

Kitchener Public School



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Calendar of Events Term 4

Tuesday 18th December

Pool Fun & Party Day Branxton Pool

Permission Note this newsletter ~ to be returned by this Friday (14th Dec)

11am CCC Poppethead Road Safety Launch

Wednesday 19th December

Last day Term 4 for Students

Thursday 20th December

Last day Term 4 for Teachers & Staff

2019

Calendar of Events Term 1

Tuesday 29th January

Staff Development Day ~ *Staff ONLY*

Wednesday 30th January

ALL Students Return ~ New Kindies to Year 6

Friday 1st February

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

Friday 8th February

Year 1/2 Hunter Valley Zoo Exc

A reminder Permission Note has been given to current Kinder & Year 1 students, again today

Our last newsletter for 2018 has been issued a day earlier ~ Tuesday 11th instead of Wednesday 12th December



End of 2018!!

Tuesday 11th December, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a great way to farewell our Year 6 students and Mrs McGuiness just over a week ago. Well done Miss Hutt and Year 6 for planning an enjoyable dinner and disco, as well as Mrs Couper and her committed band for cooking and decorating 80 cupcakes!

Community surveys, used to evaluate 2018, are coming in and will also assist with planning for 2019 on our Staff Development Day. Congratulations to Year 5/6 for bringing in the most surveys 2 weeks ago and, Year 3/4 last week. Who will win this week? You can collect another survey from the office if needed.

Our 2019 Captains Evie and Breanna, and Ministers Kyron, Bethany and Scarlett have taken their pledge at last Friday's Assembly. They will be mentored by Lila-J, Riley, Chloe and Will as they step into their leadership roles.

A huge thank you to the Hamilton family for donating a Dux honour board to the school! Congratulations to Riley on receiving this honour in 2018.

Well done to our PBL raffle ticket Assembly winners Grace K/1, Ella Year 1/2, Haylee Year 3/4 and Ella Year 5/6. Each student receives a tuckshop item.

Riley, Chloe and Bethany are designing posters for classrooms, outlining our PBL rewards and consequences systems for implementation in 2019. Our draft process for consequences is in this newsletter. Please let me know if you would like to make any suggestions or changes before they are shared with the students in 2019. The process was in Week 3's newsletter (Wed 31st Oct) for consultation.

Our latest staff update is that Mrs Richard will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 1 and Term 2, 2019. During this time, Mrs Archbold will be in the Office Manager role and Mrs Osland will be working in the office and supporting students, four days per week. Mrs Norris will also be providing support in the Year 3/4 classroom and Mrs Couper will be in the Learning and Support Teacher role, one day per week. Mrs Thomsen will be working at Grahamstown PS in 2019 and Miss Creagan, our K-2 Instructional Leader, will be at Ellalong PS in that role, three days per week. We are also farewelling Mr Comans, our school counsellor, who will be in Sydney next year. It has been wonderful working with you all and we wish you all the best for your new ventures in 2019.

We will be celebrating our PBL Rewards and, Fun Day at Branxton Pool on Tuesday, 18th December! Please complete and return the permission note in this newsletter by *this* Friday (14th Dec). The school is paying for the bus and, pool entry.

We also start 2019 with a splash! The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 1st February, for students aged 8 and above. This is the first Friday back! Notes will be sent home in the first newsletter next year (Wednesday 30th January, 2019), with transport to be provided by parents/carers.

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank you for sharing 2018 with us and wish you all a happy festive season and a safe holiday break.

Cathy Vogt, Relieving Principal

Kitchener PBL Behaviour Level Flowchart

Class flowchart

Green section to start the day- warning in the first instance (everyone makes a mistake)- move name away from the group on the green chart to indicate a warning

Yellow section-second warning move student in class away from students/ distraction/ third warning timeout in class, complete work

Orange section after three warnings in class - buddy class 10 minutes, student sent with work. Noted on SENTRAL, handled by teacher, parent contacted via phone, after school at pick-up or note home.

Red section— Principal notification, plan completed and parents notified

Suspension policy followed for serious incidents

Class suggestions for incident levels

Yellow

- *Warning-consequence
- *Time out-consequence

Examples of minor infringements-Yellow section

- *Taking or snatching something off someone
- *Accidentally hurting someone-unsafe behaviour
- *Throwing sand, sticks etc
- *Unkind words
- *Not apologising
- *Refusing to do work or something that has been asked
- *Swearing (not at someone)
- *Running on hard surfaces
- *Leaving rubbish

Safety Respect Responsibility

Orange section next infringement after yellow-consequences buddy class/ time out on the playground and parents contacted

