Welcome everyone to our second edition of the Kitchener Kite for 2013. As you may have already realised it has been a busy and productive fortnight at school.

Our playground

Special thank you to Dan from DNA Excavations and Jason Pont who kindly donated their time and machinery to remove a large tree in the school that has been a safety concern. This has opened up our playground and will allow us to develop the area for positive school play.

Active After Schools (AAS)

It has been great to see so many children involved in this program already (over half of our school). I have enjoyed seeing the positive actions and comments by the students in regards to AAS. If any student are still looking to participate on Tuesday and/or Thursday please do not hesitate and contact the school. Just a reminder, can all students involved please bring a pair of joggers to get changed into for safety reasons. Special thank you to all the parents who have helped out already with the program.

Kitchener Learning Centre

Today we will begin our Learning Centre within our school. Thank you to all parents who have enrolled already in the program. Many thanks to Ms Fradd and Ms Brunton who will be running the centre with the support of other staff in the school. Parents are invited to help out in the centre (working with your child/ren) to maximise the successes that we can achieve. Any question please do not hesitate and contact the school.

Cessnock Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who successfully qualified for Zone swimming this Friday. It was extremely difficult to get through Small School’s carnival. This year Kitchener Public School will be represented by: Jayden, Matthew and Jessica G, Mathew S, Willis Young, Liam, Allanha, Tess and Trinity. Good luck for Friday.

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) Choir

This year we had many students try out for placement in the CCGPS choir. This choir selects the best in the area to perform at a variety of functions throughout the year. I am pleased to congratulate Jesse and Jasmine, Jacob T and Jacob E who have been selected. I also wish to thank all the parents who have also made the commitment for the year. It is great to see our school represented.

School Student Leaders

Well done to our Captains-Chloe & Mat S and Vice-Captains Jasmine & Paige H who lead our assembly for the first time on Tuesday. It was very pleasing to see how well they conducted themselves and promoted our PBL school universals of Safety, Respect and Responsibility. Special thank you to parents of our House Captains & Vice-Captains who assisted with their badges.

Quote of the Fortnight

“When challenged how do we respond— with defensiveness or possibility.” Let us always look towards the positive.
From 7th January this year, new requirements by the NSW Government Health Department came into force making the following areas smoke-free:

- Within 10 metres of children’s play equipment in an outdoor public place;
- Open areas of public swimming pool complexes;
- Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events;
- At public transport stops and stations, including platforms, bus stops, taxi ranks and where passengers gather; and,
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building.

**SCHOOL BAGS**

Our school & Library bags are available through the school office.

The cost of these items are:

- **School Mighty Tuffpack Back Pack (med)**: $35.00
- **School Osteo Snr Back Pack (Lge)**: $55.00
- **Library/Home Reader Bag**: $10.00

All are on display in the office foyer.

**School Canteen**

This year, the school, with the support of The Khartoum Hotel (Glen and Bec) are providing the food for our lunch run throughout the year. Our lunch run will occur every Wednesday. On the menu there are a number of changes from previous years. We are trying to offer healthier, value for money lunches that are of restaurant quality. We also supporting a local business who have kindly offered their services.
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P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING & AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)
2pm Wednesday 6th March

Our next P&C Meeting will be held at 6pm Wednesday 6th March and will include the Annual General Meeting, during which time, our new executive will be nominated and elected. Many topics will be discussed, including Lunch Run Volunteers, fundraising and charities to support.

Community Communications

Newcastle University, Families NSW, and, The Family Action Centre will be hosting a 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Program to help learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2—12 years. This will be held at Koe Nara, Cessncok Public School, Cessnock 10am—12.30pm Thursday 7th, 14th & 21st March. To register, phone Lesley on 4921 5758, Mary on 4921 7925 or email Mary at mary.ross@newcastle.edu.au  Childcare and morning tea will be provided.

Empowered is a new group for boys in Years 5—8. There are outdoor and indoor games such as cricket & bowls, learning activities such as how planes fly and, a time to think about life and character. It runs from 4.30pm to 6pm on Friday afternoons at Cessnock Congregational Church, 71 Wollombi Rd, Cessnock. For further information, contact Pastor Steve on 4991 1519 or Mrs Virginia Taylor on 4991 6650.
LUNCH RUN MENU

The new lunch run menu is attached to this newsletter. Please place on your fridge (or convenient place) for future reference. Lunch runs will be held each Wednesday, unless advised otherwise.

- The price of the Chicken Burger has changed from $3.00 (2012) to $5.00 (2013) as Chicken Burgers will now be made with the healthier choice of Chicken Schnitzel instead of processed chicken meat.

Kitchener Public School

Lunch Run Helpers

In previous years, a Lunch Run has operated to provide lunches to the children. Our lunch runs will be conducted each Wednesday, commencing from next Wednesday (27th February). The lunch orders will be prepared, fulfilled and delivered by Rebecca and Glen at the Khartoum Hotel (Kitchener).

We do, however, rely heavily on the generosity of parent volunteers to check and collate the orders, count the money and drop off the lunch tubs and payment to the hotel by 10.30am. As this process is a totally local, those who do not have access to a car are able to volunteer, with just a short walk down to the Khartoum!!

If you are able to help, please complete the attached slip and return to the school office by Friday (22nd Feb). A roster will be arranged once names are in. All new volunteers will be assisted with the process on their first roster.

