Parent Information Sessions

Our Teacher Information Sessions on Monday afternoon were well attended, with parents being informed of each class’ routine, expectations and expected outcomes for the year.

If at any time, parents would like to discuss any other issues or details with the classroom teacher, please arrange a suitable time with your child’s teacher.

2014 SCHOOL LEADERS

I would like to congratulate our 2014 Sport Captains and School Ministers who were announced at Tuesday’s assembly. They will assist our captains and vice captains (Paige, Jai, Ruby & Jesse) in making our school the best it can be.

Sport House Captains ~
Richmond (Red) ~ Ethan
Heddon (Yellow) ~ Anthony
Stanford (Green) ~ Liam

School Ministers ~
Ministers for Sport ~ Willis & Zachary
Minister for Welfare ~ Dakota & Evan
Minister for Environment ~ Jacob
Minister for Education ~ Natalya
Minister for After School Programs – Adam

HELPING YOUR CHILD BUILD ON THEIR STRENGTHS – Every Student Counts Initiative

Our school prides itself on the opportunities it provides for our students, whether civic, academic, social, sporting or cultural. In support of this, we ask any additional information about your child be discussed with your child’s teacher. If a child has a talent or skill set, we wish to know about it so that we can tailor opportunities to suit. Also please ensure that your (parents) talents are mentioned as we are always looking to provide opportunities for our students.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Last year, our school was asked to assist HOPE Estate events by running a BBQ in the eatery area at their Alicia Keys concert. We did such a good job that we have been invited back in 2014. This is a great opportunity to assist our fundraising efforts for the school, with $800 raised for each of the two concerts so far. Without the support of our parents and friends this commitment would not be possible. Special thank you to ALL involved at both Dolly Parton (last weekend) and Bruce Springsteen (this weekend) Concerts. I realise the hectic nature of these events and greatly appreciate the effort of all involved.

LIBRARY

ALL students of Kitchener P.S will be asked to use the library more in 2014. We have arranged that EVERY CLASS will have library on TUESDAYS. We also as a school committed to participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Registrations are open on the 3rd March 2014. More information can be accessed via the Premier’s Reading Challenge web site~ https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

SMALL SCHOOLS’ SWIMMING

It was great to see all our students participate in the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival yesterday (Wednesday 19th February). It was a pleasure to hear all the positive reports from those at the pool. Special thank you to all parents, students & staff who assisted on the day and stayed to support our school.

Quote of the Fortnight

“Everyone wants HAPPINESS, no one wants PAIN. But you can’t make a RAINBOW, without a little RAIN”
School Leaders

BOOKS in HOMES for Kindergarten
GIRLS ONLY SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

Select clubs across Hunter Valley Football are offering Girls Only Small Sided Football (Soccer) to allow girls aged 4—6 years the opportunity to play with their peers in a relaxed, fun and social atmosphere. For further information, please contact 4990 4354 or www.huntervalleyfootball.com.au

ONLINE BANK PAYMENTS ~ PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Hints & Tips

4pm Wednesday 5th March, 2014

Our school is offering an alternate payment option for payment of school fees, excursion and other payments, using the online banking payment system. To support this, we will be holding an information session, with hints and tips, from 4pm on Wednesday 5th March, 2014 (afternoon tea will be provided!!), prior to the P&C AGM Meeting and P&C General Meeting. If you find that this is not convenient, parents are welcome to ring or call into the school office during school hours where the process will be fully explained, including hints and tips. If you would like information on our school’s arrangements for online banking payments, please complete and return the slip, which has been given separately to the newsletter today.

Sue Wilson, Office

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### Week 7

- **Tuesday 11th March**: Premier’s Debating Challenge Workshop, East Maitland

### Week 8

- **Tuesday 18th March**: School Assembly ~ SPR ~ 2.35pm
- **Wednesday 19th March**: Fortnightly Newsletter

### Week 9

- **Tuesday 25th March**:  
- **Wednesday 26th March**:  
- **Friday 28th March**:  

### Week 10

- **Tuesday 1st April**: School Assembly ~ SPR ~ 2.35pm
- **Wednesday 2nd April**: P&C Meeting ~ 4.30pm ~ Staff Room
- **Friday 4th April**: Newcastle Wetlands Excursion, Shortland ~ K/1 & Year 1/2/3

### Week 11

- **Wednesday 9th April**: Easter Creation Parade and Celebrations
- **Friday 11th April**: Last Day of Term 1
Children are individuals and feel love in different ways.

Learning your child’s love language is like “scratching where they itch” because when you find the right ‘language’ they feel loved and secure. Which “language” does your child speak?

