

Wednesday 29th October 2014



# KITCHENER KITE

*"Aiming High"*

## Mr Osland's Oracle

Wow, what a busy fortnight we have had! It is always pleasing to see the confidence and positive attitudes on display by our students in a variety of different situations.

We will continue to develop, foster and embed quality relationships across all that we do. If you have any questions or hear any feedback related to our school processes please ensure that you come in and discuss it, if possible, to enable the correct information to be expressed.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

A special **THANK YOU** to our grandparents and accompanying parents who attended our **Grandparents' Day** last **Tuesday**. The positive attendance and feedback shows the strong connections that are part of our community.

A Special thank you to all the staff, students and parents who supported, cooked, served, set-up, cleaned-up and helped on the day. It was very pleasing and encouraging for our school to see the positive family connections that we have—thank you for sharing your experiences.

## KINDERGARTEN KITES –2015

Our first two **2015 Kinder transition** program days have occurred over the past two **Wednesday mornings**. It was extremely pleasing to see **ALL** the students interact with one another. It is these early connections that will make a great difference well into the future.

As we are offering ongoing morning visits within the classrooms to assist new students with their journey into big school— we would like to send out information to our parents; please ensure your details have been given to the office so that we do not miss anyone.

## SWIMMING SCHEME

In 2014 we have **AROUND 60** students attending the swimming scheme. This is an outstanding response to a valuable program. The school has 5 groups in action at the pool, across a variety of skill levels. It will be great to see the progress by the end of the 9 day program.

Many, many thanks to Cessnock High School, Erin Jackson and all the parents and friends of Kitchener PS who have greatly assisted the school with our transport to and from the pool (*at a considerable saving to our small school*). Thank you for your support— it is GREATLY appreciated.

There will be ***no intensive swimming lesson this Friday (31st October)*** as the pool is closed for council picnic day.

## UNIFORM SHOP-NOW STOCKING UNIFORMS

Our uniform shop is now open with our girls' uniforms arriving on Monday. We now have most uniforms in stock.

A Special thank you to those who where involved in getting our cupboards in the community hall— your efforts support the students of our school. Please note the new uniform is an option for 2015 as there is a 3year transition period.

## UPCOMING DATES

(Dates updated on School Website and APP):

- **Intensive Swimming Scheme**  
- 27th October to 7th November
- **3rd Kindergarten Visit morning**  
- Wednesday 5th November  
**9.30am— 12 pm (approx.)**
- **YEAR 6 Transition Day to Cessnock HS**  
- Thursday 13th November  
**10.30am— 2.30 pm (approx.)**  
Evening presentations **start at 6pm**
- **Kitchener Public School Fete**  
- Saturday 22nd November
- **Kitchener Public School End of Year Disco**  
- Wednesday 26th November
- **END of YEAR AWARDS Presentation** -  
- Wednesday 10th December  
**5.00pm— 6.30pm (approx.)**

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School App— Skoolbag Kitchener

## Quote of the Fortnight

**Great  
relationships  
occur when we  
accept the past,  
support the  
present and  
encourage the  
future.**

*We can choose to  
build on strengths  
rather than focus  
on deficits in our  
world.*

**Let's co-create a  
future where our  
students build the  
confidence to  
achieve whatever  
they dream .**



*Kitchener Public School*



## *Grandparents' Day*

*Tuesday 21st October, 2014*



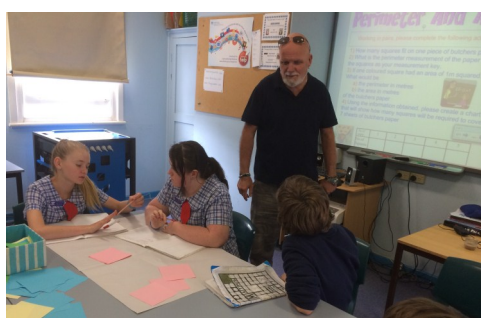
*Year 6 making beautiful scones, with the 'help' of Ms Webb (Ruby Yr 5/6)*

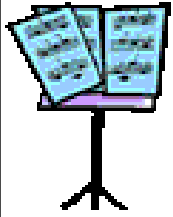






***And then there were the classroom visits, with Grandparents totally engrossed in what our students can do, and, the technology they have at their fingertips!!***





Mount Kanwary Public School "Amplified" Live music from local young talent.