I am able to do the Wednesday Lunch Run:

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

_____________________________  ______________________  _________
Name  Signature  Date

Contact Phone Number ______________
P & C Meeting
12 February 2013
Opened 6.00pm

Attendees: Tracey Poulton, Tamara Phillips, Erin Jackson, Jodie Barnes, Sharon Troy, Robynne Wilson, Liz Irwin, Todd Osland

Apologies: Debra Burgess

Previous Minutes Read

(M) Erin Jackson (S) Todd Osland

Business Arising:
Postcard drop through Kitchener School zones to source new families to attend our school has been postponed until term 2. New photographers photos being used for them.

School website now has new professional photos of the school attached.

Bus times haven’t been persistent since school returned from holidays. Rovers will be assessing timetables in week 8. If you have any issues please let Todd know as he will be attending a meeting with Rovers and can raise the issues with them.

(M) Todd Osland (S) Jodie Barnes

General Business:
School uniform changes discussed. Samples of new uniform options sourced from new suppliers will be displayed in the school office.

Hats needed urgently. School is currently sourcing new suppliers for them. Please make sure your childs hat is clearly marked with their name.

New school times – 9.15am – 3.15pm is working well so far.

School has received government grant towards active kids program. This helps pay for those assisting with after school activity program that commenced today and provides children in the program an healthy afternoon fresh fruit. We have had an awesome number of children wanting to be part of the program.

Discussed fundraising throughout the year for charities such as Jeans for Genes Day.

Fruit has continued every day in each class room so be sure your kids have fresh fruit in their lunch box.

We still require helpers to keep our lunch runs. Any interested parents who can spare an hour 1 day a term please contact Erin Jackson on 0448 340 339 or Sue Wilson on 4990 2974.

(M) Erin Jackson (S) Tracey Poulton

Treasurers Report:

IN:    Hat $15
       Lunch Run $91.85
       Monster Raffle $1180.70

OUT:   Coffee Supplies $52.25
       Hats $396.00
       Calculators $210.00
Balance: $7790.71

(M) Robynne Wilson (S) Tracey Poulton

**Principals Report:**

I hope to have IPads with fully integrated wi-fi in every room – cost around $14,000

There will be no text books this year – reduces family outlay.

Discussed implementing school levis to help with future costs.

Voluntary contribution remains at $35 per year.

Any families experiencing financial difficulties please see Todd Osland at school or phone him.

We are hoping to hold 1 large fundraiser per term – the first being the chocolate drive in which most families will have a box of chocolates to sell already. Funds raised will go towards school expenses such as painting the school buildings. We have already received some quotes to be reviewed.

Discussed putting fridges in each class room and there was a unanimous vote against it.

New 2013 classes are settling in well.

The school welcomes parents and citizen helpers so if you can spare a little time even once a term please see office staff or your childs teacher.

There will be School Policy Updates in the next newsletter.

Discussed holding our own school athletics carnival at Glendale. Great response from parents at meeting. Children can dress in their house colours and support their house by gaining points for events entered. Results from events will be gathered for selection of students to represent Kitchener School at the Small Schools athletics carnival.

We hope to hold the athletics carnival early in Term 2.

There is a cross country course being mapped out around the school for our 2013 cross country.

Thanks to DNA Excavation for a terrific job done cleaning up some area of the school.

Future discussions need to be held regarding the schools Adventure Playground. Child safety no longer meets H & S regulations as some of the equipment is aging and needs replacing. This will be a 5yr plan.

Grant applications are currently underway for a netball court.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm

Next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 6th March at 6.00pm
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...

KITCHENER PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C MEETING and AGM

Every year the P&C hold their Annual General Meeting. At this meeting we plan the year ahead and all positions within the P & C are declared vacant.

All parents and members of the community are welcome to come along.

6pm Wednesday 6th March 2013

For more information:
Website: www.kitchener-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone the school: 4990 2974
Hi and welcome to 2013.

The Kinders have settled beautifully into K/1 and I am very pleased with the way Year 1 have helped and guided the new children. A special welcome to Jace who is joining us in Year 1.

The children are learning about the alphabet and letters in English and this involves a lot of hands on and group work. They are enjoying this and the results are excellent. I have also begun reading and writing lessons as well.

In Maths we have started to learn about numbers to 10 and what they look like. We are also looking at measurement and length this week. Each week the Maths focus will be put up in the room so ask your child what they are learning as the weeks progress.

If you would like to come and help at any time please let me know. All help is much appreciated.

Thanks for all your help and support.

Sue Firth and Gemma McKellar.
# LUNCH ORDERS

## 2013 PRICE LIST

### HOT FOOD

- **Plain Pie**: $3.00
- **Party Pies**: $1.00
- **Sausage Roll**: $2.50
- **Hot Dog**: $3.00
- **Chicken Breast Schnitzel Burger**: $5.00
  - Tomato or BBQ Sauce: 20c
- **Chicken Goujons Bites** (similar to chicken nuggets): $1.50

### SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPS

(MEATS—Chicken, Ham)

- **Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo Rolls or Wraps**: $4.50
- **Meat & Salad Roll or Wrap**: $4.50
- **Meat & Salad Sandwich**: $4.00
- **Salad Roll or Wrap**: $3.50
- **Salad Sandwich**: $3.00
- **Meat Only Sandwich**: $3.00
- **Egg & Lettuce Sandwich**: $3.00
- **Vegemite or Cheese Sandwich**: $1.50
- **Salad Tubs**: $5.00
- **Meat Salad Tubs**: $6.00

### REFRESHMENTS

- **Chocolate, Vanilla Malt or Strawberry 300ml**: $1.80
- **Bottle Water**: $2.00

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**LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS ONLY**

Please write order on a brown paper bag, with students name & class, enclosing the correct money.

*The school lunch orders for 2013 will be freshly made by Rebecca & Glen at the Khartoum Hotel. Their support is greatly appreciated.*