Mr Osland’s Oracle

Welcome everyone to our last edition of The Kite for Term 3. The past fortnight has seen a lot of action taking place in our school.

Our school performance, “Oliver!” has taken shape, showcasing the creative talents we have in our school.

We have started our evaluation process to move forward into our next strategic school plan and we hope to continue our values around High Expectations and Positive Relationships.

We always greatly appreciate the wonderful support within our school community; your support with time and effort is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2015-2017

We had our first evaluation school focus group on Friday 12th September where we asked some simple questions regarding what the school is doing well and how can we improve. The information collected is confidential and extremely helpful as we move forward. Your constructive feedback is always welcomed.

Our next focus group will be on Friday 17th October (Week 2 Term 4). If you are interested in being a part of this evaluation process, please let us know.

SPECIAL THANK YOU—RE : OLIVER

A special thank you to the staff of Kitchener PS, in particular Ms Brunton & Ms Munday for all their efforts, enthusiasm and vision. It has been an amazing journey from initial conversations earlier in the year. Well done.

Also, thank you to the many parents who have made curtains, searched for, and made costumes, painted props, assisted with dress rehearsals, moved furniture and cleaned our SPR to give us more room for seating.

You have ALL been a GREAT help in making our school musical such a wonderful experience. Your support is greatly appreciated as strong partnerships and collaboration make for strong school communities.

Enrol NOW for 2015

If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child that wishes to enrol, please ask them to come in and have a look at the school.

Our first 2015 Kinder transition program day will be Wednesday 22nd October starting at 10 am. This will be a part of our KINDER KITES program to support students coming into our school.

As we are offering ongoing morning visits within the classrooms to assist new students with their journey into big school—we would like to send out information to our parents; please ensure your details have been given to the office so that we do not miss anyone.

NAPLAN

Last week the school handed out the parent NAPLAN information letters to parents of students in Years 3 and 5.

This information shows how students went in the point in time assessment task that occurred earlier in the year.

We will be holding an information session early in Term 4 to discuss the achievements, and areas for development in the school whilst letting parents know how they can assist their own children.

Any questions prior to this meeting please see your child’s classroom teacher.

UPCOMING DATES

(Dates updated on School Website and APP):

- “OLIVER!!” Performance
  Wednesday 18th September
  6.00pm—7.30pm (approx.)
- Last day of Term 3 (MUFTI) Out of Uniform Day - Friday 19th September
- Students return—Day 1 Term 4 - Tuesday 7th October

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Quote of the Fortnight

Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

William J Bryan

FUNKY JUNK Flea Market—Cessnock

On the weekend, a number of parents and students ran the BBQ at the Funky Junk Flea Market opposite Woolworths. They also handed out K.P.S Fete flyers and school enrolment postcards.

The school raised $400 for their efforts. Well done!
Two weeks ago, our SASS (School Administrative Support Staff) celebrated Recognition Week, with this year’s theme, “Stepping up to the Challenge”.

Kitchener Public School’s SASS team is ~ Ms Sue Wilson (School Admin Manager), Mrs Teresa Lewis (School Admin Officer), Mrs Virginia Taylor (School Learning Support Officer), Mrs Monique Osland (School Admin Officer and, School Learning Support Officer), and, Mr Wayne Blake (General Assistant).

Each member of SASS teams is vital to the smooth-running of not only our school, but every school. Many of the things we (SASS) do are done without fuss or bother, with no recognition expected, or sought. We just do it. Yes, we step up to the challenge, and will continue to do that, taking pride in our achievements and efforts with all challenges we face.

We wish to thank each of our school’s SASS team members for their time and effort in ensuring that Kitchener school has a reliable, self-less SASS team. As a way of saying ‘thank you’, a healthy, bonus lunch treat was held each day of SASS Recognition Week so that each SASS team member had the opportunity to celebrate and, be celebrated.
Sizzling Spring Sevens Camp ~ NSW Rugby 7’s
Rugby 7’s is making its Olympic debut in Rio in 2016 and this camp is an ideal place to learn the basics of seven-a-side rugby in a fun, safe environment. Each participant will receive a 7’s hat, 7’s towel and experienced coaching from NSW Participation staff.

Age Groups: U7’s—U12’s  Cost: $140
Location: No 5 Sportsground Smith Street, Newcastle West
Date:  Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September (school holidays)

Register now. www.nswrugby.com.au

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
- Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension

IRLEN DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC NEWCASTLE
Wallsend Ph: 4955 6904

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Sunday 5th October
Daylight Saving commences at 2am Sunday 5th October ~
wind clocks forward one hour!!

Cessnock Amateur Swimming Club’s 2014/15 season will commence on Monday 13th October at Cessnock Pool. Learn to swim (Tadpoles) sessions will be held 3.45pm—4.15pm and 4.15pm to 4.45pm on Mondays. Squad Training and Stroke Correction sessions Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Registration fees ~ $80 for the first swimmer (per family); $80 for the second swimmer (per family); and, $75 for the third swimmer (per family). For enquiries or further information, please contact Natalie (Chairperson) 0407 452 582 or Teresa 0401 349 997.

PARENTS’ WALKING CLUB

Morning everyone!
“Walk and Talk” group is open for all mums and dads and grandparents of our school. With spring and summer coming on, there will be an ever-changing scenery to enjoy.

Just meet at the school front gate, wearing comfortable walking shoes, with a drink bottle, hat, sunnies and, we’re off!!