**Saturday 1st November** in the school grounds, Hinton Road, Osterley. Gates open at 4pm, \$5 adults, \$2 child or, \$10 family. Bring a chair or blanket. For more information, ring 4987 2596

Miss Cessnock Trivia Night Fundraiser "*Battle of the Brains*" in aid of the Epilepsy Unit, Westmead Hospital. **6pm Saturday 15th November. Cessnock Ex Services Club. \$15 per table.**

Trivia and raffle prizes. **\$50 Lucky Door Prize.**

**Contact**

**Cheryl (Robson) 0410 304 549 (Allyra & Brodie's mum)**

**Allyra is the current 'Miss Cessnock' and, is raising funds for the Epilepsy Unit, a very worthwhile cause.**



**Cessnock Amateur Swimming Club's** 2014/15 season will commence on Monday 13th October at Cessnock Pool. Registration fees ~ \$80 for the first swimmer (per family); \$80 for the second swimmer (per family); and, \$75 for the third swimmer (per family). For enquiries or further information, please contact Natalie (Chairperson) 0407 452 582 or Teresa 0401 349 997.



Come and join us every Tuesday during school terms at 9:45am - 11:45  
\$3.00 per family (excl. membership\*) Please supply your children's own morning tea. Tea and coffee and biscuits supplied for parents. Check out Kitchener Playgroup Contact Heather on 0400425739

**\*<http://www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/nsw/>**

## PARENTS' WALKING CLUB

"Walk and Talk" group is open for all mums and dads and grandparents of our school. With spring and summer coming on, there will be an ever-changing scenery to enjoy.

Just meet at the school front gate, wearing comfortable walking shoes, with a drink bottle, hat, sunnies and, we're off!!

The group leaves the front gate around 9.15am Monday morning and 2.00pm Friday afternoon .

Virginia Webb (mum of Elke & Ruby)



# ***Welcome to the Kitchener P&C NEWS.***

We ask parents & friends of Kitchener Public School to come and say hello. Our main goal is to support the school through events and activities to maximum the opportunities for the students. Any support is greatly appreciated ***as many hands make light work.***

## **MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS**

The Fete plans are coming along well; thanks to Katrina Moss who set up our FaceBook page (kitchenerschoolfete). We are now receiving regular bookings for the stalls. ***We need helpers on the day (22<sup>nd</sup> November) to help with the running of the BBQ, White Elephant Stall etc. Please come and speak to one of the P & C ladies if you can be of any assistance even if it's just for an hour or so.*** Any help will be greatly appreciated. Also keep in mind to put aside your glass jars and any good bric a brac, household or craft items that we can sell on the day!!

We have started to receive new stock in for the Uniform Shop. Most stock has been received and the Uniform Shop is up and running. We will have a layby system for those families who wish to pay off their new uniforms but of course stock can only be taken home once the full amount has been paid. Please speak to one of the P & C ladies if you have any concerns.

**All welcome to come along and join our next meeting - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 9.15am in the Community Hall.**

Please find the minutes from our meeting on the School Website. P & C Committee.

**Uniform LayBy Forms, and, Kindergarten Uniform Packs information sheets are available through the P&C Executive Members.**

**Copies are also kept at the school office for those occasions when the P&C is not available.**

### **KITCHENER PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST**

**GIRLS SUMMER DRESS \$65** (SIZE 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**BOYS GREY ELASTIC WAIST SHORTS \$20** (SIZE 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**BOYS SHORT SLEEVE SKY BLUE BUTTON UP COTTON SHIRT WITH KPS LOGO ON COLLAR \$25**  
(SIZE 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**UNISEX NAVY MICROFIBRE JACKET WITH SCHOOL CREST EMBROIDED \$35**  
(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**UNISEX NAVY MICROFIBRE SHORTS (SPORTS DAY) \$25**  
(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**UNISEX NAVY / SKY BLUE SPORTS SHIRTS \$30**  
(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**SCHOOL HAT \$12**

## Week 4

Thursday 30th October Intensive Swimming Program Commences (9.45am—11.30am) ~ 2 Week Program

**NOTE ~ There is NO SWIMMING this Friday (31st October) as the pool is closed for Council Picnic Day**

Tuesday 28th—Thurs 30th Oct Year 4, 5 & 6 Blue Mountains and Gold Country Excursion

## Week 5

Monday 3rd—Fri 7th November Intensive Swimming Program (9.45am—11.30am) ~ 2nd Week of Program

Tuesday 4th November Aboriginal Health Screening ~ Kinder & Year 6 students (**NOTE ~ Change of Date**)

