

Kitchener Public School School Newsletter



'Kitchener Kite'
"Aiming High"



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Kitchener Public School

Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Thursday 15th Oct ~ Year 6 ACE Class
Testing Cessnock High School

Wednesday 21st Oct ~ 2016 Kindergarten
Orientation Morning & Kinder Visit #1

Thursday 22nd Oct ~ Year 6 Transition to
Year 7 (2016) Cessnock High School
Orientation Day & Evening

Friends of Kitchener meeting 9.30am Morning
Tea Provided All Welcome

Friday 23rd Oct ~ Grandparents Day ~
Morning Tea and Class Room Visits

Monday 26th Oct to Friday 6th Nov
Intensive Swimming Program ~ Yr 2—Yr 6

Wednesday 28th Oct ~ 2016 Kinder Visit #2

Wednesday 4th Nov ~ 2016 Kinder Visit #3

Wednesday 11th Nov ~ 2016 Kinder Visit #4

Monday 23rd November ~ Year 6 Fun Day

Thursday 26th November ~Year 6 Farewell
Dinner and Whole School Disco

Monday 30th November~ Year 6 Start Year 7
at Cessnock High School

Thursday 10th December~ Whole School Pool
Fun Day Branxton Pool

School Phone

4990 2974

Issue ~ Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday 7th October, 2015

Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope that you were able to enjoy the school holiday break and find some time to spend with your family through this time. We have another busy term ahead of us, with activities occurring throughout the school.

School Production: I am sure you will all agree with me that the performance of 'Alice' was spectacular and a wonderful way to showcase the many talents of all our Kitchener students and staff. A special thankyou to the parents who assisted in making the performance what it was. The time and effort was well worth it!

Homework Centre: This term we would like to trial a new date and time for the students to access assistance with homework. We will be opening a homework centre on Tuesday mornings, running from 8:30 to 9:10 in our computer room. Students are welcome to come along for assistance in completing their homework. Computers will be to research tasks related to homework or to complete Athletics tasks set by the teacher—no games though! Of course parents are also more than welcome to come along.

Tell Them From Me Survey: Last term we were running a survey that helps in the planning of the school for the future. This survey closes soon. If you haven't been able to complete this survey can you please do so ASAP. The more responses we have the better for the school.

Login : <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com> Username: **parent9052**

Password: **Kit2315**

Our school computers can be used to help you complete the survey if needed.

Luke Somerville

'Alice' Performance

Photo Orders

100 photos were taken during the matinee performance of 'Alice'.

Parents/carers or students are able to order photos for just \$1.00 each. A photo order form has been enclosed in this newsletter. Photos can be viewed at the school office.

KINDER ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation, with new students and their parents, Grandparents or carers, will be held on ~

Wednesday 21st October 10am—12pm

Kindy Visits are ~

Wednesday 28th October 10am—12pm

Wednesday 4th November 10am—12pm

Wednesday 11th November 10am—12pm

KITCHENER PUBLIC SCHOOL
GRANDPARENTS' DAY ~ Friday 23rd October, 2015

Kitchener School will again be hosting a *Special Grandparents' Day on Friday 23rd October, 2015 in recognition of the contributions of Grandparents.* This year's theme is, *Moments That Matter.* Each student's grandparents are invited to attend and enjoy the day with our students and staff.

The schedule for our Grandparents' Day is ~

10am - 11.15am Morning Tea in the SPR

11.15am - 12n Picnic Lunch in the school grounds with the students

12n - 12.30pm Classroom Visits

Students are encouraged to talk to their grandparents, invite them to *their* special day and also talk to them about what it was like when *they* were at school.

Each student has been given a 'Grandparents Package' with attendance slip, and pages for stories and drawings of them with their grandparents.

| Merit Awards ~ Monday 14th September 2015 | |
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| K/1 | Koby, Evelyn |
| Yr 1/2 | Braiden, Breanna |
| Yr 3/4 | Bailey, Max |
| Yr 5/6 | Tess, Kaleb, Matt W, Liam |
| PBL Awards | Aiden, Georgia, Connor, Stevie, Grace, Sarah, Jennefer, Maddison |
| Sports Awards | Maggie, Riley (K/1), Frayah, Charlotte, Josie, Riley (Year 3/4), Jessica G, Monique, Kody, Jayden |
| Principal's Awards | Aiden, Sean, Eviz, Kilarney, Dylan, Josie, Sarah, Jayden |

Spring Seed Packs - \$15

Capsicum – California Wonder

Zucchini – Black Beauty

Cucumber – Crystal Apple

Cucumber – Lebanese

Pumpkin – Jap

Lettuce – Cos Verdi

Tomato – Tommy Toe

Tomato – Grosse Lisse

Carrots – All Season

Beans – Blue Lake OR Corn - Popcorn

Only 2 packs left, so if you had planned on grabbing a pack, now is the time ~ on sale in the office.

| Newsletters | Assemblies |
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| Wednesday 7th October 2015 Week 1 | Tuesday 13th October 2015 Week 2 |
| Wednesday 21st October 2015 Week 3 | Tuesday 27th October 2015 Week 4 |
| Wednesday 4th November 2015 Week 5 | Tuesday 10th November 2015 Week 6 |
| Wednesday 18th November 2015 Week 7 | Tuesday 24th November 2015 Week 8 |
| Wednesday 2nd December 2015 Week 9 | Wednesday 9th December 2015 Week 10 |
| | Presentation Day Assembly |

STUDENT INVOICES ~ TECHNOLOGY LEVY & RESOURCE LEVY

Reminder Student Invoice Statements for outstanding payments for the Technology Levy (\$20) and Resource Levy (\$20) were sent home with students on Tuesday (18th August). Details of payment options were included with the Student Invoice Statements.