Red section Principal notification, plan completed and parents contacted

Red section Principal notification straight away, no warnings

Examples of major infringements-Red section

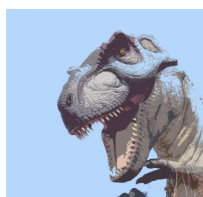
- *Hands on with the intention of hurting others
- *Threatening people with the intention of hurting (verbal, written or physical)
- *Dangerous play/ pranks that can cause an injury
- *Swearing directly at another person
- *Breaking/ damaging school/ other's property with intent of doing it
- *Racist or sexist remarks (need to provide an awareness program for this)
- *Stealing
- *Being nasty- name calling/ inappropriate gestures
- *Lying / yelling at the teacher

*PBL lessons taught during peer support sessions, once per fortnight- led by the Year 5/6 peer support leaders. Training for this in 2019.

*As incidents happen that are different to examples, teachers and students discuss if they are yellow or red to help in developing an awareness of behaviours that do not promote Safety, Respect and Responsibility.

Cessnock City Council Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation to launch the Holiday Time: Slow Down, Kids Around road safety campaign across the region 11am Tues 18th Dec Poppethead Park

Mrs Richard, Office will be attending the launch; parents are welcome to attend. **Please remind**



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES ~ Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Libraries

A range of school holiday activities will be held at Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries. A poster is on display in the school office or, you can go to their website www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au for full details. Cessnock Library contact is 4993 4399 and, Kurri Kurri Library contact is 4937 1638



Year 6 Farewell Cakes

LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ ROSTER

LUNCH ORDERS WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Term 4

Wednesday 12th Dec ~ Lucy Most (Evelyn Year 3/4 & Sophia K/1) in **ONLY ~ LAST Lunch Run 2018**
Wednesday 19th Dec ~ NO LUNCH RUN ~ LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

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***

At this stage, we aren't sure when Lunch Runs will be held in 2019. A Volunteer Lunch Helper Sheet will be included in the first newsletter next year.

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH RUN THE FIRST WEEK BACK OF 2019

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

Sporting Champions!



Well done to **Logan (Year 1/2)** for being awarded the Taree Motorcycle Club 2018 Junior Encouragement Award. His interview can be found at Kitchener Public School Messages.

Congratulations also to **Ella (Year 5/6)** on being successful in reaching the Regional Little Athletics Carnival, to be held early next year, for discus, shot put and javelin!

Help is Out There, Just a Phone Call Away

During the Festive Season and, school holiday breaks, families may face additional stress. If you feel you would like to talk to someone, there are many people to contact, to talk to; please don't feel alone, support is just a phone call away ~



Child Protection is Everyone's Business

This Child Protection Week we want your help letting your students know that Kids Helpline is here for them.



Anytime. Any Reason.

We're here. Anytime. Any Reason.
kidshelpline.com.au | **1800 55 1800**
FREE CALL

Kids Helpline is a service of yourtown for 5-25 year olds

KidsHelpLine 1800 55 1800

LifeLine 13 11 14

Hunter New England Health (pages 258 & 259 of the White Pages 2017/18 Phone Book has a list of all the services available)

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511

GP Access After Hours 1300 130 147

Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 for non-urgent matters, to report incidences

Samaritans Cessnock 4993 3400 Children & Family Support Services, Community Services, Disability Services, Domestic Violence Services, Mental Health Services and Youth Services.

iPLAY ~ What Are Fundamental Movement Skills

Fundamental movement skills

Just as it is important for children to be active every day, it is important for children to develop their fundamental movement skills.

What are fundamental movement skills?

Stability skills: Static balance

Object control skills: Overarm throw Catch

Kick Two-hand strike Dribble (bounce) Roll Underarm throw

Skill in focus ... Catch



How to:

1. Prepare to catch by holding both hands in front of the body and elbows softly bent.
2. Stretch the arms in front to reach for the ball as it arrives. Catch the ball in the hands only, not the forearms or body.

Skill in focus ... Overarm Throw

How to:

1. Eyes focused on target throughout the throw.
2. Stand side-on to target.
3. Throwing arm moves in a downward and backward arc.
4. Steps towards target area with foot opposite throwing arm. Throwing arm follows through, down and across the body.



Cessnock West Public School

Connecting Kids, Connecting Families

To connect parents and carers of children with a disability, the NDIA and local providers.

Location: Cessnock West Public School
Campbell Street & Wollombi Road
Cessnock

Date: Wednesday 12 December 2018

Time: 2-5pm

Providers: *If you would like to host a table at this event please RSVP by Friday 30 November 2018 to rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 6656 6614 (there is no cost to you)*



FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Western Syd Wanderers v Sydney FC
Sat 15 Dec, 7:50pm ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two foes go head to head! Up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match. Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of football.

To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the steps below:

Simply go to the website:

<http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>