The group leaves the front gate around 9.15am Monday morning and 2.00pm Friday afternoon.

Virginia Webb (mum of Elke & Ruby)
Welcome to the Kitchener P&C NEWS.

We ask any parents & friends of Kitchener Public School to come and say hello or offer an opinion to make our school the best it could possibly be. Our main goal is to support the school through events and activities that maximum the opportunities the students.

Any support is greatly appreciated as many hand make light work.

MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS

UNIFORMS

The new uniforms have now been ordered and will be available for purchase by the end of October, in time for the new Kindergarten’s Orientation Day. Uniform packs will be made available for purchase for the new Kindergartens only.

The P&C Uniform Shop will be located in the Kitchener Community Hall; we will notify all parents of the morning/s & allocated times when the Uniform Shop will be open for purchases, once the new uniforms have arrived.

Our Father’s Day Stall was successful; we hope all the Dad’s enjoyed their gifts. Thank you to those who kindly donated gifts.

P&C SCHOOL FETE

The P&C School Fete has now changed dates (due to the Rolling Stones Concert on 15th Nov). The Fete will now be held on the Saturday 22nd November. We were able to re-book all the entertainment & attractions, which was great. Enzo Café & Maitland Goal have kindly donated prizes for the raffle. As per the flyer that went home recently, we would appreciate donations for the ‘White Elephant Stall’ ~ Books, DVD’s, Bric-a-brac, home-wares, etc. (plants, jams etc... closer to the date).

Please drop these off into the school office. Also “fill a jar” with any little trinkets ~ toys, lollies, hair ties or anything else you can think of! If you have any ideas for the fete please see one of the P&C ladies.

There will be a display of classic cars in the oval at the Fete ~ if you have, or know of anyone who has a classic car that might like to display, please contact one of the P&C members, or, the school office. Spaces are limited!!

All are welcome to come along and join our next meeting -
Friday 10th October, 9.15am in the Community Hall.

Please find the minutes from our previous meeting on the School Website (via the P&C tab (8th tab) on the main page of the school website). A copy of each of the minutes from April to September has been given to each family with today’s newsletter.

Cheers,
Kitchener Public School P&C Association Executive Committee.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Term 3 2014

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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 Ms Brunton, Year 4/5. Keep in mind, the last weekend of the school holidays (Saturday 4th—Monday 6th October) is the Labour Day long weekend ~ the chooks will need to be cared for on the Monday before school returns. All students and staff return for Term 4 on Tuesday 7th October.
Children who feel valuable, and, who trust themselves, tend to grow up having a positive and healthy self esteem. We can also help children feel valuable by helping them discover and become the person they want to be.

What is Quality Time?

Quality time is time that is set aside for paying full and undivided attention to the person or matter at hand. It may also refer to time spent together performing a favourite activity.

The school holidays are approaching very quickly and there are many excited yet, at the same time, some very tired and exhausted children. Holidays provide opportunities for many things, including many opportunities to spend quality time with our children. This may come in the form of reading a book together, playing outside and inside games together, going for bushwalks together or just listening to our children.

Spending time together, being totally focused on our children, can help them to feel valued.

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Enjoy the holiday break with your children and

I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Cherie Gibson
School Welfare Worker
Kitchener Public School Presents

Thursday 18th September  6.00pm – 7.30pm (approx.)

Tickets now on sale at the office

Admit 1 ~ $5.00 (all tickets)   All Welcome   In our SPR

All proceeds go to the Creative Arts program

Intensive Swimming Program ~ Years 2—6 (and those turning 8 this year)

Monday 27th October—Friday 7th November (inclusive)

Our school is involved once again this year in the School Swimming Scheme provided by the DEC and Hunter School Sports Association who provide trained swimming instructors, at no cost to the school. The only cost to parents for students to participate is the pool entry cost ($2.50 per day). The Water Safety Program is run every day for 2 weeks and is available for students in Year 2 to Year 6, and students in Year 1 who are turning 8 this year. Our sessions are being held at Cessnock Pool, 10.15am—11am from Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October and, Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November (inclusive ~ Note ~ there will be no Intensive Swimming on Friday 31st October as the pool will be closed due to the Cessnock City Council Picnic Day). Also, Year 4, 5 & 6 students attending the Blue Mountains Excursion on Tuesday 28th—Thursday 30th October, will not participate in the swimming program on these days.

We will be relying heavily on the support and help of parents to transport students to and from Cessnock Pool. A permission note with full details, including parent transport availability, will be given to each child in Year 2 to Year 6 (and students in Year 1 who turn 8 this year) on our return to school for Term 4 (Tuesday 7th October).

NSW Grandparents Day (Sunday 26th October) ~ Celebrated at Our School Early Term 4

"..............This year’s Grandparents Day will be held on Sunday 26th October, 2014. Grandparents Day is an opportunity for communities to hold local, intergenerational events to recognise and celebrate the valuable role that grandparents play in society. The theme for the 2014 Grandparents Day is “At Nan and Pop’s Place’............” (extract from COTA ~ Council on the Ageing)

To celebrate our family and community grandparents, we will be hosting a morning tea in the SPR from 10am early in Term 4, on a date to be advised, followed by visits to classrooms.

More information will be provided in our first newsletter next term. Like last year, we will be giving each student a page of quick questions and feedback from their grandparents so that students can learn more about what school life was like for their grandparents!!