

Wednesday 13th November, 2013



KITCHENER KITE

"Aiming High"

Mr Osland's Oracle

Welcome everyone to another edition of the Kitchener Kite. I would to say how impressed I am with the ongoing support and attitudes in the school. This is greatly appreciated as we move into the second part of Term 4.

Swimming Scheme

A special **THANK YOU** all our students that were involved in the 10 day swimming scheme. It was so pleasing to see our students working hard, overcoming fears and generally trying their best to improve.

ALL students achieved their intended outcomes and goals that were set within their groups. Many positive comments were made by instructors and life guards about the buoyant enthusiasm of our students.

Special thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out with transport and bus driving. It was greatly appreciated.

School Leadership Speeches for 2014

Wow! What more can I say. I was so impressed by all 9 candidates. They spoke with **pride, passion and conviction** for the opportunity to represent the school as a leader in 2014. They displayed quality attributes (**Aim High**) and persistence in a challenging situation.

All voting in the school will conclude this week with students and staff who were not present, given the chance to vote. The result will **remain confidential until our Presentation Awards Night (Wednesday 11th December)** where our **leaders for 2014 will be announced** to the school community.

Many thanks to parents and students who put in the time, effort and attitudes that were on display. It was very pleasing and inspiring as a school principal to see what our students are capable of. Well done to all.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014.

Our Kinder Kites—transition program continues to gain momentum in the school. All 10 of our 2014 Kindergarten students have visited the school, met with their buddies and had a great time the classroom. Our final visit will occur on **Tuesday 19th November**, starting at 10am. **Special thanks** to our **parents** who have supported the transition to school program.

School App for Phones or any Mobile Device

Our **SCHOOL APP** is going strong with our downloads increasing every day. It is a **FREE App** for mobile devices from either App store (*Google play or iTunes –apps*).

To download our App, type **Kitchener School** into your App search and it will appear.

We will continue to send out alerts and special events on the App; any questions please contact the school.

School Focus Groups

The week has seen selected students across all years involved in the first of many, **focus groups**. These forums are linked to selected topics and allows for students' voices to be expressed. The first focus group is reviewing **the notion of bullying and review our anti-bullying policy** which is a follow-up from Year 5 & 6 being involved in a Cyber-Smart presentation last week.

Our school endeavours to provide **safe, inclusive and strength-based classrooms** that value the differences and the qualities of ALL students. We as a school community need to continue to openly communicate our successes and our concerns, in order to build upon what we have started to create, a school that **VALUES and RESPECTS** all.

The school will be utilising some of the **Bully No-Way** resources, which parent and students can access at home via the following website <http://bullyingnoway.gov.au>
Any concerns please contact the school.

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School App– Skoolbag Kitchener

*Quote of the
Fortnight*

*When
challenged, how
do we respond?
With
defensiveness*

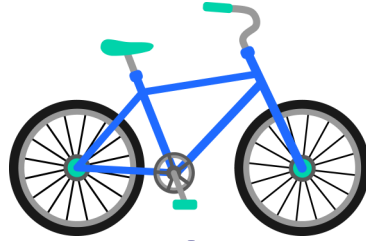
or,

possibility?

*We hope to build
upon our
strengths in order
to keep moving
forward in life.*



Kitchener Public School BIKE DAY



Friday 29th November

On **Friday 29th November** we are asking **ALL** students, parents and school community members to get involved in our bike day and, special farewell to Year 6.

We will have a bike checking area, a BBQ lunch and many more activities on the day to support healthy lifestyles and the joy riding push bikes.

We will be going for a **ride on some local tracks** and ask **any mums or dads** to come along with us. ***All levels of ability will be catered for*** on the day. All children need to wear the necessary safety equipment (**helmet**) to participate.

We will conclude the day with a special farewell to our Year 6 who will be leaving for High School the week after.

Please come along and make this event a special day for all.

Any questions or concerns
please contact the school.

