



# Kitchener Public School

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**Halfway through Term 1 !!**

**Thursday 14th March, 2019**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a busy time we have been having at Kitchener Public School—we are now more than halfway through our school term. I'm not sure where the time has gone, but I don't want to blink or I might miss something.

Yesterday afternoon the Kitchener staff enjoyed some learning of their own. We had 'Tinker Time' - an opportunity to play and learn with some of the amazing STEM resources that are available to us to utilise in our school through CASE. Staff were challenged in their critical thinking skills, collaboration abilities and also enjoyed using Makey Makey to play video games, 3D printing and playing with Cubetto and Bee Bots. Look out for some cool new things in the classrooms in the coming months for your students.



I regularly check attendance rates of students in the school and have been amazed that we currently have 34 students (45%) who have not missed one minute of school so far this year. This is amazing! If your child does need to have a day off please notify the office as soon as possible so the absence can be registered. For any planned absences you can notify the office beforehand. This all helps with our organisation within the school.

Mobile phones in schools for students has been a very lively debate of late. In accordance with Department of Education policy we do not support any children having a mobile phone at school, and request that you ensure your child does not bring one to school. If they do bring it to school it must remain in their school bag for the day and we will not accept any responsibility if it is damaged or lost. If students are taking them out of their bag through the day they will be held by Mr Somerville and only returned to the parent at the end of the day. Please support the school in implementing this with your children.

Luke Somerville—Principal

## Upcoming student events :

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| 21/3 | Harmony Day—wear your favourite “orange” clothes—families are welcome to join us for a picnic lunch at 11.15am |
| 29/3 | School Cross Country   |
| 12/4 | Easter Hat Parade & Easter Egg Raffle—details to follow  |

## As a part of ensuring we are providing the best for our students our teachers are also committed to furthering their skills and knowledge. Some upcoming dates are:

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| 19/3 | Principal Network Meeting : Mr Somerville    |
| 21/3 | L3—Literacy : Mrs Power                      |
| 21/3 | WBSIO Finance : Mrs Archbold & Mr Somerville |
| 28/3 | SistaSpeak Facilitator—Ms Brunton            |

## SCHOOL TIMES

The school day officially starts at 8:45am, with staff providing supervision from this time. Due to meetings and preparation for the day we can not guarantee supervision before this time. Please try to keep your children at home before this time to ensure their safety.

## JUNIOR AET

Our Junior AET leaders —Maddi, Charlotte and Jaspa, enjoyed a training day at Cessnock High on Tuesday. They joined in with other students from across the area to work on collaboration and leadership. One of the challenges presented to the was to design a mobile phone app for the AECG. The students had a great time mixing with other students and challenging themselves.

## EDDIE WOO, NEW AND YOU

Last Thursday our Year 6 students had the opportunity to travel to Newcastle University to listen to Eddie Woo and other people about their experiences with STEM and the impact that it is having on the future of education. Our students enjoyed the experience and were challenged in their thinking, especially by Eddie Woo and his mathematical challenges. This event was organised and supported by CASE—Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence, which we are a proud member of. Once again we were incredibly impressed by the behaviour of our students representing our school.



## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country is being organised for Friday 29th March, and will be held in the school grounds. All students are encouraged to participate and try their best on the day. More information regarding this event will come shortly.

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Our traditional Easter Egg raffle will be held once again this year, and we are asking for your help. Year 6 are going to organise the raffle, with proceeds going towards the Year 6 end of year events. They would love any donations of Easter Eggs so they can make as many prizes as possible. Tickets will go home soon, with the raffle drawn at the Easter Hat parade on Friday 12th April.



## EASTER HAT PARADE

Hippity Hop, Here come the Easter Bunny! Our last day of term will be the Easter Hat Parade, so start preparing those hats for the parade. More information to come in the next newsletter.

## HARMONY DAY PICNIC

Harmony Day is being held on Thursday 21st March, and is an initiative to celebrate diversity and cultures in Australia. As a way to celebrate Harmony Day we are inviting our school community to join us for a picnic in the school grounds from 11:15 and enjoy some games. Students are encouraged to wear **orange** on the day.

## CHICKEN POX

Please be aware we have a student currently being tested for chicken pox. We have no confirmation at this stage, and will have further results early next week.

### Instructions for downloading our SkoolBag App

## Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

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### Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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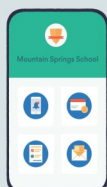
### Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

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Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag

## Good for Kids good for life



### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time! Visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids) to apply



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No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with dollar. Includes existing 5% discount.  
Offer ends midnight (AEST) 14/03/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All orders are done through the LOOP payment system—our school is unable to accept cash payments for Book Club purchases.

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## Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

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# LEGO

## BUILD. CREATE. IMAGINE.

Come and join us at our free monthly Lego Club during school terms.

ages 5-16

all abilities welcome

**KURRI KURRI LIBRARY**

3rd Monday of the month, 4-5pm

**CESSNOCK LIBRARY**

3rd Thursday of the month, 4-5pm

The Lego Club is in partnership with Ability Links NSW

# School Holiday Fun @ Cessnock Library



## Make Your Own Podcast

Ages 12-17C ost: Free

Learn to write, record and upload your own podcast with experienced music producer Carlin McLellan. Laptops and headphones are supplied, but you're welcome to bring your own.

Cessnock Library  
Mon April 15 12-2pm

## Easter Craft

All ages Cost: Free

The whole family is invited along to an eggsellent hour of Easter crafting—make an Easter chook and a jumping bunny!

Cessnock Library  
Mon April 15 3-4pm

## Seams Legit Sewing Workshop

Ages 10+ Cost: FREE

Beginners machine sewing workshop—learn the basics of sewing to produce your own take-home tote bag.

Cessnock Library  
Tues April 16 2-3pm

## Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's iPad

Ages 12+ Cost: Free

We're setting the library robots loose in Hogwarts—what will they find?

Harry Potter's wand? Magic meets technology at this kids tech meetup

Cessnock Library

## Gift Making Workshop

Ages 5+ Cost: FREE

Make a beautiful handmade gift to give to someone special—maybe for Mothers Day?

Cessnock Library  
Fri April 26 10-11am

## Film & Craft

Ages 5+ Cost: FREE

Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by craft

Cessnock Library  
Tues April 23 2-4pm

**Bookings Essential. Book online under 'Events & Bookings'**

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