Welcome everyone to Week 4. Kitchener Public School has seen another busy fortnight with a lot of learning, sporting and extra-curricular activities taking place.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Just a reminder that both Active After Schools (3.15pm—4.15pm Tues & Thurs) and Learning Centre (3.15pm—4pm Wed) will continue each week of this term.

We are doing NRL and, Get Movin’ Fundamentals on Tuesdays and, Netball and Get Movin’ Fundamentals on Thursdays.

To maximize the activities in the school, please ensure to inform their teacher if students are not attending. Any questions please let me know.

Any parents that wish to join in or come in with their child/children please do not hesitate to come along. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

**PBL**

We are asking any parent that wishes to be a part of our school’s Positive Behavior for Learning (PBL) team to come in and put their name down.

We are looking at ways that we can support our Universals of Safety—Respect—and Responsibility—across our school community.

This process is not seen as a negative as our students display outstanding values and behavior, in and out of the classroom. We wish to continue to strive for success in our school around these expectations. We ask our community to embrace these concepts as strong community connections make for a strong school.

**YEARS 4, 5 & 6 EXCURSION ~ Proposed dates ~ Tues 28th—Thurs 30th October (yet to be confirmed)**

We ask that all parents of students in Years 4, 5 & 6 to return the Blue Mountains & Gold Country Excursion intention slip (a reminder note has been given to students on Monday).

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child’s class teacher.
Noodle Day ~ Fridays from 30th May—20th June

Year 6 Fundraiser

Each Friday, from next Friday (30th May) to 20th June, Year 6 students will be holding Noodle Days, under supervision of their teacher, Ms McDonald, as a fundraiser for their Year 6 end-of-year processes.

Noodles will cost $1.00 each; students are to complete a paper bag, enclosing the correct money and bring to school on the day.

The P&C invites all Mothers and Grandmothers for a Mothers’ Morning Tea this Friday (23rd May) from 10am in the SPR to meet the new P&C Committee, chat about the P&C goals and plans (SPR extension for P&C area; introduction of new school uniform), catch up and relax; please come along for an enjoyable morning.

FOR SALE

Guinea Fowl for sale.
approx. 10-12 weeks.
Lavender & pearl. $25 each.
Contact Yvette on 0427 986 126
**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL & “RED” STAR STRUCK FUNDRAISER ~ FRIDAY 23rd MAY**

This Friday (23rd May) we will be combining the Walk Safely to School Day and, a “RED” Star Stuck Fundraiser MUFTI (Out-of-Uniform) Day.

* Students are able to wear RED clothing to school that day for a gold coin donation. These funds will go towards the Star Struck Fundraiser.

* A cake stall will also be held with students able to purchase cakes and slices at lunch time and recess (if any left), with funds also going towards the Star Struck Fundraiser.

* We would appreciate donations of cakes and slices, fruit etc (RED/PINK, if possible) for our cake stall. These can be left in the staff room on the morning of Friday 23rd May.

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**Year 6 Special Shirts**

We just wish to remind Year 6 students and their parents that the special Year 6 shirts are to be worn on Mondays and Thursdays **ONLY**. There could be occasions throughout the rest of the school year where students are requested **NOT** to wear their special Year 6 shirt on these days; this would be when students are representing the school, when we have special visitors or an event or activity where it would be more appropriate to wear full school uniform. We thank you for your assistance in our uniform requirements.

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**STAR STRUCK FUNDRAISER ~ FRIDAY 23rd May ~ Meal Deal Lunch**

Orders and money for the Star Struck Fundraiser Meal Deal for lunch this Friday (23rd) have been finalised. Students who have ordered the Meal Deal (for $5) will receive a hot dog (BBQ, tomato or no sauce), can of drink and a cinnamon doughnut.

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Monique: What I think of teaching the class 1/2/3. I felt happy because Gilby and Kaiden and Bella were great workers who listened when given instructions on how to make the hands of friendship.

Sarah: It was great to help kids learn to do the hands of friendship. I helped them trace their hands and gave instructions on what to do. I would do this again because it was nice to help them. I liked the experience and I could have some fun and tell others what to do. I like to help them learn and I would like to do now and then. I would like to try Math or more art next time. I got to teach and learn at the same time.

Amelia: It was fun teaching 1/2/3. My group had Lilian and Gabriel. They were really good. They worked well and listened too. It was the best thing ever!!

