

Kitchener

Public School



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Calendar of Events Term 4

Friday 16th November

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

Monday 19th November

9.30am Special Assembly Year 5
Presentation Election Ministers

Thursday 22nd November

5.30pm Presentation Ceremony –
full school uniform to be worn

Friday 23rd November

Year 6 Fun Day

Wednesday 28th November

2.30pm Friends of Kitchener Meeting

Thursday 29th November

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

Friday 30th November

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

Tuesday 18th December

Pool Fun & Party Day Braxton Pool

Wednesday 19th December

Last day Term 4 for Students

Thursday 20th December

Last day Term 4 for Teachers & Staff

Children's University Graduation



Stay Hydrated!

Wednesday 14th November, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With this extreme weather, we are urging everyone to stay hydrated, so make sure you drink lots of water! A *huge* thank you to Laura, Corey's mum (Year 3/4), for buying ice-blocks for all students to keep them cool; these were enjoyed by all the students yesterday (Tuesday) at recess.

It was with great pleasure that I attended the Children's University graduation of Chloe, Stevie-Rose (Gold Awards), Haylee (Silver Certificate), Charlotte, Riley (Year 5/6), Brannan, Patrick, Kaiden (Silver Awards), Ella C (Bronze Certificate) and Mark, Seth, Evelyn, Sean, Connor, Emaline, Levi and Liam (Bronze Awards) with Miss Hutt, Mrs McGuiness and members of the graduating students' families last Tuesday (6th Nov). A huge thank you to everyone who supported Kitchener as one of the 45 schools who had graduating students. Special thanks to Mrs McGuiness for leading this initiative at Kitchener.

Our Kindergarten transition continued with an information session, reading, writing and number workshops for parents and carers of our 2019 kindergarten students. Tomorrow (Thursday 15th Nov) is the last visit for our new kindies. Thank you to Mrs Firth for giving them such a great taste of school life.

Congratulations to Lucas and Riley (Year 5/6) for receiving *Random Acts of Awesomeness* Awards at assembly. These are on display in the office foyer. Well done to Tayla K/1, Blair Year 1/2, Jaxon Year 3/4 and Kyron Year 5/6 for being drawn out of class PBL boxes. These students will receive a canteen voucher for using friendly talk and manners. Our next focus will be Keeping Hands and Feet to Self.

Speeches for 2019 Captains were well prepared, practised and delivered in style! Well done to Scarlett, Bethany, Breanna, Evie and Kyron. Nominations and voting for 2019 Aboriginal Education Team leaders were also held this week. Captains for 2019, Ministers and AET leaders will be announced at the Presentation Ceremony.

Mrs McGuiness will be on leave from 3rd December and is taking part in the Rural Incentive Scheme for 12 months in 2019. She was recently offered, and accepted, a transfer to Young Public School from 2020. This is a sad but exciting opportunity. I know that staff, students and the Kitchener community will miss you!

Cathy Vogt Relieving Principal

What's On This Week!

Thunda, from the Responsible Pets program came to visit K/1 & Year 1/2 yesterday (Tuesday 13th Nov); K/1 & Year 1/2 are visiting Tocal Homestead today; and, our SPR will be turned into a pathology lab for Year 6 students from Kitchener and Kearsley schools on Thursday (15th Nov). This is part of the CASE partnership with industry to provide future career and STEM experiences for Cessnock HS feeder schools.

Year 6 will be running a Country Fair fundraiser on Friday (16 Nov) to raise money for their fun day at Revolution (see the ad below created by Riley and Chloe ~ Year 6). This will be our PBL Rewards Day for all students who have shown Safety, Respect and Responsibility over the last five weeks. Students will receive a free barbecue lunch and 10 tokens to spend at the activities set up and run by Year 6. *Come along and join in the fun!!*

Year 6 Fair Day!

This Friday, year 6 will be holding a fair day as the week 5 rewards day. The money raised will go towards the year 6 fun day and farewell. Each student will be provided with 10 tokens that they can spend on the games, but they are very welcome to bring more money. Cupcakes, cookies, brownies and ice-cream will be available on the day for \$1.25 to \$2.00. There will also be books from our library for sale, along with a few other stalls. The fun will begin at 11:30am to 2:00pm so parents/caregivers are welcome to join their students.



Kinder Transition Visits

Thursday 15th November

children visit 10am—12pm



NEW KINDERGARTEN PARENT WORKSHOP

K/1 STUDENTS SHOWING THE NEW LITTLE KINDIES 'THE ROPES'!!



