordi</i> | I liked having Miss Fradd as a teacher. I also loved dancing with Miss Fradd and my friends. |





3/4 NEWS



Well, the end of the term is here and if you're like me you're wondering where the year has gone. 3/4 have had a very productive and busy year. I wish to thank all that have helped in the classroom for all your support. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Below are some pictures of our outside maths lesson and the students making their Christmas placemats.



K/1 NEWS

Hi everyone,

What a terrific year K/1 have had. All the children have come such a long way since the beginning of the year. I would like to share with you some of the children's thoughts of the year.

I have enjoyed doing group work because I get to eat fruit and read. (Max.)

I have enjoyed having fun with Mrs Taylor doing my sight words as I have nearly finished the Year 1 list. (Will.)

I love doing group work because I like the different activities. (Laura Beth.)

I have enjoyed working in groups because it is fun and we get to move around. (Bella, Gilby, Mark and Shakiya.)

I like doing story writing as I didn't know how to write one before. It takes a lot of practise. (Josie.)

I like learning about the PBL Universals of Safety, Respect and Responsibility. I also like writing sentences and using the "grown up" words. (Darcy.)

I have enjoyed going to school and playing with my friends. (Dylan.)

I have enjoyed group work because the games are fun. (Lucas.)

I have enjoyed free time play because I can play with the cars. (Mitchell.)

I have enjoyed the Art and Craft activities. (Bailey and Rory.)

I have enjoyed making words from the magnetic letters and playing in the Venture playground. (Kaiden.)

I have found new friends to play with. (Stevie Rose.)

I think you will agree with me when I say that all the children have enjoyed working in groups this year. I am very proud of what all the children have accomplished and the effort they have put in.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Firth and K/1.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS.

Our vegetable garden is looking fantastic. We have planted corn, butternut pumpkin, giant Atlantic pumpkins and tomatoes. If you get a chance please come and check it out—you will be amazed at what the children have achieved.



We have planted all the vegetables from seeds and the children are learning how to care for them.

We will be entering the vegetables into the Cessnock Show in February next year along with other schools in the local area. We are hoping to grow the biggest pumpkin!!!!

Class 5/6

Windy Day Kites

Check out our awesome kites! Our class made them from scratch and tested them in the playground! Lucky it was a windy day!



Awards Day Presentation



Awards Day Presentation



2012 Monster Raffle Winners

4wd Adventure tour + Mag light + glasses

Reptile Park—family pass

Bunnings Cessnock \$100 voucher

Steggles \$100

Produce Shop Voucher + Goldman's Dog Bed

Woolworths Produce Tray

Life guard \$100 voucher, mag light, glasses

Hair products & Peter O'Neill Jewellery
Voucher

Komatsu Bags, cups and thermos (3 prizes)

Wash & Vac, East Coast Meats, Mag Light and
glasses

Crossing Cafe + Glenworth Valley voucher

Events Cinemas passes + Popcorn Machine

Wine glasses and party pack

Back pack, hat, Mag light & glasses

Beauty Pack

Cessnock Supporter Tea voucher + Cessnock
Movie Vouchers (6)

Khartoum Hotel– Christmas gift + meal
voucher (2 prizes)

B. Bewes

Brian Walker

Mark Burgess

Max Irwin

Tess Laing

Cordelia Burchman

Laura Barnes

Rory Herbert

Ms Munday

J Bamford

Rob McCrindle

Cheryl Robson

Harrison Young

Libby Linnane

Michael Hales

Callan Smith

Jeff Stothard

J. Archibald

Allyra Robinson

Jacob Thompson

Special Thankyou to all our sponsors, supporters and volunteers who assisted in making our MONSTER raffle such a huge success. Together we can achieve great things and this was an example of that. All the raised funds will go towards school initiatives that support the image of our school.



Draft classes for 2013

Mrs S Firth– K/1

Scarlett
Frayah
Breanna
Evie
Kilarney
Levi
Jessica
Bethany
Braidon
Taylor
Lilian

Mark
Gilby
William
Lucas
+1

Ms J Fradd– 1/2

Mitchell
Samuel
Darcy
Jessica
Bailey
Rory
Maxwell
Laura
Josie
Stevie
Dylan
Bella
Callan
Kaiden
Tiana
Grace
Shakiya

Mrs P Brunton– 3/4

Sarah
Jyordi
Kaleb
Maddison
Kahlan
Trinity

Joseph
Ocean
Orlando
Olivia
Allahna
Jessica
Matthew
Claudia
Tyler
Samuel
Tess
Ellie
Liam
Jayden
Mathew
Jennefer

Ms L Terrill– 5/6

Anthony
Evan
Natalya
Ethan
Jacob
Zachary
Jesse
Jai
Dakota
Benjamin
Jacob
Adam
Paige
Willis

Lochlan
Jayden
Paige
Jacob
Jackson
Oliver
Brynn
Chloe
Jake
Jasmine
Mathew

I would like to offer these ***Proposed Classes for 2013***. These classes are current drafts and allow us to plan without cross over of stages. These may change slightly depending on school numbers and changes in enrolments.

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 this Friday (14th December) to ensure that bags are ready for the start of the new school year (2013).



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



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

Community Communications

The **Cessnock Annual Show** will be held **Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd February, 2013**. Our school is planning to enter the produce section competition.

School Holiday **Netball Development Clinic**. Registrations open. Contact Pivot Netball Academy www.pivotnetball.com.au or jula@pivotnetball.com.au

Cessnock PCYC is holding school holiday activities ~ Vacation Care; Indoor Rock Climbing; Jnr Boxing; Gymnastic Fun Classes; Advanced Tumbling Classes. Ring 4991 1407 or email cessnock@pcycnsw.org.au for further details.

Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries will be holding a variety of activities during the school holidays. Contact Cessnock Library on 4993 4399 or Kurri Kurri Library on 4937 1638 for enquiries and bookings. Craft, Storytime, Games, Rhyme, Drumming, Puppet Workshop, Talent Quest, Creative Workshop and much more.

Cessnock TAFE is open for Children's Play Session on Fridays in Term 1, 2013, commencing on Friday 15th February. Available for children 0-5 years accompanied by their parent or grandparent. Minimal fees. Qualified Early Childhood Teachers (Mrs Jo Canavan, former parent of our school) co-ordinates play sessions. Early childhood students work with children. Opportunities for parents to network and meet other parents. Parking available. Register NOW by calling 4979 1640

TAFE Mid-Hunter Outreach will conducting free introductory **courses in Semester 1, 2013** (Terms 1 & 2). Courses ~ Accommodation Services, Animal Care, Café Operations, Floristry, Greenkeeping, Horticulture, Information Technology, and, Vineyard Operations. Courses commence Feb/Mar. Contact 4936 0382

FORMER STUDENT UPDATE One of our former students, Brendan competed in the Special Olympics Australia Junior National Games in Newcastle last week. An excerpt from last week's Advertiser (Wednesday 5th December) says *".... Brendan will swim the 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 50m free-style and 4x50m freestyle relay. The games will take place at Newcastle University from December 6th—December 10th. Brendan trains at Cessnock Swim Centre with Coalfields United Amateur Swimming Club, He also trains for football with David Workman and Troy Crosdale at the Hornets Ground...."* We hope that Brendan did very well but most of all, had a great time with a satisfying sense of achievement.