

Wednesday 16th October, 2013



# 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. Special welcome to our new students and parents. We hope to continue to build on all our students' strengths and positive achievements.

### *School App for Phones*

Our **SCHOOL APP** has gone live and can be downloaded for **FREE ~ Kitchener PS App** for mobile devices from either App store (*Google play or iTunes -apps*). This App is available for both Apple and Android devices, including phones, tablets and iPads. The App will send alerts/reminders, offer newsletters, absence notes, change of details and real time question responses as well as many other components. The Kitchener App will maximize the way in which the school can communicate with our community. To download our App, simply type **Kitchener School** into your app search and it will appear. Click install and, you're connected. (An information sheet is on the last page of this newsletter).

### *Extreme Weather Conditions*

As we move into summer we are reminded of extreme conditions that can occur in our local area. **We ask all our parents to ensure that their contact details are up to date.** In the event of an evacuation or extreme weather warning, our emergency contact list is the school's main way of contact.

Also **please ensure your child/ren** has, and wears, **their school hat and brings a drink bottle** to school daily. We ask that all hats be clearly labeled and that students put their hats in their bags at the end of each break to limit lost items.

In the event of the school being evacuated, all parents will be contacted and sent an alert via the school App; this will inform parents/carers of the details of the incident and evacuation point. Thank you for your understanding in the matter.

### *Kindergarten Enrolments 2014.*

Our first Kinder transition program day will be **Tuesday 22nd October** starting at 9.30am. All enrolment forms for 2014 can be collected from the office and returned **by Tuesday 29th October, their second visit.**

### *Grandparents Day*

We would like to welcome all grandparents and carers to our **Grandparents Day on Wednesday 23rd October** to celebrate the wonderful contributions they make to our students and families.

We wish to make this event as welcoming and enjoyable as possible, please read our grandparent flyer further on in the newsletter for additional information. Any questions please contact the school.

### *Kitchener's Got Talent*

It is here again **KITCHENER'S Got TALENT** on **Wednesday 23rd October**, starting at **5.30pm**.

This year will see **ALL students involved** with class items as well as individual routines. This will be a great **opportunity for our students** to celebrate their talents in front of a supportive crowd.

The school will ask for a **gold coin donation** per person to go towards our **Creative Arts** programs in 2014.

### *Swimming Scheme*

We ask all students/parents in Years 2-6 to consider our 2014 Intensive Swimming program. This 10 day program supports all types of swimmers from non-swimmers to confident swimmer with a focus on stroke correction.

This program costs just \$2.50 per-session (\$25 in total), which is great value for money. With transport to and from the pool by bus (free of charge). If you wish your child /ren to attend please fill in the permission note and return it to school ASAP. Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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## Quote of the Fortnight

*If you plant a seed  
and give it lots of  
support, water and  
nurturing you will  
see it grow and  
strengthen right  
before you.*

*Like our learning we  
must nurture and  
support our ideas in  
order for them to  
grow and strengthen  
Let us learn and  
grow together.*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Important End—of—Year Dates

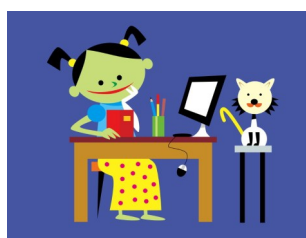
Some of our end-of-year dates have been finalised, to allow parents to plan for these important school events.

- ♦ As our Year 6 students will commence at Cessnock High School on Monday 2nd December, our **Year 6 Farewell Dinner** (involving Year 6 students, their parents and the Year 5 students) will be held on **Thursday 28th November**. The dinner will be followed by **Whole School / Community Disco**, for all Kitchener School students, Kinder to Year 6, in the school's SPR.
- ♦ **Monday 2nd December** Year 6 students commence Year 7 @ Cessnock High School
- ♦ **Wednesday 11th December** ~ our **Awards Night** will be held from **5.30pm** in the SPR. All students (including our Year 6), their parents, family, Grandparents and friends are invited to attend.
- ♦ **Friday 13th December** ~ Our School Carols Night will once again be held in the grounds of Kitchener School.
- ♦ **Monday 16th December - Pool Fun Day** to be held at **Branxton Pool**. It will take place in the last week of the 2013 school year. **ALL parents and children** are invited to attend as there is a infants pool available on the day.

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS ~ TERM 4 (Week 3—9)

**Active After Schools** activities will recommence next week. AASC will run for 7 weeks, commencing on **Tuesday 22nd October**. We will **only** be having AASC on **Tuesday afternoons** (3.15pm—4.15pm).

A permission note for Active After Schools, with activity options, has been given to students this week.



## LEARNING CENTRE ~ TERM 4 (Week 2—8)

Our school Learning Centre will recommence today (Wednesday 16th October), running for 7 weeks.

