Welcome to the last edition of our Kitchener Kite for Term 1.

This term has seen many great things happen across our school. We have seen students grow, develop and work hard towards their goals. Our school’s expectations are to provide ALL children the opportunity to succeed, feel valued and foster life-long learning. We recognise the connections we need to nurture along with parents as we are ALL apart of a HOLISTIC learning community.

STAFF Professional Development
As many parents may have observed, teachers have undertaken ongoing professional development during Term 1. Our school, as an Early Action for Success school, has completed training in Target Early Numeracy (TEN), MiniLit (Making inroads into Literacy) and L3 (Language, Learning, Literacy). These processes all support best-practice teaching to enhance our students’ learning.

We have invested resources into Numeracy across the middle years, created links with Newcastle University and enhanced Targeted Literacy learning by embedding Focus on Reading and explicit writing.

We are also enriching learning processes across the school by introducing best practices systems across our school community. (See Spiral of Inquiry – Below)

CROSS COUNTRY: Wednesday 1st April
Our School Cross Country will be on NEXT Wednesday (1st April) from 10.15am. ALL Students will be involved on the day with a modified course to cater for students of ALL ages. Students that run in the 8/9/10 will complete a 2km course. 11 & 12yrs will complete 3km. All students are to wear their sports uniform. We ask any parents to come along and support their child on the day.

EASTER PARADE: Thursday 2nd April
The last day for Term 1 will see our celebration of EASTER. We will again be having a parade (hat/poster/costume) and community BBQ. This year our current Year 6 students will organise and run the day as a fundraiser. Please join us on the day. See attached timetable for organisational purposes.

SCHOOL WELLBEING
Our school prides itself on providing a supportive learning environment for ALL stakeholders (students, parents and teachers). If this is not occurring for your child I would like know about it. Have you had a conversation with your child’s teacher OR COME IN to see what we are doing to support learning? My office door is always open—we may not always agree but I will always do my BEST to create confident, productive and well supported learners—ready to achieve their goals. We actively promote constructive FEEDBACK; together we can move forward. Any questions or positive considerations please come in and discuss how you are feeling.

Lunch Orders are Back!!
Wednesday 25th March
Orders supplied by A little Peckish Takeaway

Quote of the Fortnight
Tell me, and I might forget.
Show me, and I may remember.
Involve me, and I will understand
Confucius, 450 BC
EASTER CELEBRATIONS, HAT PARADE, BBQ LUNCH & RAFFLE

Our Easter Celebrations will be held on Thursday 2nd April, the last day of the school term. We will also be having a BBQ lunch for students, parents and visitors. The day’s schedule ~

1pm  |  BBQ Lunch for Students, parents, Grandparents and Community Members
1.45 |  Change into Easter Hat Parade ‘attire’
2pm  |  Easter Hat Parade ~ SPR
2.45pm | Easter Raffle
3pm  |  Easter Egg Hunt

Our infamous Easter Egg Raffle will be run again this year. Tickets will be sold beforehand, and, on the day. A book of tickets has been given to the eldest student of each family with last fortnight’s newsletter. We have started ‘gathering’ Easter chocolates and eggs for the raffle. Donations of Easter chocolates and eggs for the raffle can be left in the safe hands of Ms Wilson, in the office and, are greatly appreciated.

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OVERALL VIEW Next TERM

Dates and Details Correct at time of Publication

Term 2

Week 1  ANZAC Day March Saturday 25th April CCGPS
         5/6 start CAREERS through Reading

Week 2  AFL BOYS and GIRLS– Paul Kelly Cup– Max McMahon Oval-Rutherford

Week 3  Whole School Photos (Photoworx) ~ Wednesday 6th May
         Mothers’ Day Stall ~ Friday 8th May
         Mothers’ Day Morning Tea ~ Friday 8th May

Week 4  NAPLAN Assessment Program ~ Tues 12th, Wed 13th & Thurs 14th May ~ Yrs 3 & 5

Week 6  YEAR 6 and Parent’s University Visit ( Friday 29th May)

PLEASE NOTE ~ SOME DATES AND ACTIVITIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE;
PLEASE SEE EACH FORTNIGHT’S NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

FRIENDS OF KITCHENER GARDENING CLUB

The Friends of Kitchener Gardening Club will commence next Wednesday (1st April) from 1pm. This will enable some preparation work before the school holidays.