WORKBOOKS & SCHOOL LEVIES

In the past, parents have paid for students' Mathematics Work Books (Maths and, Maths Mentals). This year, the school will once again replace Mathematics Work Books (Maths & Maths Mentals) with an online Mathematics program (Mathletics). The school is asking for 2 small levies to assist our school in providing online access for students. The levies are ~

- **\$20 Technology Levy; and, \$20 General Resource levy.** This works out at \$40 per year, per child. Payments can be made either in full, or, as part-payments.

Term 4 Community Workshops

It was decided at the last community workshop to focus on technology during term four.

Please complete the survey, in this week's newsletter, and hand it into the office. A prize draw will be held on Thursday (early birds) and then again on Wednesday next week! Everyone who hands in a survey will go into the prize draw. Early birds will be included in both prize draws.

Workshops will be organised to suit the needs of community members who are interested in attending.

Cathy Vogt Instructional Leader

LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ see Ms Wilson in the Office

Thank you to our volunteers for the Wednesday Lunch Runs. Our roster is ~

Term 4

Wed 7th Oct ~ Linda (Ella Yr 1/2)

Wed 14th Oct ~ Yvette (Abby K/1)

Wed 21st Oct ~ Linda (Ella Yr 1/2)

Wed 28th Oct ~ Yvette (Abby K/1)

Wed 4th Nov ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6)

Wed 11th Nov ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6)

Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council's Relay for Life each year.

An experience with fun activities and moving ceremonies to raise vital funds for research, prevention and support services. Help us make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Call 4923 0708 for more information or 1300 656 585 Register now at relayforlife.org.au Cess-

nock Relay for Life Baddeley Park Cessnock

10am to 10pm Sat 17th October Register. Participate. Donate.

...this is Relay For Life



Booral Public School is celebrating 150 Years of Education on Saturday 10 October (this year). Booral is near Stroud; Stroud school has asked that we pass on this information for anyone who may have attended Booral Public School or, know of anyone who has, so they can attend the celebrations. Contact Booral Public School on 4994 9266 for further details.

Community News

Young Parents Playgroup ~ For Parents under 25 Years Every Friday 10am—12 Midday Cessnock Public School Grounds (Koe-Nara) Morning tea provided for the children, tea/coffee for parents.

Playworks ~ Every Monday 10am—12n Cessnock Public school Grounds (Koe-Nara) Includes stories with Mr K, School Librarian. Every Thursday Cessnock East PS 9am—11am Music & Stories with Lyn.

Let's Play ~ Every Tuesday 10am— 11.30am Koe-Nara Morning tea provided. Story & Music with Lyn.

Baby & Me ~ Every Thursday 12.30pm—2.00pm Koe Nara Just for babies under 18 months and their Mum, Dad or Grandparent.



1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program ~ Easy-to-learn Parenting Solutions that work. For parents with Children 2-12 Years. Phone Robyn on 4990 4507.

Friends of Kitchener Meeting Thursday 22nd Oct 9.30am Morning Tea Provided All Welcome

Garden Update

The students of 3/4 have been looking after several trays of seeds that were planted last term. They have grown into seedlings and are just about ready to plant. This term will be very busy in the garden, everything will be growing, including the weeds. We need to plant the seedlings, make sure they get lots of water, and protect them from pests and weeds that will try and compete with them.

The garden group will meet at 9.30am on Wednesdays during the warmer months

~~ All parents are welcome, no gardening skill needed ~~

Did you do the quiz last term?

Fruits have seeds inside them. So pumpkins, cucumber, eggplants, and tomatoes are all fruits. Bananas do have seeds (so they are fruit), but the varieties that we buy in supermarkets are sterile, and no longer have seeds. The black lines inside a banana are a remnant of the seeds that they used to have. Wild varieties of bananas have lots of seeds.

Vegetables have seeds somewhere else on the plant. For example a carrot develops seeds on the green part, this happens a few months after the carrot is ready to be picked. We will be leaving a few carrots in the ground so that we can save the seeds for next year. When this happens the green part of the carrot grows very tall, as tall as some of the students (though it will take until next year).

Herbs are interesting. They are any seed-bearing plant which does not have a woody stem and dies down to the ground after flowering. Strangely, a banana is both a fruit and a herb.

Garden recycling – From your house to the school garden!

Newspaper is great for the garden, it can be used to stop weeds, turned into compost, or even used to make pots. Yoghurt, butter, punnets of fruit, all come in containers and we need them all. Please don't throw these things away.

Rinse them and drop them into the school. You can place these in the collection container in the office (or bring them

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ANIMAL & GARDEN CARE

We wish to thank the four families who cared for our school chooks and garden during the school holidays. It's very much appreciated by our staff, the students and our whole school community. A BIG Thank You to Max, Chloe, Laura Beth, Callan, all from Year 3/4 and their families.