A permission note for the Learning Centre has been given to students last week.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 3

<b>Tuesday 22nd October</b>	Kindergarten Orientation ~ 9.30am SPR
<b>Wednesday 23rd October</b>	Grandparents Day ~ 10.30am Morning Tea in the Library Kitchener's Got Talent School Production ~ 5.30pm SPR ~ Gold Coin Donation

### Week 4

<b>Monday 28th October - Friday 8th November</b>	Swimming Scheme ~ Years 2—Years 6 ~ Cessnock Pool ~ 2pm—2.45pm
<b>Tuesday 29th October</b>	Kindy Visit #2
<b>Thursday 31st October</b>	Music Session ~ Count Us In Year 6 Visit ~ Cessnock High School ~ 10.30am—2.30pm Cessnock High School Information Session ~ 6pm ~ Year 6 Students and Parents

### Week 5

<b>Monday 4th—Friday 8th Nov</b>	Swimming Scheme ~ Years 2—Years 6 ~ Cessnock Pool ~ 2pm—2.45pm
<b>Tuesday 5th November</b>	Kindy Visit #3

### Week 6

<b>Tuesday 12th November</b>	Kindy Visit #4
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## GLIMPSE INTO TERM 4 including Important End-of-Year Dates

Week 4—Week 7 ~ Tuesdays 29th October, 5th, 12th & 19th November ~ Kindy Visits

**Week 8 ~ Thursday 28th November ~ Year 6 Farewell Dinner followed by COMMUNITY school Disco**

Week 9 ~ Monday 2nd December ~ Year 6 students commence Year 7 @ Cessnock High School

Week 9 ~ Thursday 5th December ~ Cessnock Council Christmas Carols 7.30p—9.30p TAFE Grounds

**Week 10 ~ Wednesday 11th December ~ Awards Night ~ 5.30pm SPR**

Week 10 ~ Friday 13th December ~ School Carols Night ~ Kitchener Public School

Week 11 ~ Monday 16th December ~ Pool Fun Day Branxton Pool

## COMMUNITY NEWS

- ♦ **Kurri Kurri PS** is looking for **stall holders** (no food stalls) for their **fete** on **Saturday 19th October**. Stalls are \$25 each for 3m x 3m. Ride arm bands will be \$25 presale or \$30 on the day. Purchase at KKPS 9am—3pm on school days. Contact Lisa on 0400 620 467 or via FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/KKPSPC?fref=ts>
- ♦ Cessnock Council **Christmas Carols** ~ 7.30pm—9.30pm **Thursday 5th December** in the grounds of Cessnock TAFE.

*Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, a Maitland Gilbert & Sullivan Amateur Musical Society stage production suitable for audiences 18 years and older will be held at the following locations ~*

*Hope Estate Winery (Dinner/Lunch Show) October 19th & 20th; and, Newcastle Hunter Wetland Centre (Shortland) October 26th & 27th. For prices, session times and further information, go to [www.mgasams.org](http://www.mgasams.org) . Note ~ Ms Munday, one of our teachers is in this production as part of the ensemble choir.*

**Ability Links NSW (Cessnock)** aims to assist people with disability to be valued and equal members of their communities and help build a society where people with disability enjoy inclusive lives in all spheres: community, public, private and social. St Vincent de Paul Society delivers Ability Links to people and communities in the Hunter Region. For more information, contact Angela Halliday at Cessnock St Vincent de Paul Society, on mobile 0428 642 349 or, by email [angelahalliday@vinnies.org.au](mailto:angelahalliday@vinnies.org.au)

### 2013-2014 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Our school has been identified as being located in a bush fire prone area. For this reason, we ask all adults to be vigilant and report any fire outbreaks, no matter how small, to the emergency services on **000**.

The Department (NSW Education & Communities) has an established website to provide parents with up to date information on bushfire conditions and key links. The link is ~

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/bushfire-safety>

If you have any further enquiries, please see  
Mr Osland, Principal.





**Year 6 Transition to High School ~ Thursday 31st October ~ 10.30am—2.30pm and,  
Open Evening ~ Year 6 Students and their Parents ~ 6pm—7.30pm**

Cessnock High School has arranged Year 6 demonstration lessons from 10.30am to 2.30pm **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.**

A free sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for all students. Please advise (Kitchener) school of any dietary needs (allergies, vegetarian etc). Students are to take their morning tea and drinks (extra drinks or food if they desire).

A note pad and pen may be required for some of the dem lessons.

Students are to wear their full school uniform, including their school hat.

Students will need private transport to and from the high school to attend these lessons.

A permission note was given to each Year 6 student today. This needs to be returned by Wednesday 23rd October.

