Mr Osland’s Oracle

Many thanks to all teachers, parents and students who have made this term an extremely positive one. We have seen our students represent the school across a wide array of activities—sporting, academic and creative. Students continue to impress me with their positivity and wonderful attitudes which other schools have noticed and commented on. Well done to ALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS for the CALENDAR

We will ensure that these dates are updated on our Website and School App:

- **P&C MEETING**  
  - Wednesday 18th June
- **Footsteps dance trial**  
  - Friday 20th June
- **AFL – Tony Lockett Shield**  
  - Monday 23rd June
- **School Reports Home**  
  - Thursday 26th June
- **NAIDOC day celebrations & Community BBQ/Picnic Lunch**  
  - Friday 27th June

ATTENDANCE

As a part of our school focus around engagement, learning and students working to their potential, we must highlight the importance of attendance.

Generally, as a whole school, we have extremely good attendance, but do still have some concerns with unjustified absences.

We ask ALL parents to contact the school via phone, letter, email or School APP link to inform us that your child is not at school and the reasons why. This a legal requirement for all schools and we ask for your support in this matter.

Any concerns or questions in regards to attendance, please contact the school.

**STAR STRUCK– 2014**

We would like to congratulate ALL involved (Students-Parents-Teachers-Everyone) in Star Struck 2014. It was so pleasing to see the commitment and mature attitudes on display. Well done to all.

The Star Struck group will present a SPECIAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE on NAIDOC DAY.

**TELL THEM FROM ME – Student Feedback**

Kitchener Public School is again using the “Tell them from Me” survey which looks at providing feedback to the school regarding educational & social expectations, emotional wellbeing, physical activity and quality of learning. The survey requires completion of feedback twice a year.

ALL students in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be involved. A similar online survey is also available for parents who may be interested in providing us with their own constructive feedback. Please see Mr Osland.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RIBBONS**

We invite all parents and grandparents to a SPECIAL RIBBON ASSEMBLY next TUESDAY afternoon (24th June) from 2.30pm. Students will be presented with their Athletics Carnival Event ribbons.

**OLIVER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

Our WHOLE SCHOOL musical production, “Oliver” will be presented at the end of Term 3. Students are busily practicing lines, dances and songs in preparation for our (2) performances ~ daytime performance Wednesday 17th September and, night performance Thursday 18th September. Please lock these dates in your calendars.

We invite all parents, grandparents and community members to attend.

Quote of the Fortnight

*I may not be there yet but I’m closer than I was yesterday.*

Let our learning & life journeys be like this in order to achieve our goals.

MAJOR EXCURSION

**Years 4, 5 & 6**

Our Blue Mountains & Gold Country excursion for Years 4, 5 & 6 for Term 4, Week 4 (Tuesday 28th—Thursday 30th October) has been confirmed. This excursion is a great opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge & experiences.

Please get your deposit in A.S.A.P as we need to confirm numbers. Any questions please let us know. Many thanks!
School Photographs ~ Wednesday 23rd July

Our school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 23rd July (2nd week of next term). This will involve ALL students, ALL classes and, the WHOLE school. Students are to wear their FULL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM (warm clothing can be worn over girls’ school dresses/boys’ summer shirts/shorts). This is to ensure that the photos that parents pay for, are of top quality and that our photos represent our school in a uniform manner.

ALL students will be in class and whole school photos, regardless if they would like photos, so, please ensure that your child is correctly and neatly dressed ~ these photos are keepsakes for families and students and, are often pulled out at 21st birthday parties, and most often used in school reunions.

School Photo Envelopes have been given to each child with today’s newsletter. Any photo orders must be in each child’s individual envelope. Completed envelopes, containing correct money are to be handed in at our school office by FRIDAY 18TH JULY or, payment arrangements via online order; (details on envelope).

Family Photo Envelopes have also been given to the eldest child in each family for those who would like a group photo of their children. Children must be students at our school, and, must be siblings to avail of this special arrangement.

The various options for photo packages, and prices, is listed on each envelope.

Come and join us every Tuesday during school terms at 9:45am - 11:45 $3.00 per family (excl. membership*) Please supply your children's own morning tea. Tea and coffee and biscuits supplied for parents.