A permission note will be given to each student. Put this on your calendar and become involved.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 7

Tuesday 19th November	Kindy Visit #5
Wednesday 20th November	Scripture End of Year Presentation
Friday 22nd November	Rugby 7's Gala Day-Pokolbin - 9.30pm-1.30pm— Years 3-6

Week 8

Wednesday 27th November	Year 6 Picnic Day ~ <i>Flipout</i> at Charmhaven
Thursday 28th November	Year 6 Farewell Dinner ~ Year 6 Students, their Parents and, Year 5 Students Whole School Disco ~ SPR ~ Kinder to Year 6 Students
Friday 29th November	School Bike Day ~ Kinder—Year 6 Year 6 Last Day at School ~ Whole School Send Off

Week 9

Monday 2nd December	Year 6 Students commence Year 7 @ Cessnock High School
Wednesday 4th December	P&C Meeting ~ 4.15pm Staff Room
Thursday 5th December	Cessnock Council Christmas Carols 7.30p—9.30p TAFE Grounds

Week 10

Wednesday 11th December	Presentation Awards Night ~ 5.30pm SPR. All students (including our Year 6), their parents, family, Grandparents and friends are invited to attend.
Friday 13th December	School Carols Night ~ Kitchener Public School

Week 11

Monday 16th December	Pool Fun Day Branxton Pool ~ all parents and children are invited to attend as an infants pool is available.
Wednesday 18th December	Last Day Students
Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Dec	Staff Development Days ~ Teachers

Scripture Christmas Service: Wednesday 20th November

A Scripture Christmas Service will be held from 2.30pm *next* Wednesday (20th November) in the SPR. All parents, grandparents, family and community members are invited to attend. The service will finish towards the end of the day.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Active After Schools commenced on **Tuesday 22nd October** and will run for 7 weeks. We will **only** be having AASC on **Tuesday afternoons** (3.15pm—4.15pm).

LEARNING CENTRE ~ TERM 4 (Week 2—8)

Our school **Learning Centre** recommenced on Wednesday 16th October and will run for 7 weeks.

Rock and Water FREE Information Presentation for Parents

The Family Action Centre, University of Newcastle are hosting a FREE Rock and Water Information Session presented by the program founder FREERK YKEMA, Gadaku Institute during his visit to Australia in November.

Parents play an integral role in achieving a whole school and/or community approach to the Rock and Water Program. If parents understand the benefits and learn the basic skills of Rock and Water, they can support their child, school and wider community by incorporating the same philosophy, skills and language in their home.

DATE: Saturday, 16th November **TIME:** 11.30 am - 12.30 pm **COST:** FREE
VENUE: The Forum, University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity - hope to see you there!

RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE: Events Team, Family Action Centre, p. 02 4921 6403
e. FAC-events@newcastle.edu.au w: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/rw>

Children's Creative Writing Group Meet the Author! Local author and Youth Worker Trudy Adams will talk about her journey to become an author from **4pm—5pm Wednesday 27th November** at **Cessnock Library** on Vincent Street. Ph 4993 4384 or, email Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

St Joseph's Parish Cessnock 2014 Sacramental Program ~ Enrolment for Reconciliation Meeting for children in Year 3 or older at St Joseph's Church at 7pm **Wednesday 5th February** (Parents only) with the Commitment Mass at 6pm **Saturday 8th February, 2014.**



Year 6 Farewell



It is that time of the year when we say farewell to our wonderful Year 6. Formal invites will be going home to all Year 5 and Year 6 students in the coming week.

We also invite all parents of Year 6 to come along and celebrate with their child.

Below are some details in regards to the event that parents may wish to organised and plan for.

When: Thursday 28th November, 2013

Where: Khartoum Hotel, Kitchener (side garden)

Time : Arrival at 5pm for speeches and gift presentations

Dinner served at 5.30pm

Cake to be cut 6pm

Return to school 6.30pm—7pm for Whole School Disco— 7pm—9pm

Cost: Year 6 students—Free

Year 5 students \$10

Year 6 Parents and Guests \$20

(All costing has been subsided at a rate that is very reasonable)

Dress : Smart casual clothing is appropriate as it is a formal event.