Kitchener will be putting in an expression of interest for Star Struck 2019. This is a large scale performing arts event that is held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in June. Interested students will receive a note on Friday 16th November.

Kitchener's Policy Team will be meeting on Wednesday 28th November at 2:00pm in the computer lab. This meeting will be followed by a Friends of Kitchener meeting.

The next **Friends of Kitchener Meeting** will be held on 2.30pm Wednesday, 28th November, in the computer lab.

Come along to hear about the latest news from the policy team in regards to our PBL consequences flowchart and, a discussion about ideas for Kitchener's Centenary Celebration.

At the last 'Friends of Kitchener' meeting, parents requested that sunscreen be available for student use. Each class now has a bottle of sunscreen available. There is also a bottle in the office.

FIRST AID ICE PACKS ~ ANY SCHOOL ONES AT HOME??

We keep First Aid Ice Packs in the freezer but, many have them have 'gone missing' ~ they could be in classrooms but, we have found that some children have accidentally taken them home with their lunch boxes. If you have any 'stray' ice packs at home that you feel may belong to the school, please return to the school office ~ students who return ice packs *from home* will be given a 'Gotcha' ticket!!

WE ARE REALLY STRUGGLING WITH THE LUNCH RUN ON WEDNESDAYS, WITH THE OFFICE STAFF OFTEN HAVING TO COLLECT THE LUNCH ORDERS. ONCE AGAIN, WE URGENTLY REQUEST VOLUNTEER HELPERS AS, IF THIS IS NOT FORTHCOMING, WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL LUNCH RUN.

LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ ROSTER LUNCH ORDERS WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Term 4

Wednesday 14th Nov ~

Wednesday 21st Nov ~

Wednesday 28th Nov ~

Wednesday 5th Dec ~

Wednesday 12th Dec ~

Wednesday 19th Dec ~ NO LUNCH RUN ~ LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

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***

PLEASE NOTE ~ IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ORDER DIRECTLY TO PIG OUT CAFÉ ON WEDNESDAYS, THESE NEED TO BE THERE BY 10AM TO ENABLE THE STAFF TO COMPLETE THE ORDER IN TIME FOR OUR LUNCH RUN PICKUP

A **Special Assembly** will be held at **9.30am next Monday (19th November)** in the SPR where **Year 5** students will present their nominations for Ministers for Wellbeing, Sport and, Environment. Students who wish to nominate for these roles will need to prepare a speech targeted to the Minister's role they are nominating for and, must be a different speech than the one presented for the role of Captain.

Voting will be conducted after presentation of these speeches.

We welcome parents, carers and grandparents to attend to support our Year 5 students who will be stepping into these roles in 2019.

The successful nominees will be presented at our Presentation Ceremony at 5.30pm *next Thursday (22nd Nov)*.

iPLAY ~ Strategies to Promote Physical Activity in Children

Ways you can help your child be active.

- Be an active role model and have a positive attitude to being active.
- Encourage active play in the backyard, going for a fast walk, dancing to music, riding a bike or more vigorous activities like running and swimming.
- Make time to be active as a family – walk with your children to the local park and kick a ball, play chase or tag games, or walk the dog.
- Plan ahead and schedule a regular time for physical activity with your children.
- Help your kids 'play active' by buying presents that encourage physical activity such as balls, bats, skipping ropes, trampoline or other active equipment.
- Make sure your children have the opportunity to be active after school and on the weekends – either through active play or organised sport. Talk to your child about what activities they would prefer to do. Encourage your child to try a variety of activities so that they can find one or more they enjoy and want to continue with.
- Park further away from your destination (such as school, sport or the shops) and walk the rest of the way.
- Keep a football, frisbee, jump rope, scooters or bat and ball in your car at all times.
- Limit the amount of time your children are allowed to spend watching TV, using the internet and playing consoles.
- Plan family holidays or weekends with a view to being active, e.g. somewhere near the beach or where there are good walks to do. Remember to take bikes, tennis rackets, balls and other equipment.



Thank You for Our Ice Blocks!!

FOR SALE ~ GIRL'S UNIFORM

Size 5 \$20.00

Immaculate condition ~ only worn for the first half of the year as grew taller!

Contact ~

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CESSNOCK CAROLS in the **PARK** ~

Cessnock Showground 6.30pm

Friday 7th Dec 2018