Kitchener Playgroup Contact Heather on 0400425739


Playgroup needs dress up/ costume items for their “Dress Up Corner”. Items must be washable (for obvious reasons!!). Donations will be greatly appreciated.

This is a great opportunity for families to sell those unwanted items.

Car Boot Sale spaces limited ~ contact Kate or Heather as soon as you can to reserve your spot!!
**NAIDOC DAY ~ Friday 27th June (Last Day of Term) MUFTI Day**

On Friday 27th June (last day of Term 2), we will be holding a NAIDOC Day (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee). It will be a MUFTI (Out-of-Uniform) Day, with students able to wear casual clothes (closed in shoes, no sleeveless shirts) for a gold coin donation. The colour theme is either **Red**, **Black** or **Yellow** or, a combination of any of these colours. Funds raised will go towards the Year 6 end of year processes. Activities held during the day will include Dance, Arts and, Literacy. The day will commence with a Smoking Ceremony performed by our Principal, Mr Osland (students with asthma or respiratory conditions will be able to watch from a safe distance, under the supervision of a teacher).

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**P&C NEWS...**

**NEW P&C EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Our new Kitchener Public School P&C Executive Committee are ~

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

**MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS ~**

These are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, during school terms. Our next P&C Meeting will be held **this afternoon** (Wednesday 18th June) from 4.30pm, in the Staff Room. All are welcome to attend. (It will be finished in time for the State of Origin!!)

**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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### Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 3rd June & 17th June, 2014

#### K/1

Breanna, Seth /Jessica, Levi

#### Yr 1/2/3

Isaac, Lucas / Lilian, Bella

#### Yr 4/5

Jennefer, Maddison / Kaleb, Jessica G

#### Yr 5/6

Orlando, Natalya / Evan, Ellie

#### PBL Awards

Jireh, Georgia, Chloe, Max, Karah, Tess, Jacot T, Jai McG
Aiden, Charlotte, Mark, Will, Tyler, Jayden, Trinity, Anthony

#### Sports Awards

Haylee, Taylor, Kaiden, Frayah, Amelia, Sarah, Ellie, Jesse
Ben B, Abby, Jace, Rory, Olivia, Jyordi, Claudia, Ben T

#### Birthday Awards

Scarlett, Lilian
Levi, Trinity, Olivia, Jennefer, Evan

#### Star of the Week

Callan, Josie, Kaiden, Jessica G
What we like in 1/2/3!

The best thing at school is when we do group work because it is a lot of fun. My favourite activity is the iPads. **Isaac**

Kitchener is a fun school. **Rory**

I like the oval and the top flat because this is where we play soccer. **Jace**

I like Kitchener Public School because it is fun because we get to fun things in class. **Shakiya**

My favourite activity was the swimming carnival. **Mark**

My favourite thing about school is when we went on the excursion to the Wetlands. And I really like being in 1/2/3. **Grace**

I really like doing the fun activities in class and reading with Miss Fradd. **Stevie-Rose**

The things I like about Kitchener Public School are my friends and the teachers. And Miss Fradd makes learning fun. I also like seeing all the wildlife that is around our school. **Bailey**
I like to do the good work and I like spelling. It is fun when I get to read to Miss Fradd. **Lucas**

I like to learn new things from Miss Fradd. **Frayah**

The best thing about Kitchener Public School is that it is a small school and it doesn’t have a lot of students. **Josie**

The things I enjoyed the most was the excursion we went on to the Wetlands, maths and working with Miss Fradd. **Kaiden**

I liked the Wetlands excursion and our Australia unit. **Will**

I like doing spelling, maths and our homework. **Laura-Beth**

The things I like about our school are my friends and my teacher. I enjoyed going on the Wetlands excursion. **Tiana**

I like doing computer work and our groups for Literacy and maths. **Max**

I like playing with my friends at recess and lunch, especially when we play Croos-Over-Red-Rover or soccer. I also like my teacher because she is funny and good at teaching us. **Lilan**

I like our Literacy groups are fun and I enjoy reading with Miss Fradd. **Bella**

I like playing soccer with my friends at lunch and recess. **Callan**

I like playing with my friends in the sandpit and soccer. **Dylan**

I like to do art with Miss Fradd. In Literacy groups I like using the iPads. **Gilby**

I enjoyed going on the excursion to the Wetlands. It was a lot of fun. **Elke**
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. This term we have focused the **Power Tool** and the **Thinking Tool**

This week’s focus is the **Active Tool**

The Active Tool focuses on getting out there and using energy. Getting Active has the potential to reduce stress and just make us feel better and see things more clearly.

