Welcome to the last Kitchener Kite for Term 1. We have seen a lot of very positive outcomes occur this term. Well done to all students who continue to impress across the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the CALENDAR

- Years K/1/2/3 Wetlands Excursion - Friday 4th April
- NRL Steve Simpson Shield - Tuesday 8th April
- Zone Cross Country - Thursday 10th April
- Easter Creation Parade & Community BBQ — Fri 11th April (last day of term)

OUR COMMUNITY, Positive RELATIONSHIPS

At KITCHENER Public School, we value the connections we have across our community. We will endeavour to support student learning and build on students’ strengths within our school, in a safe and nurturing environment.

I have been concerned by a number of negative comments that have been voiced out in the community, without the knowledge or communication with school staff. These conversations do cause a negative flow-on effect within the school. I ask ALL parents and carers, if you have any concerns or information that requires clarification, please come in to talk to us.

We will ALWAYS work with our students to ensure we have students functioning at their potential, whilst working on our schools universals of Safety, Respect & Responsibility.

STAFF ARRANGEMENTS

Our Kinder/Year 1 teacher, Mrs Sue Firth has once again been asked to perform the role of L3 trainer (Literacy) across a number of schools in the Hunter Valley/ Newcastle areas. This is a great opportunity for Mrs Firth to expand her skills and knowledge, and, has a flow-on affect at our school ~ Mrs Firth will be able to impart her knowledge to our other teachers and, use her increased knowledge and skills in the classroom with our students.

Arrangements are being made for Mrs Firth to commence her role from the beginning of Term 2, after the coming school holidays, 2 days a week. It is expected that Mrs Firth will be undertaking her new role on Thursdays and Fridays.

We have arranged for Mrs Linda Finch to fill the Kinder/Year 1 classroom role for those 2 days. Mrs Finch has relieved on many occasions at our school since the beginning of the year.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We have worked hard to ensure the best person for students in K/1.

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 from the Kearsley Tennis Courts. Mr Osland will be in attendance at both marches.

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 Performing Arts Centre and Pedens Hotel.

The School Captains, Vice Captains, Leaders and as many teachers and 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.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students involved in our annual school Cross Country. This year saw many of our students display a great attitude. We were very impressed by the encouraging attitude that students showed each other. Well done.
BIKE JUMPS

Cessnock City Council is planning maintenance works to the bike jumps at Carmichael Park, Bellbird during April. The council is interested in discussing the proposed works with users of the track. A site meeting will be held at the bike jumps area at 4.30pm Tuesday 8th April. If you would like to attend the meeting or, wish to provide feedback, please call 4993 4220; SMS 0417 739 014; email greg.chapple@cessnock.nsw.gov.au or see Council’s FaceBook page. (Rebecca McDonald)

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, ANZAC Day is a public holiday. Monday 28th is a Staff Development Day; staff will be attending external conferences, so will not be at school.

Have you remembered your Easter Egg donation for the P&C raffle prize??

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.

P&C Easter Egg Raffle tickets due back by Thursday 10th April.
Easter Egg chocolate donations accepted at the office until 9.30am Friday 11th April.

Grandad Joke ...

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate!!

Taylor and his horse Cody

Taylor, K/1 attended the Moonbi Horse Sports Day (near Tamworth) on Friday 14th March, dressed as Spiderman, complete with a cape, draped over his horse! Taylor won the award for the Best Presented School and, also received 10 ribbons throughout the day.

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

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Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 1st April, 2014

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Cross Country

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**Term 2  2014**

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**SCHOOL PHONES**

Our school has one incoming phone line (4990 2974) but two outgoing lines (4490 2974 and 4991 1875). If 4991 1875 appears on your phone, please do not ring that number, as that is the Fax line. It is suggested that you put the school number (4990 2974) in your phone as ... Kitchener School and, 4991 1875 as FAX Do Not Ring.
Anger Management Tips

Anger is **always** produced by other emotions.

The most effective way of controlling anger is to understand and appropriately manage the underlying emotions that are fuelling the anger e.g. fear.

It is not uncommon for someone who is feeling fear to act in an angry way in order to protect themselves – it is like trying to push the fear outside of us on to someone else. However we need to help children learn that it is a better solution to manage our own fears rather than inflict them on another.

Expressing anger safely is also a key. Being able to talk it through without losing control is an important skill combined with knowing when to stop talking and take a time out to cool down.

Cherie Gibson
School Welfare Worker
School News

School Fees
Reminder for payment of student invoices for Technology Levy ($20.00) and Resources Levy ($20.00) 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.

YEAR 6 SPECIAL SHIRT ORDERS
Orders and money for the Year 6 special 2014 shirts need to be handed in by today (Wednesday 2nd April); this will be extended to this Friday, 4th April, but will need to be ordered by then to ensure they are back in time.......

EASTER CELEBRATION ARRANGEMENTS: Friday 11th April
Our Easter Celebrations will be held on Friday 11th April, the last day of the school term. The school will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for $2.50 each as a fundraiser for the school’s Star Struck participation costs. 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 TUESDAY 8th April

Children are asked to make an Easter Creation (hat, bonnet, mask, Poster, etc) to wear or carry during the Easter Hat Parade. Parents are more than welcome to help their children at home. Don’t spend a lot of money; some are 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; raffle tickets have been given out with today’s newsletter; Easter Egg Basket raffle tickets are to be returned by Wednesday 9th April (sold or unsold).

EASTER SCHEDULE: Friday 11th April
11.15am ~ Recess ~ Hot cross buns for all students, donated by the P&C
1.30p ~ Lunch ~ BBQ Sausage Sizzle (Parents and students) ~ Fundraiser for Star Struck
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

EASTER CELEBRATION SAUSAGE SIZZLE BBQ LUNCH ~ Friday 11th April
The school will be holding a sausage sizzle BBQ lunch at the Easter Celebrations at 1.30pm Friday 11th April as a fundraiser towards our involvement in this year’s Star Struck. We ask for help from parents of participating Star Struck students and other parents, to ensure that the BBQ has plenty of volunteer helpers. We really appreciate the efforts of all volunteer helpers, so, if you can help, we will be grateful.
If you can help, please let the school office know (4990 2974 or note with your child).
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 next meeting for the 2014 year will be held this afternoon, 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 this afternoon, 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 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 fundraising ideas or just a general suggestion that can strengthen our school 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.

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