



# Kitchener Public School

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*We rise by lifting others!*

**Wednesday 3rd February, 2021**

**Bikes - Please wear your helmet before leaving school grounds.**

*Hello Parents and Community Members,*

Welcome to 2021 school year at Kitchener Public School!!!! We have such an exciting year planned for all our students and we can't wait to get it started.

We have implemented many new things this year. Tuesday is Music day with the preparation for our school Musical, Wednesday is Library day and Thursday is PDHPE day. Each morning we will be doing FMS groups which will include our school working on their Fundamental Movement Skills as well as this it will get our brains ready for the day. Friday is still sport but we now have our School Representative Council meetings so that our students are able to share their voice. Lunch orders have also returned to a Friday.

Aboriginal Education - This year we are engaging with Deadly Cooking and also Our Kinnection. On Wednesday's we have Joey Griffiths coming to our school to work with all our Indigenous students. Later in the term, we will conduct our Aboriginal Education Team Annual General Meeting.

This year we will be having a big push on increasing all our student's attendance. We are aiming to have each student's attendance at above 92%. In the coming weeks, we will be having an attendance raffle, all students who have achieved 92% or above will go into a raffle draw will have the chance to win some great prizes.

This year we also have Mrs Denning working on intervention across our year 3-6 students. Each student will be working with Maiya, Mr Firth and Mrs Osland to improve their Literacy and Numeracy skills. As a part of this we will be holding 3 Way conferences later in the term with teacher's/parents/students to create our learning goals and assist with student progress.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns please give the school a call. Although we still have COVID restrictions in place we aim for you and your child to be happy.

*Cat Boorer*

**"Vision with action can change the world"**

## **KPS Important Dates**

Friday 5th February	Small School Swimming Carnival
Monday 8th February	Kindergarten Screening
Wednesday 10th February	P&C Meeting 9.15am
Wednesday 17th February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 22nd February	AECG Meeting
DEADLY COOKING	Stage 3 - Monday's 15/2, 22/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3

# BOOK BUZZ



I am excited to announce we will be implementing a new reading program across the school called Book Buzz. Book Buzz is all about teaching the skills needed to read and comprehend a range of text types thus increasing student engagement and interest in reading. Each week students will learn and practise a new comprehension skill in class and at home.

Students in Years 1-2 will be given a home reader from their classroom teacher. Alternatively, they may wish to read a book from home or from PM Online. A reading log has been sent home to document each time your child reads so that we can keep a record. Please support and encourage your child to complete the reading record in the log. It may also be beneficial to ask your child questions about the book to encourage deeper thinking and check they are comprehending the book. Students in Year 2 have been given a wondering journal so that they can document their wonderings about the book.

Students in Years 3-6 will be allocated a Book Buzz reading partner. Each day at school students will negotiate with their partner to read to an agreed page. Students will need to read to the agreed page and complete their wonderings in their wondering journal. A wondering may be:

- a question
- a confusion
- a word they are unsure of
- a part that was interesting

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please support and encourage your child to complete their negotiated reading and wonderings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding Book Buzz.

## CANTEEN



### Friday's

Lunch orders to be placed in blue tub outside your classroom on Friday mornings with correct money in your brown paper bag.



### Wednesday's

Don't forget your library bag!

# WELCOME

## 2021 KINDERGARTEN



*Kindergarten students are all settling in well.*

Speech and Language screening form due back:  
Friday 5th February

## STAGE 3 NEWS

We have a very exciting and productive year ahead of us. We are all working together towards succeeding in our learning and setting goals this year. The students are enthusiastic about learning and will spend the first few weeks developing an understanding of expectations and class goals for them to achieve this year.

Logan, Lachlan, Dennis, Ella and Blair all agree that this year will be amazing and fun as it has been a great start. This year they are all going to work hard and do their best.

Liam hopes he gets to go to Canberra and Claire wants to go on excursions with her peers. Maddilyn hopes to run an aboriginal group open to everyone so she can share her culture.

Harley wishes to lead a football team and Preston want to run a gaming group.

Evie, Abbey, Nevaeh, Maggie and Brannan think that the timetable for Stage 3 is terrific. They love the fitness every morning and cannot wait to see what is in store for the class as they progress through the year. They know the class will just get better and better. They enjoy having extra teachers that provide more learning opportunities.

Sean, Patrick, Corey, Ethan and Koby thinks this year has had a good start with new school leaders. They are sure they will be terrific at their jobs. Everyone has made a wonderful start to the school year.

Ms P Brunton





# School Summer Uniform

## Girls

Dress or blue polo shirt with navy skirts/skorts or pants.

**Black** closed in shoes/joggers white socks.

## Boys

Blue polo shirt or light blue button up formal shirt with KPS logo with grey shorts or pants.

**Black** closed in shoes/joggers and grey socks.

## **NO NUTS PLEASE!?**

Our school for 2021 asks that parents do not include pistacios or cashews in their children's lunch. We also ask that you talk to your child about not sharing lunches. We have a child that is allergic to the nuts mentioned above, sharing or bringing these to school could potentially harm.



## No Scaredy Cats

REDUCING ANXIETY & BUILDING RESILIENCE SKILLS IN 2-12 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

PARENT EDUCATION COURSE

AT Cessnock Family Support Service - 5 Hall Street Cessnock

AT 9.15am - 2.45pm ON Tuesday 23rd February 2021

### PARENTS WILL LEARN

- An overview of how a well-honed theory of parenting (what you need to repeatedly do) can assist parents to manage children's worries.
- Coverage of how some misguided policies are making parents and children more anxious.
- The brain, including how the pre-frontal middle cortex and the amygdala operate, and where fear and anxiety originates.
- Commonly misused phrases and cognitive distortions used by children and their peers.
- A helicopter view of what risks we can allow and which require us to keep children safe.
- 'Traps and trip wires': what to do when a child's amygdala starts to play-up.
- Memorable strengthening sayings, questioning strategies and mindfulness exercises.

### PARENTS RECEIVE

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion



### WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE

The course facilitator is: **Angela**

who completed No Scaredy Cats practitioner training on 2020

### REGISTER TODAY

Register by phoning 4990 4507. Places will be limited.

No childcare is available. Lunch will be supplied :)

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Cessnock Family Support Service



will be presenting the Circle of Security program during Term 1 2021

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

**When :** Wednesdays starting 10<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Where:** Cessnock Family Support Service  
5 Hall Street Cessnock

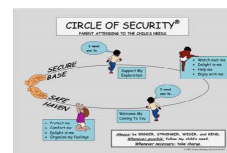
**Time:** 10am to 12noon

**Cost:** Free.

*How to be part of the program*

Contact Cessnock Family Support on 4990 4507

Registration for the program is Essential – no childcare is available



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