

Wednesday 12th November 2014



# KITCHENER KITE

*"Aiming High"*

## Mr Osland's Oracle

Welcome everyone to another addition of OUR Kitchener Kite. I would like to say how impressed I am with the ongoing support, generosity, trust and attitudes within our school. This is greatly appreciated as we move into the second half of Term 4.

It is important to remember that we ALL want what is best for our students /children and it is with passion, as educators, we continue to strive, reach and build knowledge across our learning community.

### SWIMMING SCHEME

A special **THANK YOU** all our students that were involved in the 9 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.

A special thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out with transport and bus driving. YOUR assistance was greatly appreciated.

### KINDERGARTEN KITES –2015

Wow !!! Our **2015 Kinder transition** program days have continued on **Wednesday mornings** over the last two weeks.

It has been enormously impressive to see **ALL** our students interacting with one another. Our Kinder Kites program continues to deliver the outcome we envision– this being strong connections to our school, quality learning environments and quality relationship.

Special THANK-YOU to all our parents and carers who have trusted our school with their most precious gift.

As we are offering **one more** morning visit within the classrooms to assist new students with their journey into big school– we would like to continue to send out information to our parents; please ensure your details have been given to the office.

### SCHOOL VISIONS & DIRECTIONS

Last week we sent home our future vision and directions. We always value the strength of conversations and feedback. If anyone wishes to discuss where we are heading –please offer your constructive feedback

Our vision is to create a purpose for us ALL to work towards as we wish to co-create a learning community that support the belief that ***"Students will have success for today and be prepared for Tomorrow"***

### UNIFORM SHOP-NOW OPEN for Business

Our uniform shop is now open. We now have most uniforms in stock and ready to go. Our uniform shop will be open Wednesday mornings 9am-10am.

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):

- **YEAR 6 Transition Day to Cessnock HS**
  - Thursday 13th November  
**10.30am— 2.30 pm (approx.)**  
Evening presentations start at 6pm
- **LAST Kindergarten Visit morning**
  - Wednesday 19th November  
**9.30am— 12 pm (approx.)**
- **Kitchener Public School Fete**
  - Saturday 22nd November
- **Year 6 Fun Day**
  - Tuesday 25th November  
**9.30am— 2 pm (approx.)**
- **KPS Year 6 Farewell Dinner**
  - Wednesday 26th November  
**5.00pm— 6.30pm** followed by  
**Kitchener Public School End of Year Disco**  
**6.30pm—8.00pm**
- **END of YEAR AWARDS Presentation**
  - Wednesday 10th December  
**5.00pm— 6.30pm (approx.)**

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(Newsletters on Website)

School App– Skoolbag Kitchener

## Quote of the Fortnight

Be who you  
**really are, do  
not change for  
anyone, and  
ALWAYS  
DREAM  
BIG  
enough to  
ACHIEVE**



# School Direction : 2015 & Beyond

## School Vision

As a forward – thinking school,

we are “Aiming High” to prepare our students for a rapidly changing 21<sup>st</sup> Century by embedding critical thinking skills, essential learning fundamentals and an effective understanding of our school’s core expectations of **Safety, Respect and Responsibility**.

These components are the cornerstone of the education we offer within a learning environment of High Expectations and Positive Relationships.

*“Students will have success for today and be prepared for Tomorrow”*

## Strategic Directions

**Leadership & Engagement**

### Purpose of Strategic Direction 1

To build stronger relationships as an educational community by leading and inspiring a culture of collaboration, engaged communication, empowered leadership and organisational practice

**Learning**

### Purpose of Strategic Direction 2

To build and embed consistent high educational systems and practices across the school community that are supported by data & current research and strengthened by Explicit Quality Teaching and High Expectation Positive Relationships.

**Well-Being**

### Purpose of Strategic Direction 3

To embed academic, social, emotional and behavioural continuums that focus on holistic, student-centred approaches catering for individual growth and high expectations relationships.

To work together with all stakeholders in our learning community to give our students the knowledge, skills and experiences to achieve their personal goals and lead successful lives in the 21st Century

**DATA** determines our **→ SYSTEMS** to fine-tune our **→ PRACTICES**

We ask for any public comment / consultation in regards to our directions for the future

# Welcome to the Kitchener P&C NEWS.

Thanks to all those who helped cook & sell hotdogs at the "postie bike race day" for a Kitchener School P & C fundraising event, all efforts are greatly appreciated. It was a hot day and a very early start for our volunteers, so many thanks girls !!

Our School Fete is getting closer (22<sup>nd</sup> November) and volunteers for the following would be greatly appreciated;

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:**

**Preparing & cooking of the BBQ : Snowcones stall : White Elephant Stall : Popcorn Stall**

**\*Entertainment Co-Ordinator** on the day would be greatly appreciated, just someone to keep the entertainment rolling along nicely as we have several acts coming to perform and need a volunteer who can make sure it runs smoothly.