**Open Evening: Year 6 students and their parents are invited to the Open Evening at Cessnock High School on that same day ~ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 6pm – 7.30pm. The program for transition from Year 6 to Year 7 will be outlined. Information on the Year 7 Camp and the collection of Year 7 book packs and uniforms can also be finalised.**



<b>Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 15th October, 2013</b>	
<b>K/1</b>	Scarlett, Rachyl
<b>Yr 1/2</b>	Elke, Darcy
<b>Yr 3/4</b>	Trinity, Jyordi
<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Ruby, Jack
<b>Sports Awards</b>	Mark, Lucas, Kaiden, Bella, Kahlan, Sam I, Jake, Paige W
<b>PBL Excellence Awards</b>	Breanna, Jessica, Darcy, Bailey, Sarah, Joseph, Evan, Jackson
<b>Birthday Awards</b>	Bethany, Mat W, Paige W, Lucas, Jessica S, Brynn, Chloe K, Jace, Jackson, Frayah, Jyordi
<b>Silver Awards</b>	Jennefer, Tianna, Natalya, Sam B, Paige W, Will, Kaiden
<b>Principal Awards</b>	Braiden, Frayah, Mitchell, Max, Tess, Ellie, Allahna, Jesse, Jai, Jayden G
<b>Star of the Week</b>	Lilian, Trinity





# Kitchener's Gardening Club & Working Bee Helpers



As the end of year fast approaches we are asking if **any parents and carers can assist us to help care for our gardens.**

We have a number of very keen students who are willing to give up their time to get things done and make our gardens the best they can be.

We have 6 vegetable beds with tomatoes, lettuce, watermelons, cucumbers and herbs that have just been planted.

If you have or know anyone that has any spare plants that will go well in our vegetable gardens, please let us know.



Towards the end of the school year Kitchener Public School will be having a Working Bee Day. This will be an opportunity for us to ***tidy up, paint and generally*** improve the school setting (which is already great). If you are able to help out please come in and put your name down and will co-ordinate a day that suits. Your support is greatly appreciated.

# Invitation for all Grandparents

## To celebrate

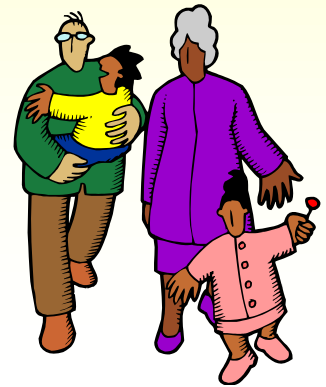
# Grandparents Day

*Wednesday 23rd October*

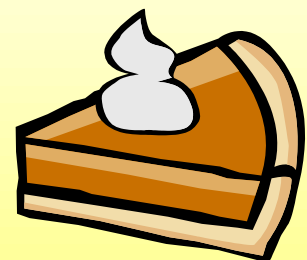
"In 2011, the State Government chose to recognise the contributions that grandparents make by launching *Grandparents Day*..... Grandparents Day is celebrated during the week of Monday 21st—Friday 25th October."

Our school, Kitchener Public will be celebrating and acknowledging the role of grandparents and the special relationship they share with their grandchildren with activities on **Wednesday 23rd October**. *If you are a Grandparent of students attending our school, you are invited to come for ~*

- ♦ a café morning tea in the library from 10.30am—11.15am (ish) where you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with scones, jam and cream; cakes; slices;
- ♦ from 11.15am—11.50am join the students in the playground while they have lunch then interact with the students at play;
- ♦ following lunch, from 11.50am—12.20pm, grandparents will be able to visit each of the classrooms to see the students in their daily class environment; and,
- ♦ From 12.20pm—12.50pm be spectators for the *Kitchener's Got Talent* rehearsal, in the SPR;
- ♦ Concluding events for Grandparents Day at 1pm (in the SPR)



And of course, from 5.30pm the same day, our whole school full production, *Kitchener's Got Talent* will be held ~ we'd love for grandparents to come along to that as well.





# **Kitchener's Got Talent!**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**5.30pm**

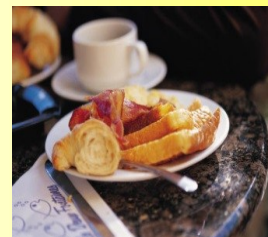
**SPR**

**Gold coin donation**





Hello Parents, Caregivers and Students,



My name is Cherie Gibson and, as Natalie Sutherland outlined in the last Kitchener Kite, I will be carrying on the role of School Welfare Worker. I will be in the school every Monday and Tuesday and I'm looking forward to meeting you and your children throughout the school term.

Well, school holidays have finished however they can bring mixed emotions and can be a time when we find ourselves craving for an uninterrupted cup of tea or coffee alongside some adult conversations. On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October you can have just that as there will be a morning tea for parents, caregivers and your toddlers in the school Library. If you have a spare 5 minutes or 50 minutes I look forward to meeting you and chatting over a coffee from the beginning of school onwards on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have a passion for cooking you're more than welcome to bring a plate, if not, your company and conversation is more than enough!

