

Kitchener Public School



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Calendar of Events Term 4

Wednesday 24th October

2.30pm Friends of Kitchener Meeting

Thursday 25th October

Year 5/6 Visit to Cessnock Library

Friday 26th October

2pm Grandparents' Day Afternoon Tea
and 2.30pm Special Assembly

Mon 29th Oct - Fri 9th Nov

Swimming Scheme 8 years and up

Tuesday 6th November

Children's University Graduation

Wednesday 14th November

K/1 & Year 1/2 Tocal Excursion

Thursday 22nd November

5.30pm Presentation Ceremony

Thursday 29th November

5pm Year 6 Farewell Followed by
Whole School Disco 6.30pm—8pm

Friday 30th November

Last day Year 6 Students attending
Cessnock High School Year 7 (2019)

Wednesday 19th December

Last day Term 4 for Students

Thursday 20th December

Last day Term 4 for Teachers & Staff



Ms Brunton,
Year 1/2
Teacher
Welcomed her
New Little
Grand-
daughter,
Aubrey Jean
on Wed 10th
October

Term 4 Here!

Wednesday 17th October, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another exciting term at Kitchener!

We finished Term 3 with a visit from Healthy Harold as part of our Personal Development and Health (PDH) program and, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) barbecue and games Reward afternoon at Poppet Head Park. Our school grounds were open to members of the community during the school holidays as part of the Share Our Space initiative.

A huge thank you to Rebecca Frost for taking care of the chickens and Erin Jackson for looking after the gardens during the holiday break as well as all of the community members who shopped at Cessnock Plaza and uploaded their docketts in the 'Spend for your School' promotion. Kitchener finished third and has \$1500 to spend! Come along to the next **'Friends of Kitchener' meeting, Wednesday 24th October at 2:30pm**, to suggest how we can spend this.

Term 4 starts with professional learning for staff including Project Nest (Real Project Learning) for Miss Hutt and Ms Brunton, Emergency and Bushfire planning for Mrs Richard and myself and our small schools' network meeting (e-SCOPE) for all class teachers.

We will be holding an **afternoon tea and special Assembly to celebrate Grandparents' Day on Friday 26th October**, week 2. Please find your invitation in this week's newsletter. A huge congratulations to Kitchener's newest grandma, Ms Brunton!

The **10-Day Intensive Swimming Program** will be held **from Monday 29th October to Friday 9th November** for Year 2 students who turn 8 years old this year and Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 students. This is being subsidised by our successful Sporting Schools Grant which covers bus travel for the 10 days as well as reducing the cost for pool entry from \$30 down to \$20. A purple permission note for each student, is enclosed in this newsletter.

Our Presentation Day collated survey results showed that 55% of students, 100% of staff and 19% of parents and carers preferred a morning Presentation with 45% of students and 33% of parents and carers wanting it to remain in the evening. 48% of parents and carers were happy either way. This year, the **Presentation Ceremony will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday 22nd November, 2018**. The reason that consideration was given to holding the Presentation Ceremony in the morning was that in summer, it's generally hot by the afternoon & evening, stifling, making conditions uncomfortable and tiring for students, parents, toddlers and, Grandparents. Further discussion and consideration for a change to a morning Presentation Ceremony may take place next year.

Mrs Cathy Vogt (Relieving Principal)

Kinder Transition Visits

Thursday 25th October ~ classroom visit with parents **10am—12pm**

Thursday 1st November —children visit classroom **10am—12pm** whilst parents & carers attend an Information Session

Thursday 8th November —children visit classroom **10am—12pm** whilst parents & carer attend workshops

Thursday 15th November —children visit **10am—12pm**

A Parent Information Evening will also be held with date & time to be advised.

CARTOON WORKSHOPS

Weekend Cartoon Camps/Workshops by Cartoon Kingdom will be held on the Central Coast (Gosford) on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November and, in Newcastle (Lambton) on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th November. Brochures are available in the school office.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS ~ APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2020

Key Dates ~

Tuesday 9th October, 2018 ~ Website Opens for Online Applications

Monday 12th November, 2018 ~ Application Website Closes

Thursday 14th March, 2019 ~ Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 5th July, 2019 ~ Parents advised of Placement Outcome

If you are considering lodging an application for your child, please see your child's classroom teacher, Miss McKenna Hutt or, the Relieving Principal, Mrs Cathy Vogt.

