Wow, Week 8 what a outstanding fortnight it has been at our school, great work everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the CALENDAR

- SMART Science Show ~ Year 1/2/3  - Friday 21st March
- School Cross Country –10am start  - Friday 28th March
- Years K/1/2/3 Wetlands Excursion  - Friday 4th April
- Zone Cross Country  - Thursday 10th April
- Easter Creation Parade and Community BBQ—11th April (last day of school term)

HOPE ESTATE

Special thank you to all parents and friends who helped out at the CMC music festival on the weekend. The school was able to cater across the 3 days which has strengthened our fundraising efforts for 2014. Well done.

TARGETS and ASPIRATIONS

In 2014 our school has a number of goals we wish to achieve across the school year. These relate to academic, social and systems based programs/processes to continue to build our school culture around High Expectations.

We are looking to ADD to the school’s SPR (hall) were we will build a uniform shop, Community meeting area/kitchen and storage room. This will allow us to be self sustaining well into the future and allow for parents to feel welcome & supported. We hope to have some of our future uniform samples on display at this year’s Easter Hat parade so that parents can comment.

In the classrooms we are taking 5 week snapshots of students progress to ensure we are catering for individual needs. This allows our teachers to make adjustments to maximise learning opportunities. Parents assisting with homework and in the classrooms also help dramatically. Any support or questions please do not hesitate and contact the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Well done to all our students who have represented our school abroad this fortnight. Kitchener PS has again delivered well above our size with our debating students gaining a special recognition, our Rugby 7’s team making it through to the Newcastle finals day and 2 of our students, Zachary and Ethan being selected for the Cessnock Zone PSSA rugby league team.

ANZAC DAY  Friday 25th April

This year, ANZAC Day falls on the last Friday of the school holidays.

The Kearsley Community has invited our school leaders, students, parents and community to join the dawn ANZAC Day service, commencing with a march at 4.45am at the Tennis Court Complex, cnr Mulbring and Congewai Streets, Kearsley with a service to commence at 4.50am.

Our school has once again been asked to join the Cessnock ANZAC Day March on Friday 25th April at 11am in the area between the Civic Centre and Pedens Hotel.

The School Captain, Vice Captain, Leaders and as many students of our school, along with their parents, grandparents and community members are asked to gather and march;

Our School Captains will lay a wreath in honour of those who served and died for their country.

Students are to wear their full school uniform to proudly represent themselves and our school.

WELLBEING COLLECTIVE

Four staff members attended a staff health and wellbeing conference yesterday (Tuesday 18th March) which was well-received and very relevant.
**BOO**

Book Club has been ordered today (Wednesday 19th March) and is expected back at school by this time next week. Book Club will be distributed to the students at the end of the school day. Books that have been requested to be held (not given to students), will be available at the school office.

Ashton Scholastic’s “Read More in May” is their promotion for National Family Reading Month (May). During May, everyone is urged to sit down with another family member and enjoy reading a book together.

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**SCHOOL CHOOKS ~ HOLIDAYS**

Yes, it’s nearly that time again, school holidays and, once again, we call on the generosity of our school community to care for our school chooks. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Firth, K/1. Keep in mind, the middle weekend of the school holidays (Friday 18th—Monday 21st April) is Easter, and, Friday 25th April, the last day of the school holidays, is ANZAC Day.

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**100+ QUESTIONS KIDS HAVE ABOUT BULLYING**

Cherie Gibson, our Student Welfare Officer, has left a small bundle of these books at the school office for any parent (or grandparent) who would like to purchase a copy. The books cost $14.95 and are a great resource for parents and children. The questions are those posed by children, with the answers by trained counsellors. If you would like a copy, please see Ms Wilson at the school office.

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**POPPETHEAD PARK, KITCHENER IS GETTING A NEW PLAYGROUND**

Hey kids ….. What do you want your new playground to look like?

Give Council your feedback on designs for Kitchener Poppethead’s New Playground!

Eveleigh will be there to listen to your ideas and provide some sample playground designs for you to view. Further enquiries please contact Nathan on 4993 4235.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING: Sunday 6th April**

Daylight Saving ends at 3am Sunday 6th April~ wind clocks back one hour!!

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**POPPETHEAD PARK, KITCHENER IS GETTING A NEW PLAYGROUND**

Monday 24th March from 3.30pm at Poppethead Park, Kitchener.

Nathan Eveleigh, Council’s Recreation and Community Facilities Co-ordinator will be there to listen to your ideas and provide some sample playground designs for you to view. Further enquiries, please contact Nathan on 4993 4235.
**Star Struck 2014**

Kitchener Public School has been selected to take part in *Star Struck* once again! We have a group of 16 students that will be a part of one of the dance items in this year’s show. The theme this year is *Magic Happens!* There will be a meeting on **Thursday 27th March from 3.30pm until 4pm** at school for parents and caregivers of students involved. This meeting will enable us to discuss Kitchener Public School’s commitment to the show, as well as give further information about what is required from students involved.