**Donations are pouring in for the white elephant stall which is fantastic**, keep them coming please. Volunteers will be needed the week before to sort & price all contributions. **Help would also be appreciated to mark out the stall locations on the oval.**

Thanks to those who have already donated Crazy jars for the white elephant stall. Please fill a jar with lollies, pencils, small toys, hair ties etc. & drop them in to the office.

If you know of a business who may be willing to donate a prize for the raffle that would be greatly appreciated, please ask the P&C ladies for a donation letter.

We will be running a Coloring competition for ALL our students/Preschoolers - The winning prize will be a ALL rides access wrist band. Also **RIDES wrist band are available NOW !**

Please have a look at the Kitchener School Fete Facebook page and see the list of stall holders that will be at the Fete, there is a lot of variety, which will be great to see!  
Also, plenty of help **will be required to set up and pack up on the day.**

Please tell all your friends and relatives to come along to the Fete, the more people we get there the better it will be !!

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**Our next meeting is this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, please come along and join in, we do it for the kids to help improve their facilities around the school & seeing new faces and ideas at our meetings are always appreciated.

The School Uniform Shop will be **open Wednesday Mornings in the Community Hall from 9am – 10am.**

Cheers,  
**P & C Committee.**

## **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 UNISEX NAVY / SKY BLUE SPORTS SHIRTS \$30**

(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

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### **SCHOOL HAT \$12**



WEA Hunter, University of Newcastle & HunterTAFE are offering a FREE Information Session ~ Pathways to Education on Courses, Programs, Training & Open Foundation available in 2015. **Wednesday 19th November from 10am—2pm.** The Samaritans 198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock. ***Choosing the Career pathway that is right for you!*** Contact Roger Currie 4921 6795 or email [Roger.Currie@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Roger.Currie@newcastle.edu.au) or, Vicki James 4921 6992 or email [Vicki.James@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Vicki.James@newcastle.edu.au)

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.



On **Sunday 24th November**, James Estate Wines, Baerami (Upper Hunter Valley) is hosting **Short Circuit Cancer** ~ a six-hour mountain bike relay to raise funds for local charity CANteen. The even is an organised sports activity, including a kids riding skills clinic and guided kids rides. Plus, there’s plenty of room just to run and ride around. For more information, go to [www.shortcircuitcancer.org.au](http://www.shortcircuitcancer.org.au) or, email [shortcircuitcancer@shortcircuitcancer.org.au](mailto:shortcircuitcancer@shortcircuitcancer.org.au)

### Summer Reading Club Cessnock City Library ‘Pirate Story time’

Ahaar, me hearties, a special Evening Story time to launch t his year’s Summer Reading Program!

**When:** Thursday November 27 5.30pm-6.30pm **Where:** Kurri Kurri & Cessnock Libraries

**Ages:** 2-8, but younger & older siblings also welcome! **Cost:** Free! **Ph** 4993 4399



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)

# Good for Kids good for life

## Healthy Drinks

Did you know that a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains not one *but 6 teaspoons of sugar*?

Water has no added flavours, colours, sugar or energy so it's the best way for kids to quench their thirst. Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, while the fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones.

Tips to help children drink more water:

Offer water when children are thirsty

Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes

Keep water in the fridge so it's cold

Freeze half a water bottle the night before and fill the remainder with cold water before packing the lunchbox

Send a water bottle to school.

Milk is also a nutritious drink that children should consume, as it's important for strong bones and teeth.

### Reference:

Adapted from Healthy Kids: "Choose water as a drink" [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)



PHONE 1300 657 197

## WELCOME STAFF MEMBER TO OFFICE

Mrs Teresa Lewis has been working in the office School Admin Officer position each Wednesday since the beginning of Term 2. Mrs Lewis works at Cessnock High School during the rest of the week. Mrs Lewis has worked in the school system for many years and is very competent in assisting students, teachers and parents. We'd like to welcome Mrs Lewis to our staff .



## STUDENT ABSENCES

The Department of Education and Communities policy for student absences requires that parents notify the school by the third consecutive day absence. This can be either by phone (4990 2974), our school APP ~ SkoolBag or, by email to the school ~ [kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) All absences must be explained by any of the above options or, by note upon the student's return to school.

Each week, a letter to parents is generated for any unexplained absences from the previous week. Parents have a period of 10 days to explain absences; any unexplained absences prior to this will remain in our computerised attendance system as unexplained.

