

# Kitchener Public School

## School Newsletter



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



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### Upcoming Dates

#### TERM 4

**Thursday 3rd December** ~ Parent Technology Workshop 9.30am—10.30am ~ Computer Lab

**Tuesday 8th December** ~ **NO ASSEMBLY**

**Wednesday 9th Dec** ~ Presentation Day  
5:30 pm

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

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

#### 2016 ~ NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday 20th January ~ Uniform Shop  
Open 9am—11am (Hall)

Wednesday 27th January ~ Staff ONLY Return

Wednesday 27th January ~ Uniform Shop  
Open 9am—11am (Hall)

**Thursday 28th January ~ ALL Students Return  
Kinder to Year 6**

Thursday 28th January ~ Uniform Shop  
Open 8.45am—10am (Hall)

### EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS COMMUNITY SURVEYS

Just a reminder that we are still accepting completed surveys (pink sheet) at the school office regarding Early Action for Success Community Survey. These were given to each family last week.

### CURRENT (NEW) SCHOOL UNIFORMS

*Parents can advertise To Sell or,  
Wanted to Buy*

current (new style) school uniforms (for free)  
in our school newsletter.

Arrangements will be between  
selling & buying parents.

School Phone  
4990 2974

**Issue ~ Term 4 Week 9**  
**Wednesday 2nd December, 2015**

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Busy, busy, busy! Leading into the Christmas holiday break, we are all working hard, finishing off everything we need to do and, planning for next year. Next week's Presentation evening (5.30pm Wednesday 9th), followed by the Pool Fun Day (Thursday 10th), will be great ways to celebrate some of the achievements throughout the year.

### Year 6 Farewell and Disco

Last Thursday we held a farewell dinner for our outgoing Year 6 students in our SPR. Attended by our guests of honour, parents, carers, teachers and Year 5 students, it was a great event where the students were able to look back at their memories of KPS and end their time here with a bang! Students attending Cessnock High have now commenced Year 7. We wish them all well for the future. Our school disco was also run that night, with students enjoying a chance to dance, play games and laugh with their friends. I was very impressed by the behaviour shown by students on the night.

### 2016 Captains

Yesterday we had the opportunity to listen to the speeches of our Year 5 students electing to run for captain in 2016. The quality of the speeches was very high, with all students well prepared and speaking confidently in front of the audience. With such a standard of speeches I am confident we will have a great student leadership team next year. The two captain positions will be announced at our Presentation evening.

### Class Structure for 2016

At the moment we are planning classes for next year. The structure of classes looks to be similar to what we have at the moment, with 4 classes—K/1, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and, a Year 4/5/6. This is subject to change depending upon student numbers. Miss Finch will not be returning next year as she is taking up an opportunity at another school while Miss Gibson (Welfare) will not be returning next year as she is taking up an opportunity to further her career in counselling. They will definitely be missed!

*We take this opportunity to wish the students, their parents and families a **festive Christmas**, a great **New Year** and, a safe return for 2016.*

*Luke Somerville*

**LUNCH RUNS** **THERE WILL BE NO MORE**  
**LUNCH RUNS FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR**

## KITCHENER PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST

### GIRLS'

**DRESS \$70.00** (SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

### BOYS'

**GREY SHORTS \$20.00** (SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT KPS LOGO ON COLLAR \$25.00**  
(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

### GIRLS' & BOYS'

**NAVY MICROFIBRE JACKET WITH SCHOOL CREST EMBROIDED \$45.00** (SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**NAVY MICROFIBRE SPORTS SHORTS \$25.00** (SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**NAVY/SKY BLUE SPORTS SHIRTS \$30.00** (SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**SCHOOL HAT \$15.00**

## **UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL OPENING DAYS/HOURS FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL 2016**

The School Uniform Shop, in the Hall in the school oval, will be open on special days and hours in readiness for the new school year.

Wednesday 20th January      Open 9am—11am (the *week before* school resumes)

Wednesday 27th January      Open 9am—11am (the *day before* school resumes)

Thursday 28th January      Open 8.45am—10am (the *day* students return)

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**



**will oneil**  
tennis

**9am – 3pm**  
**(Ages 5 – 16yrs**  
**all levels)**

All are welcome to come along and join us for some fun packed days of tennis coaching & lots of games !!