A list of examples that students from years 1/2/3 have come up with are;

- Jumping on the trampoline
- Running around the oval
- Playing handball
- Kicking the ball
- Soccer

Cherie Gibson
School Welfare Worker
**Vacation Care during School Holidays**

Cessnock Multipurpose Children’s Centre is a long Day Care Centre that also offers Vacation Care for school aged children in Cessnock.

**Location:**
Cessnock Multipurpose Children’s Centre
3-9 Dudley St, Cessnock
Phone: 4990 2687
Please mention eChildcare when you contact this service

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**Group Triple P Course**

**POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**

This is a 7 week group program with 6 face to face group sessions and 1 individual phone call session

Commences Thursday 31st July 2014 to Thursday 11th September 2014
10.00am to 12.30pm at 5 Hall Street, Cessnock

**Bookings are essential**
Contact Cessnock Family Support Service
499 04507

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**Counselling Services**

Interrelate provide counselling for individuals, couples and children and are located in Newcastle and Maitland.

If you would like an appointment please call Interrelate Newcastle on
02 4016 0550

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**Catholic Care**

**Cessnock Youth & Family Support Program**

This is a free service which provides support, advice and referrals to young people aged 12-18 years and their parents or carers in the Cessnock LGA who are struggling with or need support in many areas including;

- Relationships with peers, family members or partners
- Behavioural/emotional issues
- Health including mental health plus more…

For more information contact;
Cessnock Youth & Family Support Program
Phone: 0409 921083

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Cherie Gibson
School Welfare Worker
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  

**Term 2 2014**

**Week 8**

Wednesday 18th June  
P&C Meeting ~ 4.30pm in Staff Room

Friday 20th June  
“Footsteps Dance” 9.30am—11am (Free)

**Week 9**

Monday 23rd June  
AFL-Tony Locket Shield @ Terelba

Tuesday 24th June  
SPECIAL Athletics Ribbon Assembly  
Last Tuesday AASC activities for term

Wednesday 25th June  
Last Learning Centre for term

Thursday 26th June  
Last Thursday AASC activities for term

Friday 27th June  
NAIDOC Day ~ Mufti (Out-of-Uniform) Day; Gold Coin Donation ~ wear Yellow, Black or Red

COMMUNITY BBQ—PICNIC LUNCH

Last Day of Term 2

(Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 15th July)

**Term 3 2014**

**Week 1**

Monday 14th July  
Staff ONLY return for Term 3

Tuesday 15th July  
Students return for Term 3

**Week 2**

Wednesday 23rd July  
School Photographs (involves all students, all classes, whole school group photo, staff)

**Week 3**

Monday 28th July—Friday 1st August  
Education Week

Friday 1st August  
CESSNOCK Zone Athletics Carnival—Turner Park

**Week 4**

Monday 4th—Friday 8th August  
Combined Education & Book Weeks Book Fair Display (Scholastic Book Fairs)

**Year 6 Special Shirts**

Year 6 students special Year 6 shirts are to be worn on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY.

“Greet Grug at Morpeth” Book signing with author/illustrator, Ted Prior.  
**Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June.** Morpeth Gallery, 5 Green Street, Morpeth. Free entry. Book signings 11am—1pm & 2pm—3pm. (More details on office door noticeboard)

**Noodle Day ~ Friday 20th June  Year 6 Fundraiser**

A Noodle Day will be held at lunch time this Friday (20th June). Noodles will cost $1.00 each; students are to complete a paper bag, enclosing the correct money and bring to school on the day.