

# Kitchener Public School

## School Newsletter



**'Kitchener Kite'**  
*"Aiming High"*



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### Upcoming Dates

#### **TERM 4**

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

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

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

**Friday 23rd Oct** ~ Year 5/6 Parent Meeting 3.30pm re: Year 6 Farewell

**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 Nov** ~ Year 6 Fun Day

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

**Monday 30th Nov** ~ Year 6 Start Year 7 Cessnock High School

**Wednesday 9th Dec** ~ Presentation Day 10.30am

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

School Phone

4990 2974

**Issue ~ Term 4 Week 3**

**Wednesday 21st October, 2015**

## Principal's Message

**Welcome** to the week 3 edition of the Kitchener Kite. As always we have lots of things happening in and around the school, with great learning opportunities occurring in every classroom.

### **Enrolments for 2016**

Today saw the start of Kinder orientation, with 11 eager faces coming into the school to get ready to start Kindergarten next year. This will run for the next 3 weeks, with our wonderful Year 1 students acting as the 'buddies' and helping to show our new students around.

If you know of anyone who has a child at home of school age that hasn't enrolled yet please let us know so we can make contact with them. As well, if you are moving from the area next year please let us know. This is all important information that determines class numbers and sizes.

### **Swim School**

Swim school starts next week for students in Years 2-6, with all swimming levels catered for. Using our funding from Sporting Schools Australia we have been able to offer this at no cost, but we are reliant on parent transport. We have had many volunteers already but are still searching for more in order to get all of our students to Cessnock Pool on time for the lessons. If you could assist with transport in any way please contact the office as soon as possible.

### **School Grounds**

Many of our students make use of the school oval after school has finished for the day. This is something that I am happy for them to do but it is important to remember that it is still school grounds and therefore must be used appropriately. If your child is using the oval please talk to them about appropriate use and encourage them to report any misbehaviour from other people. Please remember - no motorbikes or vehicles should be used in this area at any time.

### **Children's University**

Students in Years 3,4 and 5 were introduced to Children's University last week - a new program run by Newcastle University that promotes student involvement in extra-curricular learning activities. If you have some skills - music, craft, cooking, singing, sport, building, etc - that you would be prepared to teach to students at lunch time please come and see me and we can determine if they will meet the criteria. This is an exciting new concept that we are lucky to be involved with.

*Luke Semerville*

**Grandparents Day 23rd October**

**Helpers needed!**

If you can help out on the day with serving morning tea etc.. Or if you can do some baking for the occasion please contact the office.

All help no matter how long (10 mins-2hrs) would be gratefully appreciated.

### **KINDER ORIENTATION**

Kindergarten Orientation K/1 Classroom visits, for new incoming 2016 Kindergarten students will be held on ~

Wednesday 28th October 10am—12pm

Wednesday 4th November 10am—12pm

Wednesday 11th November 10am—12pm

## *KITCHENER PUBLIC SCHOOL*

### *GRANDPARENTS' DAY ~ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2015*

Kitchener School will again be hosting a *Special Grandparents' Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.***

<b>Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 13th October 2015</b>	
<b>K/1</b>	Jai, Temperance
<b>Yr 1/2</b>	Georgia, Seth
<b>Yr 3/4</b>	Callan, Elke
<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Liam, Leila
<b>PBL Awards</b>	Libby, Evie O, Scarlett, Shakiya, Dustyn, Tahleisha, Olivia
<b>Sports Awards</b>	Riley, (K/1), Kodie, Ella, Taylor, Stevie, Bailey, Jyordi, Tess
<b>Principal's Awards</b>	Hagler, Evie, Maverick, Bella, Riley H, Maddison, Trinity

#### **Spring Seed Packs - \$15**

Capsicum – California Wonder

Cucumber – Lebanese

Tomato – Tommy Toe

Zucchini – Black Beauty

Pumpkin – Jap

Tomato – Grosse Lisse

Cucumber – Crystal Apple

Lettuce – Cos Verdi

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**

Wednesday 7th October 2015 Week 1

Wednesday 21st October 2015 Week 3

Wednesday 4th November 2015 Week 5

Wednesday 18th November 2015 Week 7

Wednesday 2nd December 2015 Week 9

Tuesday 13th October 2015 Week 2

Tuesday 27th October 2015 Week 4

Tuesday 10th November 2015 Week 6

Tuesday 24th November 2015 Week 8

Wednesday 9th December 2015 Week 10

Presentation Day Assembly

## Little Lost Bear!!



This little bear was found in the parking area near the road one afternoon during the last few weeks of last term (we think he fell out of one of the parents' cars during the afternoon pickup time). Can you help to find his home? We're sure some little person would *love* to have him back.

The little bear is being cared for by Ms Wilson in the office.

## Coonabarabran Horse Sports Great results achieved by ~

Jessica won Champion overall for the led group, Taylor won Reserve Champion overall for the 7 Years, Trinity won the Cross Country phase for the 12 Years as well as many other ribbons and Tiana won Ribbons in her Hack and Riding class and other events.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> Oct ~ Linda (Ella Yr 1/2)

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

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

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



**K/1** are making Astronauts !!!!! And need your help. Please send in any empty Cereal boxes, biscuit boxes, tissue boxes Etc or empty toilet /hand towel rolls, gladwrap rolls and boxes. It would greatly appreciated.

