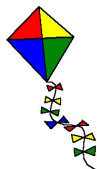


Wednesday 27th November, 2013



KITCHENER KITE

"Aiming High"

Mr Osland's Oracle

Welcome everyone to the second last edition of the Kitchener Kite for 2013. It has been very rewarding to see the school continue to grow and develop. We have a great school and as we move into the end of year we recognise the wonderful efforts of our students throughout the year.

Farewell to our 2013 Year 6

We come to that part of the year when we say farewell to our Year 6 students. 2013 has seen many of our students involved in leadership roles, extra curricular events and mentoring our younger students through PBL in our school.

I would like to personally thank the group for their positive approaches we have seen towards their learning and the willingness that they have shown in getting involved.

Special thank you to our school leaders Chloe, Mathew (captains), Paige & Jasmine (vice-captains) for their support and leadership in running events, supporting school-based initiatives and being pro-active members of the school community; it has been greatly appreciated.

I wish Year 6 all the best as they progress into the next part of their school journey. I wish for them to achieve their goals and continue to positively move forward in their lives. Good Luck!

School Disco

Tomorrow night (Thursday) is our **Annual School Community Disco**. The event is open to all parents and students of Kitchener PS. It will start at **7.00pm and finish at 9pm**.

Entry will be \$3 per student/child and students/children will receive 2 glow sticks.

Mix-up and water will be provided for the students by the school. There will be **no food or drinks sold on the night**.

Pre-school students are more than welcome to come along on the night if their parents stay and supervise them.

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 Bike Day

We are looking forward to our Bike Day on Friday. Students will be involved all day in a variety of activities linked to bike safety and the physical fun of exercising.

Bikes and scooters are to be placed in the SPR on Friday morning so that bike checks can be performed in the morning. We also ask students to leave their helmets on their handle bars. Helmets are to have the student's name on the inside.

Parents are more than welcome to join us from 11am. Lunch, sausage on a roll, had to be ordered by yesterday (cold drinks will be available for parents only).

ALL students are to wear sports uniform; enclosed shoes **must** be worn. Students are to bring a drink bottle.

ALL students will be catered for on the day with an in-school scooter & bike course set up as well as the outside course for those students and parents going off site.

I hope to see everyone there on the day.

Upcoming Important Dates

Thurs 28th Nov: Yr 6 Farewell Dinner **5pm**
SCHOOL DISCO- **7-9pm**

Frid 29th Nov: SCHOOL BIKE DAY- **12-3pm**

Wed 11th Dec: MAJOR AWARDS Night
ALL STUDENTS to ATTEND—5.30pm start

Fri 13th Dec: SCHOOL CAROLS and PIZZA
Night - **6.30pm start**

Monday 16th Dec: SCHOOL Community
PICNIC DAY— Branxton Pool—Parent welcome

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Quote of the Fortnight

***The hard work we
do today will only
benefit us into the
future.***

***If we continue to
work hard in all
that we do the
results can, & will,
be positive.***

***Let us continue to
move towards our
goals and
aspirations***

***(be all that we can
be)***



Kitchener Public School
5.30pm Friday 13th December
Carols and Pizza Night

Pizza Menu (Pizza Hut Pizzas)

Supreme, Vegetarian, Meat Eaters, Cheese, Hawaiian \$8.00 per pizza

Family size ONLY available

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 Supreme \$8.00

Orders and money need to be at the school office by Friday 6th December

(NO late orders)

WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO: Thursday 28th November

- ♦ Our whole school disco will be held from **7pm—9pm** tomorrow night (Thursday 28th November) in the SPR (Special Programs Room). Please ensure you collect your child by 9pm.
- ♦ **Entry** for all students and children is **\$3.00 which includes 2 glow sticks**. This is to be **paid** at the school office **by tomorrow morning**. No entry money is to be paid at the door on the night.
- ♦ There *may* be additional glow sticks available for purchase on the night, if your child would like to bring extra money.

LIBRARY NEWS ~ Please return all library books by Wednesday 4th December, ready for the library book stocktake. Notices for overdue library books will be issued on Monday 9th Decem-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Tuesday 3rd December	Last Day Active After Schools
Wednesday 4th December	P&C Meeting ~ 4.15pm Staff Room Last Day Learning Centre
Thursday 5th December	Cessnock Council Christmas Carols 7.30p—9.30p TAFE Grounds

Our next newsletter, which will be the last for the year, will be distributed on Thursday 12th December ~ this is to allow feedback from Presentation Awards Night, including photos and, the announcement of our Captains & Vice Captains for 2014.

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. Newsletter delayed until tomorrow (Thursday 12th December)
Thursday 12th December	Last Newsletter for 2013 Distributed (delayed from yesterday)
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

SCHOOL NEWS



POOL FUN DAY BRANXTON POOL: MONDAY 16th DECEMBER, 2013



Our school Pool Fun Day will be held at Branxton Pool on **Monday 16th December, 2013** for all students in Kinder to Year 5, plus any Year 6 students not attending Cessnock High School next year.

The Fun Day will run from 10am – 2pm. We will be departing school at 9.30am and arriving back at school by 2.30pm.

- Travel will be by Rover Coaches, which will be paid for by the school.
- Cost will be \$2.50 (pool entry.)

Students can wear casual clothes (out of uniform), bring swimmers, towel, sunscreen, plastic bag (for wet things), track suit, recess, lunch and extra drink and most definitely, their school hat. Students can bring party food and may go to the canteen at recess and lunch.

Parents can attend the pool fun day and enjoy the day with their child and the rest of the school community.