# 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





## Seminar

# Managing Emotions and Self-Care

*A seminar for anyone who is a carer*

*(for mums, dads, fulltime carers - all welcome!)*

**Facilitated by Cherie Gibson**

### **Focus areas include:**

- ♦ Managing Emotions as a carer
  - ♦ Understanding Stress
  - ♦ Managing Stress
- ♦ The importance of Self-Care

**Where:** Samaritans Cessnock

198-202 Vincent Street Cessnock

**When:** Friday 5th December 10am –12 noon

**Bookings essential**

**To register please call**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4 2014

Week 6 Term 4

### 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 ( <i>see P&amp;C News page</i> )

### Week 8

Wednesday 26th November	Year 6 Farewell Dinner followed by Whole School Disco
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### Week 10

Wednesday 10th December	Annual Presentation Awards Night ~ 5pm—6.30pm (approx.)
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### Week 11

Monday 15th December	Pool Fun Day/Class Party, Branxton Pool ~ Kinder to Y5 (and, remaining Yr 6 students)
Wednesday 17th December	Last day of School Year for Students
Thursday 18th December	Staff Development Day #1 ~ No Students
Friday 19th December	Staff Development Day #2 ~ No Students

## Merit Awards ~ Wednesday 12th November 2014

K/1	Kilarney, Georgia
Yr 1/2/3	Max, Dylan
Yr 4/5	Matthew W, Olivia
Yr 5/6	Jacob T, Zachary
PBL Awards	Ben, Seth, Frayah, Lilian, Tyler, Amelia, Dakota, Claudia
Sports Awards	Bethany, Connor, Josie, Isaac, Tess, Matthew W, Willis, Orlando
Stars of the Fortnight	Billy & Isaac
Silver Awards	Claudia, Ralph, Karah, Haylee, Olivia, Brzanna, Sarah

Term 1 2015

All students, including our new Kindergarten children, start school on

Wednesday 28th January, 2015.

Teachers and staff return the day before ~ Staff Development Day ~ on Tuesday 27th January, 2015.

2015 ~ Term 1 Week 3 ~

Cessnock Small Schools' Swimming Carnival ~ Tuesday 10th February, 2015





## Horse Sports Day

Taylor ~ Reserve champion overall point score for 6 year olds

Trinity ~ Sportsmanship award for 11 year olds

Jessica S ~  
Sportsmanship award  
for the led group



## Remembrance Day





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emembrance Day:

every day for 4 years, they fought.

any died for us.

every one of them tried their hardest.

any lied about their age.

attacked, bruised and bashed.

every year we remember them.

remember the lives that have been lost.

Orlando Burcham





## REMEMBER

Remembrance Day helps us remember those that went to war,

verlasting love from those whose loved-ones died at war.

Memories help those at war remember their loved-ones.

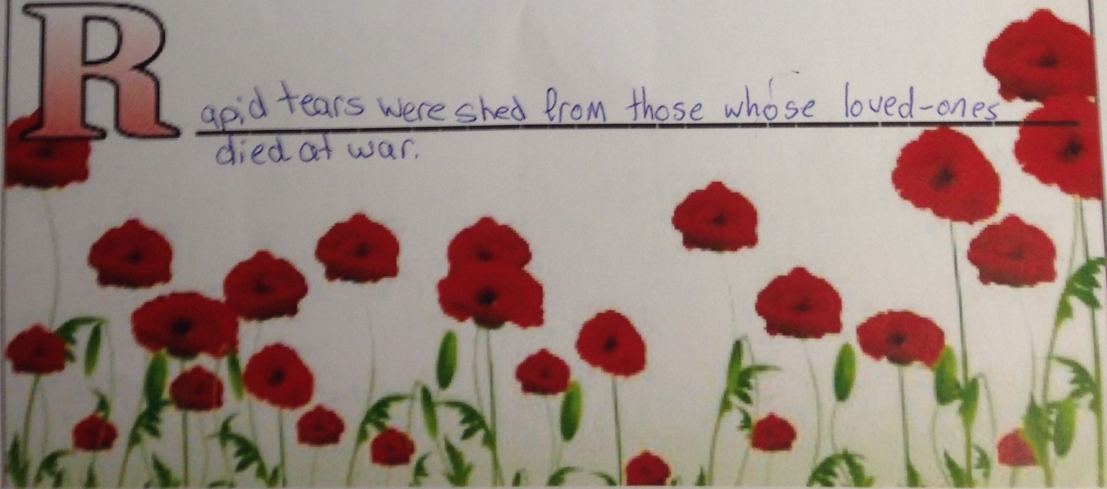
verlasting thankfulness for those who went to war.

Months were spent in the trenches and the conditions were terrible.

Bombs were constantly going off all around those at war.

Engineers were sent to fix trucks and lost their lives.

Rapid tears were shed from those whose loved-ones died at war.







## Books in Homes

