

# Kitchener Public School



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## Calendar of Events Term 4

### Mon 29th Oct - Fri 9th Nov

Swimming Scheme 8 years and up

### Tuesday 6th November

4pm Children's University Graduation

### Thursday 8th November

League Tag Gala Day

### Friday 9th November

Startsmart Financial Literacy Program  
classes Kinder to Year 6

Remembrance Day Ceremony

2.35pm Assembly including Year 5

Speeches and Voting

### Tuesday 13th November

Responsible Pets Program K/1 & Year 1/2

### Wednesday 14th November

K/1 & Year 1/2 Tocal Excursion

### Friday 16th November

11.30am—2pm PBL Rewards Day &  
Year 5/6 Fair Fundraiser

### Thursday 22nd November

5.30pm Presentation Ceremony

### Friday 23rd November

Year 6 Fun Day

### Thursday 29th November

5pm Year 6 Farewell Followed by  
Whole School Disco 6.30pm—8pm

### Friday 30th November

Last day Year 6 Students attending  
Cessnock High School Year 7 (2019)

### Wednesday 19th December

Last day Term 4 for Students

### Thursday 20th December

Last day Term 4 for Teachers & Staff

## Grandparents Day

**Wednesday 31st October, 2018**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday we celebrated with food, song, poetry, thoughts, quotes, special awards and a whole school performance item to acknowledge the important part that grandparents make to the lives of their grandchildren and families. Thank you to the office and support staff, Erin and Rebecca for organising the afternoon tea; to all teachers and students for presenting a variety of entertaining items; grandchildren for providing cuddles and, our very special guests for attending, our grandparents and family members.

Congratulations to our Assembly special award recipients Patrick, Sean, Temperance, Liam, Mia, Levi, Abbey, Charlotte, Evelyn & Evie for being offered a place in the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools Choir. Well done Riley who received a Distinction Certificate in Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition and also to Lila-J, Aiden, Chloe and Isoa for being awarded a Merit Certificate.

Lucas, Boyd, Ned, Kaiden, Stevie, Mark and Shakiya shared their STEM portfolios, knowledge and collaborative skills to try out for the CASE STEM class at Cessnock HS in 2019. Good luck to all participants!

I recently interviewed Year 5 students Breanna, Evie, Bethany, Scarlett and Kyron who are interested in becoming leaders for 2019. Speeches for the 2019 Captains will be held at **2.35pm Friday, 9th November** at a special Assembly with voting straight after, in the SPR. Our 2019 Captains will be announced at the **Presentation Ceremony, 22<sup>nd</sup> November starting at 5:30pm**. Swimming is underway and will run until the 9th November. Year 6 students will be at Cessnock HS tomorrow (Thursday 1st Nov) for transition from 10am-2pm. There is also a Mixed League Tag Gala Day *next* Thursday 8th Nov, (notes to successful participants will be handed out this week).

Students will be attending the **Children's University Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Congratulations to these students for working hard to achieve their goals and their families for providing encouragement and support along the way. A huge thank you to all of the staff involved for providing encouragement and extra activities at lunch and recess so that students could earn hours as well as Mrs McGuinness for her organisation of the initiative.

*Mrs Cathy Vogt (Relieving Principal)*

## Kinder Transition Visits

**Thursday 1st November** —children visit classroom **10am—12pm** whilst parents & carers attend an Information Session

**Thursday 8th November** —children visit classroom **10am—12pm** whilst parents & carer attend workshops

**Thursday 15th November** —children visit **10am—12pm**

A Parent Information Evening will also be held, if needed. Please contact the school if you are unable to attend the morning session on Thursday 1st November.

**The Policy Team** which consists of Riley, Boyd and Bailey (students), Rachel and Kristelle (parents), Mrs Firth and Mrs McGuiness (teachers), Mrs Richard (office staff) and myself has been developing a new Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) reward system for 2019. The draft, which was developed from student surveys, parents at 'Friends of Kitchener' meetings and staff meetings was approved by parents and staff at meetings and all students through a class meeting to discuss the proposal. The results of the draft PBL reward system and student survey are below. Please let me know if you would like to suggest any changes by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

*Mrs Vogt, Relieving Principal*

### Draft system for PBL Awards and Rewards in 2019 developed by the Policy Committee after consultation with the school community

**\*5 Gotchas/ Dojos = 1 raffle ticket** in class box for Friday Assembly draw. One student from each class drawn out at Assembly. This can be used at the canteen. May be saved up 1 = 50c 2= \$1.00 3= \$1.50

**\*20 Gotchas/ Dojos = a class merit award** (given out in class). Merit awards still given out at Assembly which go towards Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards.

