

Kitchener Public School

School Newsletter



'Kitchener Kite'
"Aiming High"



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Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

Monday 26th Oct to Friday 6th Nov

Intensive Swimming Program ~ Yr 2—Yr 6

Wednesday 11th Nov ~ 2016 Kinder Visit #4

~ Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th Nov ~ Technology Day

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
5:30 pm**

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

**Wednesday 16th December ~ Last Day
(students)**

School Phone

4990 2974

Issue ~ Term 4 Week 5

Wednesday 4th November, 2015

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Almost at the halfway mark of the term—where has the time gone? There are plenty of great things happening at Kitchener PS this term with many more things planned.

Please remember if you have an issue or a concern with anything that is happening at the school we are more than happy to discuss these with you. It is important that we have open lines of communication between the school and the community to ensure the right messages are passed on and we continue building together on the great things that happen at our school.

Facebook

The school has now started a Facebook page—Kitchener Public School—to increase opportunities to communicate with the community. This will be used to celebrate achievements within the school and reminders of upcoming events. Only school related posts will be made and no names or pictures of students will be posted.

Day for Daniel

It was great to see so many students dressed in red to recognise Day for Daniel on Friday. This is an important day to recognise with our children and promote safety awareness in our community. Thanks for getting behind the day and supporting it.

Swimming Scheme

Our school swimming scheme has been running successfully for two weeks, it will conclude this coming Friday. It has been good to see the students in Years 2—6 all involved and their skills and confidence in the water improving with each lesson. Again, a big thank you to the parents who have been able to assist in the transportation of students throughout the two weeks.

Grandparents Day

What a great turn out we had for Grandparents Day! It was wonderful to see so many grandparents in our school, sharing stories and seeing their grandchildren in the classrooms and playground. The scones were a big hit!

Luke Somerville

Pie Drive Delivery 25th November **Order**

Form in Newsletter. Forms and money to be returned by Monday 16th November



CURRENT (NEW) SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If any parents have current (new) school uniforms that their child has grown out of, or soon will, you are welcome to advertise (for free) in our school newsletter. This will give the opportunity to parents who wish to buy almost new uniforms at a reduced cost. Arrangements will be between selling & buying parents.

KINDER ORIENTATION

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

Wednesday 11th November 10am—12n

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

What a fantastic response to our annual Grandparents' Day which was held on Friday 23rd October, in the SPR. This was our opportunity to say 'Thank you' to the wonderful Grandparents of our school students, who help in so many ways, and, are *'just there'*, when needed!

The atmosphere, chatter and stories of "When we were at school" was a delight to witness. Scones, jam and cream, cakes, slices and a cuppa were thoroughly enjoyed by all with many comments that it was lovely to be waited on ~ it was our pleasure, and yes, you deserve to be pampered on Grandparents' Day.



A booklet was produced from the feedback sheets that a number of students returned to school; a copy of the booklet was given to Grandparents, on the day.



Grandparents were captivated during the classroom visits with the subjects, topics and technology used by their Grandchildren, a world apart from when *they* were at school.

The chook pen and veggie garden were a great draw-card, with students eager to 'show off' our chooks (by name!) and the wonderful and vibrant veges growing in the garden.



I would like to thank all those who helped to make this Grandparents' Day such a wonderful occasion ~ those who did the behind-the-scenes preparation work; set up the SPR; collected extra tables from another school; help set the tables; bake scones, slices and cakes; picked greenery and flowers for the vases on each table; placed platters of delicious treats on each table; served scones, jam and cream; made and served tea & coffee; helped set up the photo slide show and music;; and then afterwards, washed up; packed up the SPR; tidied up and put everything away; re-turned the tables to the other school. Without all this support and help, this day wouldn't have been the great success and wonderful event that it was.

There were many comments on the day at how spoilt the Grandparents felt, how welcome and comfortable they were made to feel.

Ms Wilson (Officē)



Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 27th October 2015

K/1	Patrick, Haylee
Yr 1/2	Braiden, Taylor
Yr 3/4	Kaiden, Tiana
Yr 5/6	Monique, Jayden
PBL Awards	Evie, Abby, Kilarney, Will, Gilby, Matthew W, Trinity
Sports Awards	Eleanor, Aiden, Levi, Jessica S, Max, Boyd, Cody, Tyler
Principal's Awards	Ethan, Eleanor, Connor, Charlotte, Laura, Elke, Ellie, Orlando

FOUND AT SCHOOL AFTER GRANDPARENTS' DAY ~ Friday 23rd October

A small, clear plastic zip bag containing what appears to be netting for a baby pram was found in the school grounds after Grandparents' Day on Friday 23rd October. If you feel it may belong to you, or you know of someone who may own it, please see Ms Wilson in the school office.

LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ see Ms Wilson in the Office

Our roster is ~

Term 4

Wed 11th Nov ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6) Wed 18th Nov ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6)

Wed 2nd Dec ~ Angela (Monique Yr 5/6) **Last lunch run for the year**

We would like to thank our Lunch Run volunteers for the great job they are doing.

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Assemblies

Wednesday 18th November 2015 Week 7

Wednesday 2nd December 2015 Week 9

Tuesday 10th November 2015 Week 6

Tuesday 24th November 2015 Week 8

Wednesday 9th December 2015 Week 10

Presentation Day Assembly

Community Technology Workshop

When: Thursday 12th November 2015 at 9:30-10:30am

Where: The computer lab next to 5/6

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

Morning tea provided. Everyone welcome. See you there!

Cyber Safety



"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. For more information please contact the office.



Grandparents' Day Stories

What did your Grandparents like best about school?

The School Fair and Pet Show days. (*Braiden ~ Year 1/2*)

3.30pm! (*Olivia ~ Year 5/6*)

Playing sport. Army Cadets. (*Evie ~ Year 1/2 & Liam ~ Year 5/6*)

We went to see the Queen and Prince Phillip at Maitland Show Ground. (*Grace ~ Year 3/4*)

When your Grandparent was at school, what was the 'Moment That Mattered', to them?

When they received a 'Most Improved' award. In those days, it was a really big deal. (*Chloe ~ Year 3/4*)

You went to school to learn and become a better person. (*Connor ~ Year 1/2*)

Getting good marks in exams. (*Jessica & Matthew ~ Year 5/6*)

What is the funniest 'Moment That Mattered' for your Grandparent at school?

Grandma said it was funny how the boys would get tangled up with ribbons in the Maypole Dance. Poppy said there were always funny moments in the school play. (*Laura Beth ~ Year 1/2*)

When the Puppet Show visited our school. (*Ella ~ Year 1/2*)

This year's Grandparents' Day theme is **'Moments That Matter'**. Kitchener Public School **students were encouraged to write** about 'Moments That Matter', a special time or memory that they enjoyed with their grandparent, share the story with their grandparents then bring to the school office to be published in our newsletter after Grandparents' Day.

Student Stories About Grandparents' 'Moments That Mattered'

When we went up to Nan and Pop's house for a sleep over, we got to go to the park and it had a flying fox, a swing that has a net at the bottom of it. Me and my Pop love going on the Flying Fox because Pop loves to run and pushes me so I go really high. I loved that time and so did Pop.

(*Nikita ~ K/1 & Dee ~ Year 3/4*)

A special time with my Grandparent was when my Nanna takes me shopping with her, we go to my great Grandma's and have morning tea with all my cousins, nephews, nieces and the rest of my family.

(*Rory ~ Year 3/4 & Claudia ~ Year 5/6*)