**How to Speak the Same Language as your Child**

**Words of Affirmation**
- Giving verbal compliments and encouragement

- “Great job!”
- “I like how you concentrate on your reading”
- “Thanks, I’m really proud of what you have done”

**Gifts**
- Showing love by giving meaningful gifts (don’t need to be expensive)

- Surprise lolly
- Special article/game out of the newspaper
- Lunch at Maccas
- Small toy or jewellery

**Physical Touch**
- Love is shown through gestures and touch

- Hugging
- Cuddling
- Hold hands
- “High” 5
- Foot massage

**Quality Time**
- Doing things together and spending focused time together

- Talk and listen
- Take one child at a time on an outing
- Play a game
- Take them in the car when you do a job

**Acts of Service**
- Doing things you know your child would like ad enjoy

- Making their favourite food
- Driving them to work/shops/friend’s house
- Feeding their pet when they forget

Cherie Gibson
School Welfare Worker
Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 19th February, 2014
Cessnock Pool

No mistaking which school these students belong to!!

Kitchener students competed in the 2014 Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival along with 7 other small schools in the Cessnock area.
School News

Lunch Runs Recommence

Our Lunch Runs will recommence next Wednesday (26th February). A menu was included in the first newsletter. Write child’s name, class, order, amount and enclose the correct money in a paper bag and place orders in tubs in each child’s classroom. Orders will be made by the Khartoum Hotel kitchen.

PSSA Cricket

Our team of 12 students will compete in the PSSA Cricket match against Nulkaba at Baddeley Oval next Wednesday (26th February). Students have been given permission notes, which need to be returned by this Friday. Note ~ Permission Note has Calvary Oval in lieu of Baddeley Oval.

Cessnock Zone Swimming Carnival

Students who qualified at yesterday’s Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival will compete in the Cessnock Zone Swimming Carnival next Friday (28th February). Students and parents will be informed once the information is received, with permission notes issued to qualifying students.

Year 6 Information Evening Cessnock High School ~ 5pm—6pm

An information evening for Year 6 students and their parents will be held at Cessnock High School on Monday 3rd March, from 5pm—6pm. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and consider what Cessnock High School has to offer. Year 6 students were given a flyer on Friday with all the details. Information for elective choices and, the ACE class will be discussed, with elective selection sheets provided and, the ACE class expression of interest sheets available.

P&C Annual General Meeting followed by monthly Meeting ~ 4.30pm

Our first P&C meeting for the year will follow the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th March, from 4.30pm. This meeting will commence with the AGM (Annual General Meeting). All positions will be declared vacant at the beginning of the AGM. The process will begin at 4.30pm, and will be held in the staff room. The monthly P&C Meeting will follow immediately after the conclusion of the AGM. All parents are invited to attend. More P&C details on the P&C News page at the end of this newsletter.

Premier’s Debating Challenge Workshop

Our school has been successful in placements at the Premier’s Debating Challenge Workshop for eight students from Years 5 & 6 for the workshop at East Maitland Public School on Tuesday 11th March. Permission notes have been given to the eight students; these need to be returned by tomorrow.

School Fees

Invoices for student fees for Technology Levy ($20.00) and Resources Levy ($20.00) have been issued to the eldest child in each family today. Parents are able to make part payments to assist in the payment of these fees. We are offering an alternative to cash payments at the office, with online banking payments an option. Our school account details are listed on the bottom of each invoice. We do stress that when making online banking payments that you include your child’s initial and surname as a reference. This will ensure that your child’s fees are credited correctly. If families need assistance with the payment of school fees, please see the office for a Student Assistance application form.
P&C NEWS...

Welcome to the Kitchener P&C news. This is to inform parents, carers and friends of our school community of the P&C tasks and initiatives for the year, where and when our meetings are held and above all, to invite new members at any time to support us and join in the activities.

MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS ~

These are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, during school terms. Our first meeting for the 2014 year will be held **Wednesday 5th March from 4.30pm**, in the staff room.

This meeting will commence with the **AGM (Annual General Meeting)**. All positions will be declared vacant at the beginning of the AGM. The process will begin at 4.30pm, and will be held in the staff room. The monthly P&C Meeting will follow immediately after the conclusion of the AGM.

P&C Association Voting Rights ~

- All members of the association are entitled to vote;
- Membership involves the payment of an annual membership fee, as per association by-laws, but *must not be less than 50c*;
- The association *must* maintain a current list of members;
- Membership does not take effect until the next meeting *after* the fees are paid (eg. Pay membership at AGM; can’t vote at AGM but can participate in general meeting *following* AGM and for subsequent meetings for the coming year).

*(Details from P&C Association of NSW Website ~ excerpts from Fact Sheet 7 and Fact Sheet 8)*

Ideas or Suggestions? Do you have a fundraising idea or just a general suggestion but don’t have the time to attend P&C meetings? You can send an email kitchener-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au via the school.