Wednesday 6th February, 2013

KITCHENER KITE
“Aiming High”

Mr Osland’s Oracle

WELCOME TO THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR.
Welcome to our new and existing parents, students and caregivers to another wonderful year at Kitchener Public School.

I would like to welcome Ms Patricia Brunton (3/4) and Mrs Lauren Terrill (5/6) to our teaching staff and welcome back Ms Judy Fradd (1/2) and Mrs Sue Firth (K/1). Our teachers and support staff here are amazing and your support is always appreciated.

This term has already started with a great deal of enthusiasm with all classes straight away into their work, supported by high expectations. All classes will have their class timetables up on the school website together with a guide of what units they will be studying. Any parent that wishes to be involved please let us know.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS
Our school will be involved in two new initiatives in 2013 ~ Active After Schools (AAS) (Tuesday and Thursday 3.15-4.15) and our School Learning Centre (Monday and Wednesday 3.15-4.15). Both of these will involve active participation by the students, parents and the teachers to support positive life long learning. Thankyou to Mrs Smith (Callan’s mum) who has organised our healthy afternoon tea for AAS.

2013 LEADERS
I would like to congratulate our elected school leaders for 2013:
Captains - Chloe & Mat S
Vice Captains- Jasmine & Paige H
Sports Captains and Vice Captains - Brynn & Paige W (Richmond), Jayden G & Lochlan (Heddon), Oliver & Jackson (Stanford).

SPECIAL LEADERS ASSEMBLY:
Tuesday 19th February
A Special Leaders Assembly will be on Tuesday 19th February.

Our school leaders will be involved in a number of leadership opportunities in the school throughout 2013.

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
It was great to see all our students who participated in the small schools swimming carnival yesterday (Tuesday 5th February). It was a pleasure to hear all the positive reports from those at the pool. Special thank you to all parents who assisted with transport and stayed to support our school.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING
Please let me know if there is anything that I can do in regards to supporting your child/children’s learning in 2013. Looking forward to a great year.

Quote of the Fortnight
‘There is no telling how many steps you will have to run while chasing a dream.’
WORKBOOKS & SCHOOL FEES

This year, will see the school not have work books for mathematics. Due to ongoing costing and upgrading of technology (iPads) we are asking for 2 small levies to assist our school. There will be a

- $20 technology levy and,
- $20 general resource levy.

This works out at $40 per year, per child (which is equal to $1 per school week). Payments are to be made as one payment for each of the levies. If there are any concerns in regards to this matter please notify the school.

Invoices will be issued in the coming weeks; these can be retained by parents to assist them in claiming educational costs at the financial year.

VOLUNTEER PARENT CLASSROOM HELPERS

We are asking for any parents/ grandparents that can offer some time to assist in the school. This may be with reading groups, sport, gardening or creative arts. Our MultiLit program is well-established and would greatly benefit with the assistance of parent volunteers. If you are able to help with any of these programs, please contact the school. All volunteer helpers will be given every assistance and support to ensure that they feel comfortable in assisting.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our school will be holding a school fundraiser in the form of a chocolate drive. Boxes of chocolates will be sent home with each family (eldest child) next Monday (11th February).

This initiative is by Mrs Katrina Moss (Ellie) who will be conducting all aspects of the fundraiser processes. Dates for return of money/unsold chocolates will appear in the next newsletter.

New School Times

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Captains and Vice Captains

Sports Captains and Vice Captains

Our School Leaders will take their pledge for 2013 at the assembly 2.30pm Tuesday 19th February.

We welcome all parents to attend.
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Kitchener Public School Back Pack and Library/Home Reader Bag

We have two School Back Packs and a Library/Home Reader Bag on display in the foyer of the school office. Each new Kindergarten student will be given a Library/Home Reader Bag when they commence school each year. Library bags can also be purchased for current students. We also have 2 School Back Packs on display. Both these items are in our school colour, complete with the Kitchener School logo are tough and durable and have a 15 year warranty. The larger bag has multiple compartments, is made of a more durable material and would suit older students. The smaller, medium-sized bag would suit all students. The library bag and both back packs bags are on display in the school office foyer.