Kaleb: My group was nice although sometimes they got a little silly, Chloe listened and both her and Jace worked well. Jace even listened when I told him how to hold an oil pastel. They both earned Dojos because they listened and followed instructions. When I told them about the type of colours to use. They did not make one mistake.

Kahlan: I had fun and got to tell them what to do and help them complete the work.

Maddison: When I helped 1/2/3, Freya and Bailey listened and cooperated. They used Respect.

Jyordi: It was amazing. Everybody listened to the instructions that were given in my group. I had Laura-Beth, Dylan, Elke and Lucas. They worked and were wonderful to me.

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Report by Jess and Tess

We asked Year 5 and Year 3 on how they felt about NAPLAN and why. These are the quick comments recorded by us.

Jenny: Boring but fun because of Math
Leila: Really a lot of fun
Trinity: Easy. Well, that is how I found it
Tyler: Fun and challenging
Olivia: Annoying and hard
Josie: Good, it was easy
Ellie: Scary and exciting
Rory: Easy because we had to circle answers
Bella: Easy
Liam: It was boring.
Max: Confusing
Callan: It was hard
Tiana: Good because it was quick
Ben: Uncomfortable
Orlando: It was fun because I was learning more
Jessica: Hard and easy at different times. It was inspiring and confusing at times.
Karah: I found some of it easy however, the math was the most fun as it was easier than the English paper
Jayden: Good and exciting and I found the math paper the easies
Allahna: Boring, long and hard especially the math.
Sam: Boring with long, hard questions although the math was easier
Mathew Walkley: Different and weird. I tried hard with all of them.
Tess: A little hard in parts although some of it was easy
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Term 2 2014

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<td>(4) Mothers’ Day Morning Tea ~ 10am ~ SPR ~ Arranged by the new P&amp;C Committee</td>
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(Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 15th July)
The term “Resilience” can be heard mentioned in many areas throughout the community, sporting teams, schools, work places and in the media.

Resilience is defined as a person “able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions”. Resilience is a skill that is developed over time.

Last week’s focus was on the Power Tool which I referred to as the Social Tool and the focus was surrounding yourself with powerful positive people.

This week’s focus is the Thinking Tool

This tool focuses on our thoughts.

Our thoughts can be very powerful.

Research indicates that the way we think, affects the way we feel.

To use the thinking tool, recall and focus on all of your positive thoughts.

This tool focuses on reflecting upon those things that are working well in your life at the moment. What are you doing well? What are you happy with?

It doesn’t have to be something huge—just something that is important to you.

List everything that was good for you today, list those things you are looking forward to, list all the things you enjoy doing - those things that make you feel like you.

Try the 3:1 ratio

For every negative thought (something that didn’t go well for you today), think of three positive thoughts (things that went well for you today, things that made you feel comfortable).

Cherie Gibson, School Welfare Worker
Support Services in Our Area

**Cessnock Family Support Service**

Provide information and counselling to parents/carers where there are concerns with many areas including; raising children, children’s behaviour, grief, loss or change, self esteem
Ph: 02 4990 4507
Service is Free and confidential

**Group Triple P Course**

3 X 90 minute seminar focusing on parenting from a positive perspective.
Provides lots of practical skills for parents.
Being run in Term 3
Call Cessnock Family Support Service on 02 4990 4507 for more information

**Making Stepfamilies work**

3 X 2.5 hour seminar to begin to understand the complexities and uniqueness of stepfamilies and to discuss tips and hints for those in a stepfamily or considering forming one.
Provides lots of practical skills for parents.
Beginning June 17.
Taking bookings now.
Call Interrelate Newcastle on 02 4016 0550

**Grandparents as Parents Support Group**

A support group for grandparents raising children.
Meets every Monday from 10am–12noon
All Welcome
Located at 198-202 Vincent St Cessnock
More information available from Samaritans Foundation on 02 4993 3400

Cherie Gibson, Student Welfare Worker
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.

**NEW P&C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

At the P&C AGM Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April, a new P&C Executive Committee was elected

President ~ Tamara Philips;  
Vice President ~ Debra Burgess;  
Secretary ~ Sonya O’Neil;  
Treasurer ~ Dannielle Ellis.

We congratulate the P&C Executive Committee on their election and look forward to a great year ahead.

**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 at 4.30pm Wednesday 4th June, in the Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

**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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