We ask all parents to RSVP to the school by Monday 25th November. This date is very important as it will allow us to cater and set up for the event. We would appreciate all costs be returned to the school so that we are able to provide the amount in one payment.

Any parent that would like to assist with the set up and organisation please contact the school, it would be greatly appreciated.



Everyone plays a part.

Try Rugby 7's Walla Festival Pokolbin



The Australian Rugby Union development Team in conjunction with Active After School Communities has invited the school to participate in a FUN, NON-CONTACT Walla Festival for boys and girls in Years 3—6.

We are sending 4 teams on the day which will be accompanied by 3 teachers. We will have 2 boys teams, a girls team and a mixed team. Any parent that wishes to come along is welcome.

Below are some details in regards to the event that parents may wish to organise and plan for.

9.30am—1.30pm Friday 22nd November, 2013

Pokolbin Rugby Club, Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin.

Participating students will be given a separate permission note.

Students are to wear their full sports uniform, including school hat, and take their lunch, recess and extra drinks for the day.

Transport will be by Rover Motors, with the cost at no charge to the students as the school will be covering this expense.

Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 12th November, 2013

K/1	Kilarney, Bethany
Yr 1/2	Callen, Chloe
Yr 3/4	Jayden T, Alyx
Yr 5/6	Jasmine, Jai
Sports Awards	Jace, Levi, Laura Beth, Rory, Sam I, Ellie, Mat S, Dakota
Principal Awards	Scarlett, Braiden, Dylan, Grace, Jennefer, Sam I, Jasmine, Hayden
Star of the Week	Kilarney, Sam I

We Are What We Think.....

What does this mean?

If we spend our day *thinking negative thoughts*, chances are we will feel pretty *grumpy* and say we've "had a bad day".



If our thoughts are concentrated on the positives of our day, chances are we will feel more content, relaxed and say we've had a "pretty good day".



Let us build on our positive Strengths



The mind is a powerful tool and has the *ability to influence our feelings and ultimately, our behaviour and outlook.*

This is true for adults and Children.

Sometimes we become so focused on *what's not working* for us at that particular moment (the negatives) that we *forget to focus on what is working* for us at that particular moment (the positives).

HOW TO FIND THAT HAPPY MEDIUM???

The next time your child says a negative (what *didn't* work for them today/this week), *ask them to give you three positives* (What *did* work for them today/this week) *or*, ask for the three positives before they share their negative.

Cherie Gibson
School Welfare Worker

Next Morning Tea is Tuesday 26th November
in the Library from 9.15am onwards.
Everyone's welcome!

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. 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.

Monster Raffle – We are having a Monster Raffle again this year. We are organising donations and have quite a collection in the school office. There are gift vouchers, house decoration items, non perishable goods and various other items. 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. **Sold raffle tickets (ensure names and phone numbers are on tickets) can be returned to the school office up until Wednesday 11th December.**



Just Some of the Prizes

MONSTER RAFFLE DONATION DAY for Non-Perishable Food Items, *Christmas Goodies*, and *Any Other Items* (eg. Toiletries, household items, outdoor tools etc) will be held on **Tuesday 26th November** all day ~ you can bring them in when you come for Tuesday afternoon Assembly!!



A Wheelbarrow Loaded with Lots of Goodies is One of the Many Prizes for the Monster Raffle.

Presentation Awards Night – 5.30pm Wednesday 11th December. *Please note, there will be no food or drinks available for sale on the night.* This is to ensure that students are looking their best on Presentation Night and also so that the night proceeds in a timely fashion, and not a late night for families.

Next Meeting – Our next P&C meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th December 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..... It was great to see some new faces at our recent P&C Meetings.

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 send an email kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au via the school.

Lunch Run Term 4

Wed 20th Nov Jodie Barnes

Wed 27th Nov Sam Walkley