The cost of these items are ~

- School Mighty Tuffpack Back Pack: $35.00
- School Osteo Snr Back Pack: $55.00
- Library/Home Reader Bag: $10.00

If you are interested in purchasing either of these items, please complete the tear off slip below and return, along with the money, to the school office.

Cut along < dotted line

Kitchener Public School
Bag Order

I would like to order the following item/s:

- School Mighty Tuffpack Back Pack: X ___________ $35.00 = $_________
- School Osteo Snr Back Pack: X ___________ $55.00 = $_________
- Library Bag: X ___________ $10.00 = $_________

$__________ is enclosed.

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Parent Name  Date  Contact Phone Number
**P&C NEWS**

**P&C MEETING ~ 6pm Tuesday 12th February**

Our next P&C Meeting will be held at 6pm next Tuesday 12th February. Many topics will be discussed, including Lunch Run Volunteers, fundraising and charities to support. All parents are welcome to attend, with a special invitation to new parents to our school.

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**LUNCH RUN VOLUNTEERS**

Each year, a lunch run is organised to provide lunches for our students. To enable this, we rely completely on volunteer parents. A volunteer lunch run note is attached to this newsletter. If you are able to help, please complete and return to the office by next Tuesday (12th February).

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**Community Communications**

**Cessnock TAFE have Career Skills Education courses for 2013 ~**

Preparation for Work & Study; Skills for Work & Training; Career Education & Employment for Women; Tertiary Preparation; English for Speakers of Other Languages; Access to Work & Training.

Contact Cessnock TAFE on 4993 0400 or Dianne Whittaker 4993 0411 (Head Teacher)

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**Cessnock Family Support Service** is offering a six session parenting program for parents of children aged 3 years to 10 years. 5 Hall Street, Cessnock 10am—12n Tues 19th & 26th Feb; 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March.

Contact 4990 2507 for further information.

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**Cessnock Relay for Life** 10am Saturday 12th October to 8am Sunday 13th October. Baddeley Park, Vincent St, Cessnock (near Railway Crossing on way to Kitchener School. Visit the website www.relayforlife.org.au for further information or phone 1300 65 65 85

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**PEDICULOSIS**

We have had a report of pediculosis (head lice) within our school community. We urge parents to regularly check their child’s hair, treat as necessary, including the removal of the eggs with the special comb. In this way, we should be able to eradicate the incidences for our students.
Kitchener Public School ~ P&C Association

Lunch Run Helpers

In previous years, a Lunch Run has operated to provide lunches to the children. We are hoping to do the same this year, at least once per week but preferably two. We rely heavily on the generosity of parents. A roster will be arranged once names are in.

Lunch Run involves a volunteer parent to come to school in the morning, tally orders, fax the order through to the high school by 10.30am, then travel into the high school to drop off the lunch tubs and payment. And, that’s it ~ the high school does the rest. Cessnock High School prepares, bags and delivers our orders to our school.

The high school is able to accommodate our lunch run orders on Mondays and Tuesdays.
All new volunteers will be assisted with the process on their first roster.
If you are able to help, please fill in the attached slip and return it to the office by next Tuesday (12th February) in time for the P&C Meeting that will be held at 6pm that night.

I am available on:

☐ Monday  ☐ Tuesday

I am able to do the Lunch Run:

☐ Once a week  ☐ Once a fortnight  ☐ Once a month

__________________________________  ______________________  __________

Name                    Signature                     Date

Contact Phone Number _________________________
This week we have been reading Silly Billy by Anthony Browne. Billy is a worrier. He worries so much, he can’t sleep. Luckily his grandma knows just what he needs to help him with this. Once Billy learns grandma’s secret, he finds he never has to worry again.

I really liked the story because I have never heard of worry dolls. I liked how we got to make our own worry dolls.   Josie

I enjoyed the story and making our own worry dolls.   Rory H.

Silly Billy worried too much. His mum and dad tried to help. One night he slept over at his grandma’s and she gave him something to help him sleep. It was called a worry doll. It was funny when Silly Billy made worry dolls for the worry dolls.   Grace