A permission note has been given to every student today (Wednesday 27th November). Please complete and return the permission note **by Wednesday 11th December, 2013.**

This activity has been approved by the Principal.

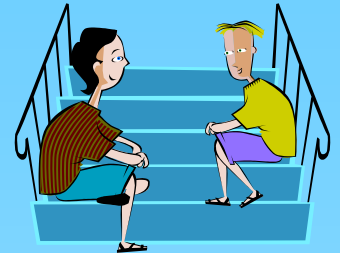
Fostering NSW has sent an appeal and is running a campaign for Foster Carers in the Hunter & Central Coast areas to help raise awareness of foster care and the need for more foster carers in our area. One in every 100 children in NSW is in Out of Home Care. The Hunter & Central Coast region particularly needs foster carers for primary school aged sibling groups and, respite (short-break) carers.

You can find out more about Fostering In NSW by visiting the Fostering NSW website, www.acwa.asn.au or, by visiting <http://www.acwa.asn.au/fcrc/index.php> You can also contact Karen Tetlow, Out of Home Care Manager on 4933 0077.

Actively-Listening-Without-Comment

Actively listening-without-comment means directing all of your **attention to your child whilst they talk** to you. It requires looking at them plus motivation, concentration and attention on the listeners part. It means we keep our **thoughts and opinions out of the process** as much as we can so that we focus on the **child's version of reality**.

PART 1



What does this mean?



When children express emotions like sadness or anger, they give you a chance to **become their confidante**, a chance to teach them that **emotions are normal** and that there are *constructive ways to deal with negative feelings*. **Most of all, they keep confiding in you - something we want to continue to foster and nurture during those adolescent years!**

Putting it into Practice?

How Will this benefit my child?

Listening without judging

- ⇒ Sometimes the problems that upset a child are, to adults, ridiculous. But, whether it's a monster in the wardrobe or the boy next door taking their pencils—**the issues feel serious to a child**.
- ⇒ We need to **suspend our adult perspective** and consider the problem from a child's viewpoint, to enter their inner world and try to understand its intensity. When we say, "Don't be silly" or "Don't be sensitive", *when we dismiss their concerns, the child feels as though their version of reality is irrelevant or unimportant*.

Allowing them to talk it through

- ⇒ When your child is upset, **indulge them with uninterrupted talking time**. Say little and prompt them—"Go on", "Uh huh" - or be silent for them.
- ⇒ It's difficult to avoid the temptation to interrupt or jump in with an instant solution, but your **child needs to feel heard**. Delay introducing your own experiences—"That reminds me of the time I..." and keep the focus on your child's problem:

Part Two, next issue, will focus on letting your child feel understood and concentrating on their feelings.

Cherie Gibson

School Welfare Worker

Please join me for the next
Morning Tea on **Monday 9th
December at 9.15** in the library.





Taylor, K/1 participated in the Horse Sports Day at Belltrees, near Scone recently. The ribbons he won are draped around the neck of his horse.

Well done, Taylor!!

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Active After Schools (Rugby 7's and Super Circuit) will conclude on **Tuesday 3rd December**. These sessions run from 3.15pm—4.15pm.

Our school **Learning Centre** will conclude on **Wednesday 4th December**. The sessions start at 3.15pm and **finish at 4pm**.

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR:

Our last newsletter for the year, Week 10 will be distributed on Thursday 12th December instead of Wednesday 11th December to allow for information and details (including the names of our incoming school captains and vice captains for 2014) to be published.

Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 26th November, 2013

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K/1	Mark, Scarlett
Yr 1/2	Dylan, Josie
Yr 3/4	Sarah, Ben
Yr 5/6	Paige H, Jasmine
PBL Awards	Breanne, Jace, Gilby, Elke, Sam I, Trinity, Jayden G, Chloe K
Sports Awards	Taylor, Lucas, Bailey, Max, Joseph, Matthew W, Lochlan, Brynn
Year 6 Aboriginal Camp	Jasmine, Jacob H
Newcastle Perm Maths Awards	Willis, Adam, Hayden, Jayden G, Evan ~ Merit
Principal Awards	Mark, Jace, Elke, Chloe H, Jyordi, Claudia, Brynn, Jacob E
Star of the Week	Jyordi, Jaxø

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.

Monster Raffle – Please return tickets and money as soon as you can so that the P&C can prepare the tickets for the raffle draw. All tickets, sold and unsold *must* be returned to the school office by Wednesday 11th December.

Some of the prizes for the raffle are ~

1st Prize ~ Wheelbarrow of groceries, JetBuzz Adventure Boat Ride Voucher, Mama's Café Voucher and, Reptile Park Family Pass.

2nd Prize ~ Tree Tops Adventure Park Voucher (\$160)

3rd Prize ~ The Vintage Dinner Voucher (\$150)

4th Prize ~ Pacific Dunes, Medowie 18 Holes Golf & Cart Hire

5th & 6th Prizes ~ JetBuzz Adventure Boat Ride Voucher and Ivanhoe Voucher

7th Prize ~ JetBuzz Adventure Boat Ride Voucher and Steggles Voucher

8th Prize ~ Taronga Zoo or Western Plains Zoo Adult Passes x 2 and 2 pack Tamburlaine wine

9th Prize ~ Toboggan Hill Family Pass

Plus many other prizes, including Kids Packs (x 2), Dinner Packs, Hair and Beauty Packs, Bathroom Accessories Pack.



Just Some of the Prizes

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 – There will be *no P&C meeting in December* due to so much being on and everyone being very busy.

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.



PARENT'S NOTES, MESSAGES & REMINDERS PAGE