Uni of NSW will be hosting *The Advanced GERRIC Parent Course* on Sat 17th & Sun 18th May from 9am—4pm. Cost is $365 each or, $625 per couple. Contact 9385 1972 for further details.

**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

We have established a Community Notice Board on the door of the school office and the windows beside the office counter. Posters and information received from organisations are displayed for items that may be of interest to parents or, students. Basic details are published in newsletters, with additional information on posters.

The Ashton Scholastic Book Club “orders and money” due back date will also be displayed on the Community Notice Board. *The return date for Book Club orders and money will continue to be stamped on the top of the order form on the back page.*

Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries hold Junior Creative Writing groups each month. Contact Cessnock Library on 4993 4384 or Kurri Kurri Library on 4937 1638 for details.

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**Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 18th March, 2014**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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WEEKEND OF DANCE AT WOODVILLE HALL

Iona Public School (near Woodville, back of Maitland) is holding a Weekend of Dance at Woodville Hall in early April. Professional dance teachers, Hannah Trott and Eden Read (male) will be performing and teaching at events that weekend.

Friday 4th April Hannah and Eden will host and perform at a vibrant dance and dinner evening at Woodville Hall from 7pm. Full buffet dinner and performance, $55 per head. Dress Up!!

Saturday 5th April ~ Hannah and Eden will run three lively and creative dance session for children to improve their skills in tap, circus and jazz. 9am—11am 12—15 years $15; 1pm—2pm 5—8 years $5; 2pm—4pm 9—11 years $15

For bookings and further information ~ woodvillesoa@gmail.com or, Viv Read 0414 294 339 or, Lis Smark 0408 660 638

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Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

at YOUR local Cessnock District Girl Guide Unit

For girls aged 7-18 years

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings in your area

Please contact Cessnock District Leader, Kylie, at cessnockguides@bigpond.com

OR email Region Membership Advisor at helenEG2@live.com.au

Visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..

If you have any questions please call contact Cessnock District Leader, Kylie Gray on 0410323627.

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Kitchener Playgroup invites you to join in our celebrations!

Kitchener Public School @ The Hall in the sports field, Richmond St
Tuesday 25th March 2014 from 10am-12

Bring a plate of morning tea to share

Contact us - Kitchener Playgroup

Co-ordinator- Heather 0400425739    Secretary- Kate 0439608515

"Families, Friends, Fun"
School News

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. 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:

Kitchener Public School Admin Account
Westpac Bank      BSB  032 001                  Account #  142 365
Reference <<child’s initial and surname & reason>> etc J Citizen Fees

These details are also 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.

School Tuckshop

The tuckshop is open: 11.30am – 11.40am at lunch and, 2pm – 2.10pm at recess.
We generally stock the following items, which meet the departmental health requirements:

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EASTER CELEBRATION ARRANGEMENTS: Friday 11th April

Our Easter Celebrations will be held on **Friday 11th April**, the last day of the school term. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch. Parents and students can order their lunch. Please order on brown paper bags:

parents ~ “Easter Celebrations” your name C/- your child’s class.
Students ~ “Easter Celebrations” child’s name child’s class

Orders are to be at the school office by 9.30am Monday 7th April

Children are asked to make an Easter Creation (hat, bonnet, mask etc) to wear during the Easter Hat Parade. Parents are more than welcome to help their children at home. We don’t expect parents to spend a lot of money as some of our beautiful creations in previous years have been made with very little expense at all. Using recyclable items is fun and challenging too!!

An Easter Egg Basket raffle will be held by the P&C. Easter Egg Basket donations for the raffle can be left at the office; Easter Egg Basket raffle tickets are to be returned by Wednesday 9th April (sold or unsold);

EASTER SCHEDULE: Friday 11th April

1.30p ~ Lunch (Parents and students)
2.15pm ~ Easter Creation Parade (SPR)
2.55pm ~ P&C Easter Raffle Draw (at the conclusion of Easter Creation Parade)
3pm ~ Easter Egg Hunt
3.15pm ~ home time
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 next meeting for the 2014 year will be held Wednesday 2nd April from 4.30pm in the staff room. This meeting will be preceded by the AGM (Annual General Meeting).

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held on Wednesday 2nd April. 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 normal monthly P&C Meeting (Wednesday 2nd April) 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.
A SNAP SHOT OF OUR STUDENTS
Wednesday 19th March, 2014

Kinder/Year 1

Year 4/5

Year 1/2/3

Year 5/6