Bring along your hat, a drink bottle, gardening gloves, and any other gardening tools (digging fork, spade etc). Should be lots of fun, working away in the garden, catching up with other mums and dads.

The staff room has hot and cold water and kitchen facilities for those who would like to enjoy a cool drink or a hot cuppa at the end of the gardening session.

Will O’Neil Tennis ~ School Holiday Tennis Camp 9am—3pm Thurs 9th & Fri 10th April. Ages 5—16 years, all levels. Cost Per Child - $40 per day (can come either 1 or 2 days) $20 half day (9am – 12pm)

Children are to bring along: racquet (can be provide, if needed), hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes, joggers and their own food for the day. (fruit will be provided throughout the day)

Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided on Friday 10th April. Bookings essential by 31st March

CESSNOCK TENNIS COURTS Aberdare Rd, Cessnock
PH. Will 0425 302470 Sonya 0433 782284
LUNCH ORDERS ARE BACK!!!!!!

Orders Supplied by A Little Peckish Takeaway

Available each Wednesday only Starting Wednesday 25th March

Parent helpers are needed for this ‘morning process.’ Already we have simplified the process and it will involve a parent to collate orders to be faxed to Takeaway (9.15am to 9.30am) and a parent to drive to Takeaway paying for order and returning with orders. A Little Peckish will arrange into individual lunch bags (11am). If you are able to help, please contact the office ASAP on 4990 2974.

A new lunch order menu and price list was given to students last week. Please write order on paper bag, with students name & class, enclosing correct money. Students are to place orders in classroom lunch tubs by 9.20am.

CESSNOCK ZONE CROSS COUNTRY: Thursday 23rd April

The Cessnock Zone Cross Country will be held at Cessnock Racecourse on Thursday 23rd April, our first week back after the holidays.

The first 6 boys and 6 girls in each age category to correctly complete course at our school’s Cross Country (Wednesday 1st April) will be submitted for entry into Cessnock Zone Cross Country at Cessnock Racecourse.

Students will be advised on Thursday 2nd April if they have been successful in gaining an entry for the Cessnock Zone Cross Country. This will enable students the opportunity to practice, and increase their endurance, over the school holidays.

WHOOPING COUGH

We have recently had a case of Whooping Cough within our school student community. The parent immediately advised the school. As required by the Department of Education and Communities, NSW Department of Health and the family GP, the student was kept at home and treated with antibiotics. Our school office staff contacted parents of non-immunised or, immunisation status not confirmed students to advise parents to be aware for signs or symptoms.

We are not aware of any other incidents of Whooping Cough within our school community.
Early Action for Success Update

Teachers in K–Year 2 have been taking part in professional learning for Language, Learning and Literacy (L3 Stage 1) and Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN), as part of the EAfS (Early Action for Success) initiative. Teachers are focusing on which levels students are at in literacy and numeracy and planning their teaching for how to further progress.

A number of students in Stage 1 are also taking part in the MiniLit program. This is a small group intensive literacy program to support literacy learning in class. Teachers have given feedback that all children taking part have grown in confidence and are applying their skills in class.

Workshops will be held in Term 2, for parents and community members, to talk about what children are learning and how to support them at home and in class as a parent helper.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE ~ Saturday 25th April

The Cessnock RSL Sub Branch has invited students, staff and parents of our school to join members for the ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25th April commencing at 11.15am. Students, staff and parents are to gather in the area between the Civic Centre and Peden’s Hotel by 11am. Students are to wear the full school uniform, with pride, as representatives of Kitchener Public School.
Wellbeing is linked to how you feel about yourself

Wellbeing is not just the absence of disease or illness. It is a complex combination of a person’s physical, mental, emotional and social health factors. Research suggests that every aspect of your life influences your wellbeing.