If you see me in the school at any time, please feel free to come and introduce yourself.

Cherie Gibson  
(School Welfare Worker)

**Morning Tea Dates For Your Diary**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December



# Dinosaur Stomp

K/1 are excited and intrigued to be learning about dinosaurs this term. We will explore the Jurassic World through rich text literature, sharing information and facts discovered by students, writing information reports and representing the dinosaur era through art and dance too.

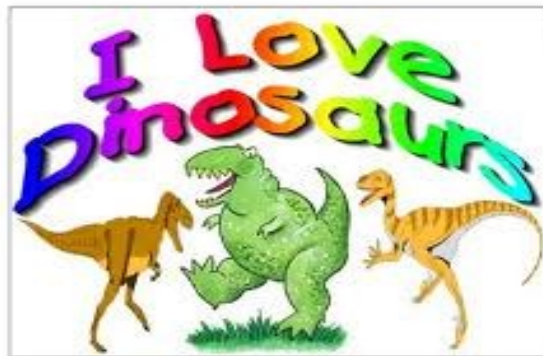
Last week, students were asked to write about what it is that they would like to know most about dinosaurs. Some of the responses were:

"I would like to know about if dinosaurs can swim." Breanna (K/1)

"I want to know if dinosaurs eat leaves." Frayah (K/1)

If you are able to contribute to K/1's experience of this theme, we would appreciate dinosaur memorabilia to feature on a topic table in the Classroom for the term.

Thank you!





# P&C NEWS...

Welcome to the Kitchener P&C news. This is to inform parents/carers and friends of our school community of the P&C tasks and initiatives for remainder of the year, where and when our meetings are held and above all, to invite new members at any time to support us and join in the activities.

**Our Fundraising Goal** – We are currently fundraising to erect a proposed P&C tuckshop, parent/carer meeting area where the bird aviary used to be. The other project is to purchase a new sign for the front of the school. These are both costly projects so we are open to any suggestions you may have.

**Current Tuckshop** – The staff at our school currently run the tuckshop during the (2) breaks (lunch & recess), where the children can purchase chips, poppers and ice blocks. **Would you like to see more variety and do you have any spare time to assist with the running of the tuckshop once a week, month or term??** Please keep in mind we can only sell packaged food or fresh fruit as we currently do not have the facilities to prepare any fresh food. If you are interested in helping out or have any suggestions please come and see us or send us an email [kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to the school. Without extra parent/carer help this is just not possible.

**Monster Raffle** – We had our very first monster raffle last year; there some great prizes....!! We have decided to do it all again this year. I'm sure those that won prizes last year will be purchasing extra tickets this year. We are currently organising donations and will have them on display during term 4. If you have a business or know of someone that may be willing to donate vouchers or goods to our Monster Raffle please let us know. **Raffle Tickets have been sent home with this newsletter issue (Wed 16th Oct).**

**Awards Night** – 5.30pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The P&C will be selling tea/coffee, cold drinks, cakes and slices. We are asking for donations of cakes and slices. Anything donated is greatly appreciated and all the funds raised go towards our tuckshop/meeting area and, sign for the front of the school.

**Next Meeting** – Our next P&C meeting will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4.15pm** in the staffroom. Please mark it in your diary, many topics will be discussed including end of year events, uniforms, fundraising ideas, educational programs plus more.....

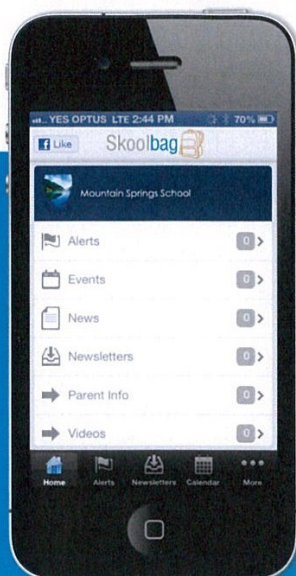
**Ideas or Suggestions?** Do you have a fundraising idea or just a general suggestion but don't have the time to attend P&C meetings??? You can always send us an email [kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) via the school.

## **Lunch Run**

## **Term 4**

Wed 23rd Oct	Sam Walkley	Wed 13th Nov	Sonya O'Neil
Wed 30th Oct	Kristelle Craft	Wed 20th Nov	Jodie Barnes
Wed 6th Nov	Danielle Ellis	Wed 27th Nov	Sam Walkley





# Skoolbag

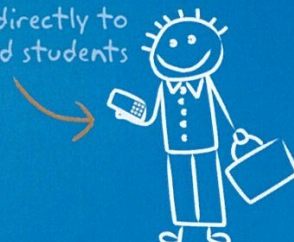


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