



# Kitchener Public School

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## Busy, Busy at Kitchener !!

Wednesday 27th March, 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Blink and you'll miss it....I can't believe we are in Week 9. 2 1/2 more weeks of term to go and still so much to do!

All students have been participating in Mindfulness this term. These lessons are continuing into next term and are run each Tuesday by Head and Heart Mindfulness. As a part of this program they are offering a free parent information session to be held on Wednesday 8th May at 2:30pm in the school library. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along and learn some techniques that your children have been learning about being resilient and calm.

NAPLAN will be conducted at the school for all students in Years 3 and 5 early next term. Once again this year, we will be holding the tests online. If you would like further information regarding this testing please see me and I can talk more in depth about what it involves.

Our school is a part of CASE—Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence. Through this partnership we are gaining access to a variety of resources and opportunities for our students to be involved. Some of these have included Green Screen technology and the Eddie Woo excursion for Year 6. Teachers have enjoyed getting to play with equipment and are learning how it can be used in the classroom for education (and fun!). Term 2 and 3 should see an increase in opportunities for all students to engage in a variety of STEM lessons, which focus on collaboration and problem solving. This will also involve a whole school 'Early Engineers' project linked to environmental awareness. Watch this space!

As most of you would be well aware there have been plenty of issues occurring with children and online activities, especially 'Momo' and Youtube. This is a great reminder for all of us to monitor our children's exposure to online content, and talk with our kids about the dangers that can present themselves in this environment.

Luke Somerville—Principal

### Upcoming student events :

29/3	School Cross Country 12pm
2/4	Cessnock High School Visit - Year 6
4/4	Author Visit to Cessnock Public School— Year 5/6 (note to come)
4/4	Veggie Crunch Day
12/4	Easter Hat Parade 2:30pm

### Parent events:

8/5	Mindfulness Parent Info Session 2:30pm in the school library
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**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:**

28/3	SistaSpeak Facilitator—Ms Brunton
4/4	L3 Session 3—Mrs Power and Mrs Vogt
10/4	Early Action for Success Network Meeting—Mrs Vogt

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country is being organised for this Friday 29th March, and will be held in the school grounds. All students are encouraged to participate and try their best on the day. The racing will start at 12pm and all parents are welcome to attend. If anyone would be prepared to volunteer we would appreciate help with parents on the track at checkpoints—chairs will be provided for helpers!



## 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 have been sent home, 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 (12th April) will be the Easter Hat Parade, so start preparing those hats for the parade.

The parade will be start at 2:30pm in the SPR, and will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt (for the kids).

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.



## SOCCER REPRESENTATIVE

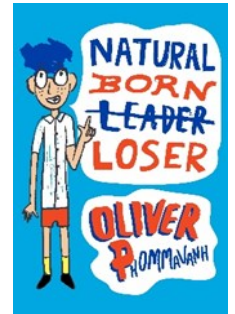
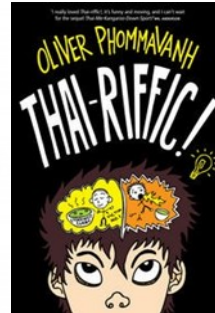
Congratulations to Ella C for being selected in the Girls Zone Soccer Team. Ella will be competing at the Regional trials on the 4th April at Tomaree. This is a great achievement to make this team, and we wish her well at the Regional Trials.

## PROUD PRINCIPAL MOMENT

Recently I had visitors to the school who commented to me on the beautiful manners of our students. While waiting to meet with me they were greeted by a variety of welcoming smiles and cheerful hellos from the students they came across. They commented on how welcome they felt in our school, which was a direct result of our amazing students. Well done Kitchener!

## STAGE 3 AUTHOR TALK

Our Stage 3 students will have the opportunity on Thursday 4th April to attend an author talk with Oliver Phommavanh at Cessnock PS. This is in partnership with Cessnock City Library and the Newcastle Writer's Festival.



## AUSTAR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A big thank you to AUSTAR community support program for funding the Mindfulness program running across the school in Term 1 and 2 this year. This is a great investment in all of our students and we are grateful for their support once again to our school.



## AECG Korreil Wonnai Polo Shirts & Hoodie Order

POLOS \$40 HOODIES \$60 available for purchase

Email [aecgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:aecgpresident@gmail.com) with your size, quantity and a screen shot of your deposit transaction.

Please submit your order & payment by Friday 12 April 2019

Sizes available: from size 6 kids up to 5XL mens & Size 26 ladies

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**EGGCITING !!!!**

Our basket is filling up—we already have Easter goodies donated for our raffle—all donations can be left at the office. Donations are greatly appreciated.

### 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.

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

**2 Create an account**  
Sign up in seconds with your email address

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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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# 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  
Thurs April 18 10-11am

## 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'**

**at [libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au)**

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