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Enjoy the little things.

Wednesday 15th September, 2021

Hello Friends,

We have made it to Week 10! In 3 sleeps it is school holidays.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has been working with us through "at home learning". We appreciate everyone and their efforts.

As you would all be aware the road map for the return to school has been published so if things remain the same that they are currently, students will begin to return to school on Monday October 25th. We have plans in place for all possibilities.

At this point if things remain as they are:

- booklets will be ready to pick up from 10am Tuesday 5th October.
- Each week after, this new booklet will be picked up and old booklets dropped off on Mondays from 9:30am.
- Monday 25th October students will return to school in a staggered way.

If things change and we happen to come out of lock down:

- we will convey this on Skool Loop and Facebook.
- students will use work booklets for at school learning.

Thank you for continuing on this journey with us. We hope that you have some fun in the holidays. We can't wait to have you all back on school grounds.

Take care.

Cat Boorer

Principal

"Vision with action can change the world"

KPS Important Dates

Kindergarten 2022 Transition first day

Postponed (date TBA)

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 17th September

Labour Day (Public Holiday)

Monday 4th October

Students first day back Term 4

Tuesday 5th October

(return date, yet to be confirmed)

OFFICE NEWS

Kinder Transition

2022 Kindy Parent and Carer Information Packs

Information packs for new families with children enrolling in Kindergarten in 2022 will be emailed out by the end of this week.

Resources for orientation will also be uploaded to our website Orientation to Kitchener Public School - Kitchener Public School (nsw.gov.au)

A Zoom meeting will be held early in term 4 to answer any questions that new parents/carers may have about starting school in 2022.

Details about transition to school visits will be shared with families as soon as we know of any changes to the current situation.



New Enrolments

If any families know of new families with primary school-aged children moving into the Kitchener area/new housing estates over the school holidays or coming months, please pass on the school's phone number so that they can contact the school regarding enrolment for Term 4 and, next year.

CONTACT DETAILS

We need all family/parent/carers contact details kept up to date with the office.

Any changes of phone numbers/addresses/email addresses/work phone numbers or family situations - Please update at your earliest convenience.

Please email any changes to the following email address:

kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SKOOL LOOP

We will be using the Skool Loop app as a means of communicating as well as Facebook.

Please download if you haven't already done so.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Online Learning

OUTSIDE FUN LEARNING ACTIVITY

To enjoy the beautiful weather that the start of spring has brought us, Year 2 went outdoors to create these gorgeous nature shadow pictures. We think they look *amazing!*

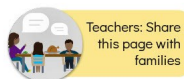


Get the Seesaw Family App - Android

See your student's work, continue the conversation about learning at home, and celebrate progress.

Click on the Google Play Store. Search for "Seesaw Family"

Seesaw Parent and Family is the correct app to download. Click "Get"

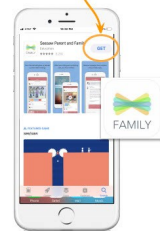


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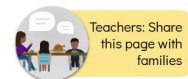
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Lost your Apple ID? In the Settings app, click on "iTunes and App Store". Your ID will be listed there.



Community News

Cessnock City Library Update

As the library is still closed, holiday events have moved online - one of the upsides of that is there's no limit on numbers - everyone gets to join in! See below for details.

Holiday Fun at Home! Spring has sprung, and Cessnock City Library has lots of great ideas for you to enjoy these beautiful Spring days, both inside and outside, from making your own bird feeder, kitchen scraps gardening and cooking up a storm, to mixing up your own Harry Potter Potions!

Hop onto Cessnock City Library's website and look for School Holiday Fun – heaps of sustainable and fun activities to enjoy! Throughout the holidays, we'll be posting how-to videos on our Facebook page and YouTube channel, so keep an eye out for them!

For the littlies, we're scheduling a Facebook Live Storytime with Sandy on both Wednesdays of the holidays at 11am - **check the Library's Facebook page for the Event listing!**

Keeping Kids Active

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

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Live Life Well @ School

Gardening - fairy

TIPS

- Create a fairy garden by choosing a pot plant or spot in the garden to decorate.
- Use your imagination!



SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- fine motor skills, Science & Technology.

REFERENCES

Search fairy garden ideas.

Gardening - food

TIPS

- Plant fruit, veg or herbs.

RESOURCES

Garden pot/spot, soil, seeds/seedlings, coconut fibre brick, compost.



SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE-fine motor skills, nutrition education.

REFERENCES

Search 'munch and crunch garden'. See composting and worm farming videos and fact sheets at www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Gardening - bees

TIPS

- Create a bee highway stop (native bees need to rest every 500m) by planting pollinator plants e.g. lavender and rosemary, pansy, nasturtium.
- Put out a shallow dish of water with a rock in it.
- Build a bee hotel <https://www.abc.net.au/life/how-to-make-a-bee-hotel/11492162>
- Watch the bees and butterflies come!



RESOURCES

Garden spot/plot, garden seeds/seedlings.

SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- fine motor skills, Science & Technology.

Hula hoop

TIPS

- Create a routine.
- Add music.
- Search for 'hula hoop tricks' online.
- Challenges: Who can hula hoop for the longest time? Who can do the most tricks?



SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- FMS, Creative Arts

REFERENCES

Search 'hula hoop activities for physical education'.

Hide and seek

TIPS

- Hide and chase!



SKILLS DEVELOPED

PDHPE- FMS, spatial awareness.

Project Wild Thing

Movie to inspire getting outdoors and active <https://www.thewildnetwork.com/inspiration/project-wild-thing>



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Northern Sydney
Local Health District