**\*3 merit awards = Bronze Award** (students could elect to receive a badge)

**\*6 merit awards = Silver Award** (badge)

**\*9 merit awards = Gold Award** (medal) -Mrs Firth to check that this amount is achievable.

**\*Diamond award is a diamond shaped trophy** with number of awards to be decided.

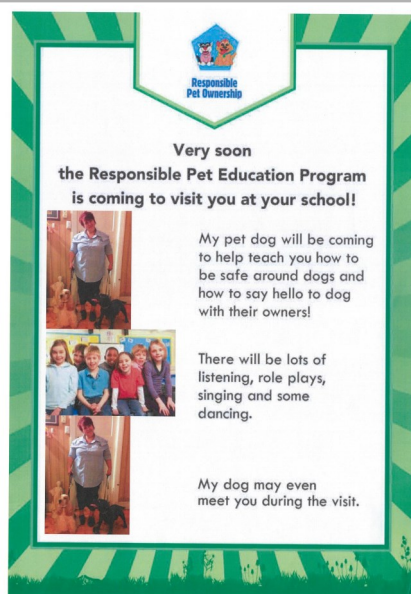
#### PBL Survey

	K/1	1/2	3/4	5/6	Staff
Badges	Yes -4 No- 2	Yes-9 No- 6	Yes-12 No-11	Yes-8 No- 14	Yes- 3
Raffle dip at Assembly	Yes- 4 No- 1	Yes-6 No- 7	Yes-19 No-3	Yes- 18 No- 3	Yes-3
Bronze, silver... merit awards	Yes- 4	Yes-11 No-1	Yes- 16 No-6	Yes-15 No-5	Yes-2
Other	Gotchas-2, Dojos-1		Gotchas-13, Eco system-3	Eco-system-2	Depends on ages/ student choice
Rewards for merit awards	Medal-2, a diamond-1	Cake, pizza, McDonalds	Canteen voucher-3, lollies/ choc-3, lunch-1, make slime-1, hot chocolate & marshmallow	Lollies/choc- 4, free-time-2, prize box-1, day off school-1, lucky dip-1, award rewards-2 B-laptop/ S-extra play/G- ice block/ D-student choice-sensible, lunch-3, morning tea-1, see Miss Hutt-1, design awards	Each stage-prize for ages, a certificate and tuck shop voucher, gift cards Student choice
K-6	Badges	Raffle dip	Merit Awards	Other-Gotchas-15, Dojos-1, Eco-system-5	
	Yes- 36 No-33	Yes-50 No-14	Yes- 48 No-12		

## Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Excursion to Tocal Homestead

Wednesday 14th November, 2018

Our wonderful small schools (Congewai, Mulbring and Kitchener) are combining this year to participate in an exciting and educational excursion to Tocal Homestead. Joining together on excursions such as these enables schools to reduce costs for parents, while allowing students the chance to mix with students of the same age from other local schools. A bright yellow permission note, with full details, was enclosed in the previous newsletter for students in K/1 and Year 1/2.



### RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM

Tuesday 13th November, 2018

Students in K/1 and Year 1/2 will be participating in a Responsible Pet Education Program on Tuesday 13th November.

A specially trained dog, Thunda, will be attending this program. If your child has a medical condition or, a fear of dogs, please advise your child's teacher so that special arrangements can be made.

### LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ ROSTER

### LUNCH ORDERS WEDNESDAYS ONLY

#### Term 4

Wednesday 31st Oct ~ Allan Bamford (Allanna K/1)

Wednesday 7th Nov ~

Wednesday 14th Nov ~

Wednesday 21st Nov ~

We do require more volunteers to assist with our Lunch Orders, on Wednesdays. If you are able to assist, please let the office know.

*If you find you are unable to do the Lunch Run on your day, please let the office know.*

*Thanking you, in advance. **The Students and Staff Kitchener Public School***

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE ~

Our school has now moved to a new website format. The website is ~

[www.kitchener-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kitchener-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

The website has been revamped and updated and includes a great range of new photos in the Photo Gallery, the newsletters, Friends of Kitchener in the News Section, and notes in the Events section.

## iPLAY ~ Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines

### How much physical activity do children need?

- Children and youth should participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous ('huff and puff') physical activity every day.

On at least three days per week, children should engage in activities that strengthen muscle and bone.

This activity doesn't all have to be done at once. It can be built up through the day. For example walking or riding to and from school, active play at home, and organised sport after school and on weekends.

### Sedentary behaviour guidelines

As well as being active, it is important to minimise the time children spend being sedentary every day. To achieve this:

Limit use of electronic media for entertainment (e.g. television, seated electronic games and computer use) to no more than two hours a day - particularly during daylight hours.

Break up long periods of sitting as often as possible.

## GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

Friday 26 October



**CESSNOCK CAROLS** in the **PARK** ~

**Cessnock Showground 6.30pm**

**Friday 7th Dec 2018**