Wednesday 5th November (2015) New Kindy Classroom Visit #3 ~ 9.30am—12n

## Week 6

Wednesday 12th November (2015) New Kindy Classroom Visit #4 ~ 9.30am—12n

Thursday 13th November Year 6 Transition Day Cessnock High School and, Evening Parent Session from 6pm

## Week 7

Monday 17th November Seminar for Parents ~ Cherie Gibson (Student Welfare Worker) ~ 9.30a—12.30p ~ Library

Wednesday 19th November (2015) New Kindy Classroom (Final) Visit #5 ~ 9.30am—12n

Saturday 22nd November P&C School Fete ~ School Oval ~ 10am—3pm (*see P&C News page*)

## BLUE MOUNTAINS GOLD COUNTRY EXCURSION



Our participating Year 4, 5 & 6 students departed at 7am yesterday (Tuesday) for their 3-day Blue Mountains Gold Country excursion. They have been having a great time, experiencing new educational activities and visiting places many haven't been before. We'd like to thank Woolworths Cessnock and, Jacqui and Nathan Smith (Callan Yr 1/2/3 & Bethany K/1) for the very kind donation of 2 boxes of fresh fruit for students during the excursion.

### **An excursion update from Mr Osland today (11am Wednesday)**

*"... had a great day at Katoomba yesterday, visiting the lookout at The Three Sisters, one of the highlights. Travelled down to Bathurst and thoroughly enjoyed a beautiful home-cooked lasagne for dinner last night (Tuesday); the overnight farm-stay accommodation was wonderful. Up early this morning (Wednesday) then headed out to Mt Panorama where we did **two** laps of the racetrack circuit on the bus ~ **not sure who enjoyed this more, the kids or the 'grown ups'!!** About to visit the Mt Panorama Car Museum. The kids are having a great time, with lots to see and do; all have been on their best behaviour. Have taken lots of photos and each student is having a great experience on the excursion. There will be lots to tell their parents and friends when they return on Thursday night....."*



The Department of Education and Communities Applications for **Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016** are now open online (14th October to 17th November). Information booklets are available at our school office. Applications must be made online via the department website ~ [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

# Seminar for Parents

## Positive Power for Parents

Facilitated by Cherie Gibson - School Welfare Worker

When: Monday 17th November, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Where : Kitchener Public School Library

Morning Tea Provided

When talking to your children, have you ever thought to yourself.....

**“Am I speaking in a different language?”**

If you answered “yes” to this question then this seminar could be of benefit to you.

**The 3 hour interactive seminar and will focus on**

- What is positive communication?
- The benefits of positive communication to you, your children, your family and, how to put it into practice.
  - How to speak in a language your child understands.
  - Practicing a model for giving children feedback.

For catering purposes, if you would like to attend could you please let the office know by

**Friday 14th November.**

Cherie Gibson

School Welfare Worker

*Kitchener Public School students, staff and P&C  
wish to thank you for joining us for our*

***Grandparents' Day***  
*Morning Tea and Classroom Visits,  
celebrating our wonderful Grandparents.*

*Thank you for the vital role you play  
in our students' lives.*

*We wish to thank, and acknowledge all the support and  
help that was given prior to, and, on the morning of the  
big event ~ we couldn't have done this without you.*

**A special thank you to our Year 6 students who did a great job, attending the tables,  
supplying the beautiful flowers for the tables and assisting with the smooth running  
of the special morning tea.**

*A special booklet has been produced, and given to students for  
grandparents who attended the morning tea. Additional copies  
are available for grandparents who may have been missed;  
please see the office.*

**Intensive Swimming Program ~ Years 2—6 (and those turning 8 this year)  
Monday 27th October—Friday 7th November (inclusive)**



Our school is involved once again this year in the School Swimming Scheme provided by the DEC and Hunter School Sports Association who provide trained swimming instructors, at no cost to the school.

The **only cost to parents for students to participate is the pool entry cost (\$2.50 per day)**. The Water Safety Program is run every day for 2 weeks and is available for students in Year 2 to Year 6, and students in Year 1 who are turning 8 this year.

Our sessions are being held at Cessnock Pool, **10.15am—11am** from Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October and, Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November (inclusive ~ Note ~ **there will be no Intensive Swimming this Friday (31st October)** as the pool will be closed due to the Cessnock City Council Picnic Day).

**We wish to thank the parents who have been transporting students to and from the pool for our Intensive Swimming Program; we *really* appreciate your support and willingness to help our school, our students and, our staff.**