An Information Booklet is available for viewing on the website. **Please read this booklet carefully before applying.** There is more information at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc> **Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.**

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

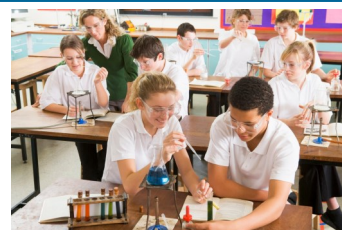
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[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Excursion to Tocal Homestead

Wednesday 14th November, 2018

Our wonderful small schools (Congewai, Mulbring and Kitchener) are combining this year to participate in an exciting and educational excursion to Tocal Homestead. Joining together on excursions such as these enables schools to reduce costs for parents, while allowing students the chance to mix with students of the same age from other local schools. A bright yellow permission note, with full details, is enclosed in this newsletter for students in K/1 and Year 1/2.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY ~ AFTERNOON TEA & SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ~

Friday 26th October 2pm

We wish to recognise the invaluable contribution our grandparents make to our students lives. A Grandparent's Day Afternoon Tea will commence at 2pm next Friday (26th October) in the SPR and will be followed by a Special Assembly. Please come along and join other grandparents for a cuppa, slice, cake, a catch up and, a Special Assembly from 2pm.

LUNCH RUN HELPERS ~ ROSTER LUNCH ORDERS WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Term 4

Wednesday 17th Oct ~ Linda Cunningham (Ella Year 5/6)

Wednesday 24th Oct ~ Allan Bamford (Allanna K/1)

We do require more volunteers to assist with our Lunch Orders, on Wednesdays. If you are able to assist, please let the office know.

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

Years 3/4 & 5/6 Creating Mini Electric Vehicle Robots during Technology Time



iPLAY ~ Importance of Physical Activity

Get Active!

Regular physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Making physical activity a priority and encouraging good habits in children from an early age is important and can help them to develop the skills they need to be active throughout their lives.

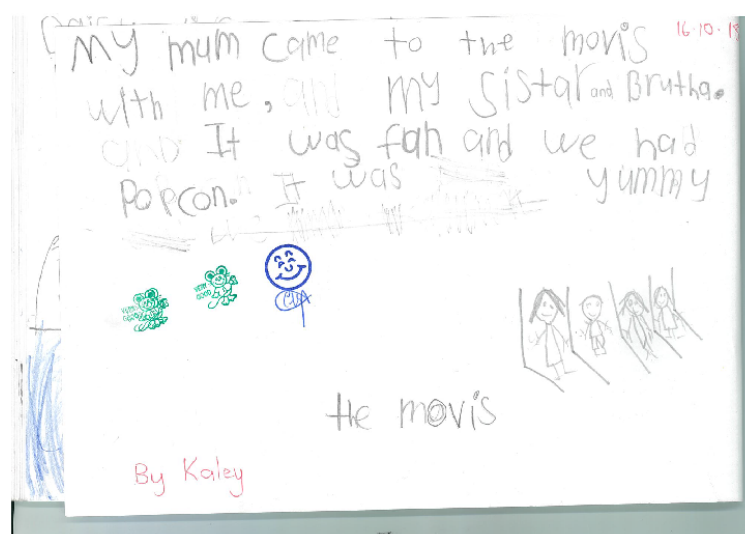
Why is being active important?

Children benefit greatly from being active as it can:

- Promote healthy growth and development
- Build strong bones and muscles
- Improve movement skills
- Improve cardiovascular fitness
- Help achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- Improve academic achievement
- Help relaxation
- Provide opportunities to make friends

Improve self-esteem and self-confidence

Children who are not physically active enough will not have the opportunity to gain these benefits and are at an increased risk of becoming overweight or obese. Being overweight or obese long term can contribute to conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, and heart disease.



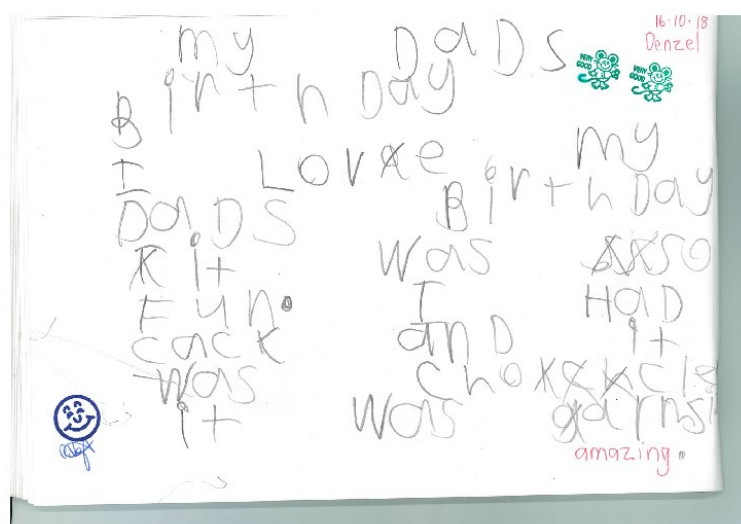
VARIETY KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ 4pm—8pm
Wednesday 21st November
McDonald Jones Stadium



Variety, the Children's Charity NSW/ACT is holding a Christmas Party for children with disabilities aged from 0—18 years and, children who are disadvantaged aged 0—12 years old, along with families.

Registration is required by 19th October. Call 4965 4911 or access via website kidsxmasparty.org

K/1
School
Holiday
Stories



CESSNOCK CAROLS in the PARK ~ Cessnock Showground
Friday 7th Dec 2018