Cost Per Child - \$45 per day (can come either 1 or 2 days) \$25 half day for the younger ones (9am – 12pm)

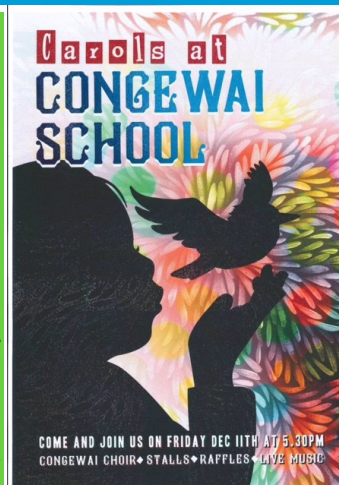
Children are to bring along: racquet (we can provide a racquet if needed) hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes, joggers, morning/afternoon tea & their own water bottle

Fruit will be provided throughout the day;  
Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided both days

### **CESSNOCK TENNIS COURTS**

Aberdare Rd, Cessnock  
**Bookings are essential**

**sonya 0433 782284**



## **SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SALE**

The following boys' school uniform items are available at the end of this year, ready for next year ~

2 x boys' blue collared (logo) shirts ~ size 14

2 x boys' grey shorts ~ size 14

1 x sports shirt ~ size 14

1 x sports shorts ~ size 14

**Less than 1/2 price!! \$50.00 for the lot.**

AND Large Kitchener Public School school bag ~ **\$25**

Contact Billie-Jo (Jayden) on 4991 6196

## Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 24th November 2015

K/1	Chloe S, Corey
Yr 1/2	Evie, Breanna
Yr 3/4	Chloe, Riley Clare
Yr 5/6	Jessica G, Tahleisha
PBL Awards	Jai, Haylee, Charlotte, Taylor, Bella, Mark, Maddison, Orlando
Sports Awards	Liam S, Sean, Seth, Dylan, Ellie, Matthew W
Principal's Awards	Libby, Taylor, Ben, Stevig, Mark, Ozean, Matthew W

### TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP ~ *Tomorrow* ~ Thursday 3rd December ~ 9.30am

#### in the Computer Lab

Presentation Programs eg. Power Point; Prezi

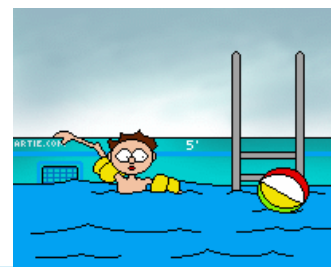


## Pool Fun Day: Thurs 10th December

Thursday 10th December at Branxton Pool Leaving school at 9.30am return to school 2.30pm. A (Blue) Permission Note has been given to *ALL students* with today's newsletter. This (Blue) Permission Note and Pool Entry fee (\$2.50) is to be paid at the school office by *next* Monday (7th December).

Each student must have an individual permission note.

Transport, by bus will be paid for with school funds. Parents and toddlers welcome (pay entry at the pool and arrange own transport).



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES ~ CESSNOCK & KURRI KURRI LIBRARIES

#### Summer holiday activities @ your library

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire, or visit our website at [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library).

Sandy Ryan Childrens' Services Officer Cessnock City Library

PH: 49934384 EMAIL: [Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)



Year 6 students  
enjoying their special  
farewell celebrations  
last Thursday night  
(26th November)



## Kitchener leading the way in Behavioural Reading Techniques



Staff have been busy implementing ground-breaking strategies this term which enable students who have trouble developing their reading, comprehension, writing and number skills, grow. Mrs Vogt and Mrs Couper have been using these techniques with some of our students this term with great results. It involves improving visual memory in readers, which is such a key component in reading and spelling. During week 6, our school also received a visit from the developer of these techniques Phil Gruhl. Phil worked with all of our teachers throughout the day, detailing how to make techniques effective in the classroom. Kitchener, Millfield and Congewai are the first schools in our area to trial these techniques, which originated in Queensland. Keep your eyes on this space for more great results!



Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and members of the community,

In 2013 I began my role of School Welfare Officer at Kitchener Public School and my role has provided me the luxury of meeting, getting to know and working with absolutely amazing students, parents and other members of the school community. Over the past few years I have seen students at Kitchener Public School grow, flourish, develop and refine many skills. One of those skills is resilience - the ability to emotionally bounce back after a setback by focusing on the positive.

My role as School Welfare Officer will come to an end on 14<sup>th</sup> December. My decision to finish working in this role with the students and members of Kitchener Public is a decision I have not taken lightly however, I would like to follow my passion which is in the field of family counselling.

Although I'm in the school until the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to formally say thank you for opening your arms and welcoming me into the school community on a weekly basis over the past few years. Kitchener has always been a highlight in my week and I look forward to continuing to chat with students and parents until the end of school term.

If at any stage you feel you would benefit from speaking with a counsellor, would like to attend parenting programs or require mediation services to achieve a workable parenting plan please do not hesitate to contact Interrelate on 4016 0566. We are located at 495 Hunter Street, Newcastle.

Warm Regards,

Cherie Gibson

School Welfare Officer