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY MORNING TEA: Friday 23rd October ~ Parent Helper Request

If you can help with morning tea ~ bake scones, cakes, slices etc and drop off to the office either Thursday afternoon (22nd Oct) or, with serving during morning tea ~ coffee, tea and plates of delicious goodies (10am onwards), please let Sue or Teresa at the office know. All help, no matter if it's 15 mins or a couple of hours, will be gratefully appreciated.

## 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**

**“Carols by candlelight” being held at Abermain Public School on Monday 14th December**

**Flyer on office counter**



Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 can be made online between 13th October 2015 and 16th November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16th November 2015. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10th March 2016.

Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) .

For more information please contact the office.



**Lunch Run Volunteer form is inside this weeks newsletter there is just a few dates to fill up with helpers . If you can help out please fill out form and hand in at the office.**

## 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.



# Community Technology Workshop

**When:** Thursday 12th November 2015 (time to be advised)

**Where:** The computer lab next to 5/6

**Topic:** Cyber bullying and keeping your child internet safe at home.

Morning tea provided. See you there!



Congratulations to Linda (Riley H Year 3/4 mum) and Dannielle mum (Charlotte Year 1/2 mum) on winning a Woolworths/ Coles voucher for handing in the recent technology survey!

## Garden Update

It was all about worms last week. The worm farm had been getting very smelly, and needed a good clean out. Students came to the garden and helped give the worms a fresh layer of food. It turns out the bottom layers were full, so we emptied them onto an unused garden bed and gave it a good clean out.

Worm farms are very easy to look after, and a great way to convert food waste into fertiliser for the garden. Typical worm farms have 3 layers, the top layer is the dining room for the worms, this is where we put the food, the next layer is the lounge room, worms live on this layer, which is full of vermicompost (sometimes called worm poo). The bottom layer is full of liquid (worm wee). We can use both the worm poo and the worm wee to help the vegetables grow. It may sound gross, but manure is actually very important for the garden. Animal manure (from worms, cows, sheep and chooks) slowly turns into soil, and as it does it adds important nutrients back into the soil. The plants use these nutrients to grow. Even the chook poo from the school chooks can be used to make our garden Healthier.

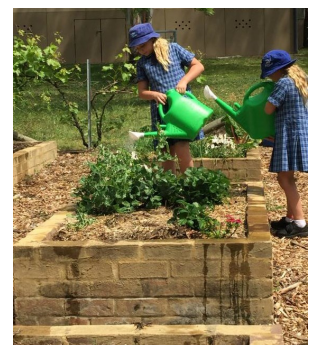
## Parent Helpers

You don't need any gardening skills, and you don't need to commit to every week, even just once a term is a great help. We have a few big jobs that need doing in the garden, so if you have been thinking about lending a hand, now is a good time. We need people willing to help out on a shovel moving mulch. Good soil for the garden is very expensive, by using council mulch we can compost our own soil.

**The garden group meets at 9.30am on Wednesdays. - All parents are welcome.**

## Garden recycle and reuse – From your house to the school garden!

The garden is a great place to reuse things that might otherwise be thrown out. Please see us if you have something you think might be useful. Our current gardening needs include: newspaper, egg cartons, large sealed buckets (the kind that might come from a commercial kitchen), timber (we hope to be building some benches and shelves for potting), star pickets and garden stakes.



# Cessnock Community Women's Shed

*Members of Branxton Greta Community Men's Shed*

**Bringing Women Together**



If you would like to make new friends  
or get involved in a community project  
Come along to  
Cessnock Community Women's Shed

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am  
At the CYCOS building  
49D Aberdare Road, Cessnock  
On the second Wednesday of each  
month our meeting will be held in  
the D.I.Y area at Bunnings Cessnock



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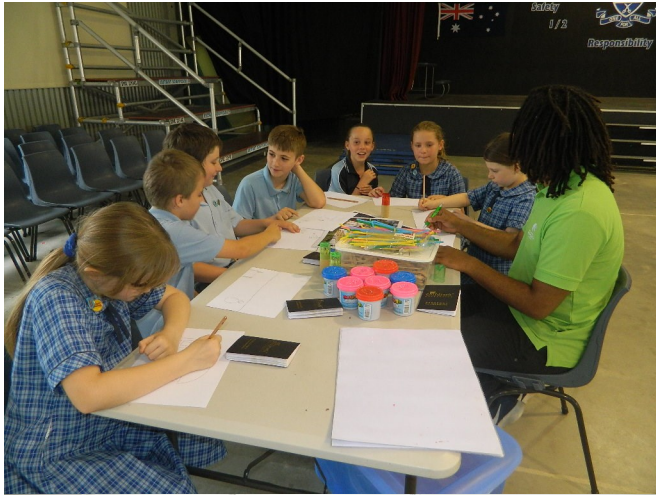


## Scholastic Super Sale

All stock at least 50% off RRP Wednesday 11th November 10am-6pm (schools Only)

Thursday 12th November 10am-6pm (schools and public day)

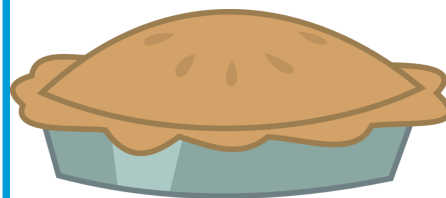




# Children's University Day



**Pie Drive**  
**Delivery 25th November**  
**Order form and details next**  
**newsletter**



**Beautiful Fresh Produce straight from our very own school garden**