Hints and Tips From Others on Achieving Wellbeing

- Develop and maintain strong relationships with family and friends
- Make regular time available for social contact
- Try to find work you find to be enjoyable and rewarding rather than just working for the best pay.
- Eating wholesome and nutritious food
- Doing regular physical activity
- Becoming involved in activities that interest you
- Setting yourself achievable goals and working towards them
- Trying to be optimistic and enjoying each day
- Taking some guilt-free time out for yourself

If you feel you need assistance or just need to talk to someone, make an appointment with your GP or call Lifeline on 13 1114

Cherie Gibson - School Welfare Officer
Hi everyone,

How fast has the year gone? We are almost to the end of the first term. There has been a lot of learning accomplished in such a short time and I am most impressed with the way all the children have settled and worked.

Easter is fast approaching and there will be an Easter Hat Parade on the last day of this term. Children are asked to bring in an Easter Hat from home for the parade.

Here are some photos of the learning that is happening in the classroom.
OUR BRILLIANT Year 1 /2

Our Wonderful Class

What a wonderful start to the year. I have been so proud of the way everyone is working hard and trying their best. They are a kind class and are generally very polite and helpful. Well done Year 1/2! I really am a very lucky teacher to have such a fabulous class!

We have been very busy settling into Year 1 and 2. We have set goals for reading and writing as well as Maths. We have been looking at fairy tales and creating our own, with great results. We have planned, written and published our work using laptops and proudly displayed them in our room.

We have created colourful works of art based on the fairy tales we have shared and on symmetrical designs. As a class we have been investigating the ‘Need for Shelter’ and have discovered a variety of natural and man-made shelters that serve many purposes.
In the Fabulous 3/4 Classroom

Term One has been very busy in our classroom. We are now all settled into our daily routines and have been working extra hard to earn Gotchas. We are looking forward to receiving our Golden Tickets!!!

This term our class has been revising the schools PBL universals of Safety, Respect and Responsibility. Each week we have a focus for PBL lessons and watch videos and do class activities that reinforce the focus for the week.

In Maths this term Year 3/4 have been learning so many new concepts and extending on our knowledge. Maths groups are so much fun! We get to work together in groups where we play Maths games, use technology and engage in hands-on activities that reinforce Maths skills. At the end of each Maths session we have a metacognition period where we reflect our learning. We add our learning to our reflection wall. As you can see we have been learning heaps!

A highlight for this term has been Science. We have been studying the unit ‘Material World’. We have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and processes such as heating and cooling which change states of matter. We are ending our unit with interesting science experiments!
Term 1 in Stage 3

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and we are looking forward to the rest of the year.

Our Mathematics focus for this term has been:

- Decimals and Fractions
- Place Value of large numbers
- Operations and Properties
- Inverse Operations

And we really look forward to Fun Friday Maths

We have been focusing on Expositions in writing. Which have sometimes been challenging, especially when we have to put our own opinions aside and go against what we truly believe.

Lights, Camera, Action has allowed the students to be creative and learn the history of Hollywood.

The students presented their PiPs on a actor with confidence.
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### SCHOOL VEGE PATCH

Kate Bradshaw, Georgia Year 1/2, has donated passionfruit seedlings (Ned Kelly) for the school to sell as a fundraiser for the purchase of garden soil and mulch for the school’s vege patch. The passionfruit seedlings are $2 each. Kate has about 40 seedlings. We are hoping to raise around $100. Please see Kate Bradshaw (Georgia’s mum) or phone 0439 608 515. The seedlings have been germinated by Kate and are not grafted vines.
Community Information

Parent Courses & Information


“Foundation Skills and Pathways” Cessnock TAFE. Contact Erol Engin 4993 0492

Koe-Nara 2015 Programs ~ Term 1

- **Playworks** Mondays at Koe-Nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School from 10am—12n.
- **Playworks** Thursdays at East Cessnock Public School from 9am—11am.
- **Baby & Me** Thursdays at Koe-Nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School from 12.30pm—2pm.
- **Let’s Play** Tuesdays at Koe-Nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School 10am—11.30am.
- **Tuning in to Kids** ~ 10am—12n Wednesdays 11th March—1st April. FREE Course

*Baby Clothing Exchange at Koe-Nara, in the grounds of Cessnock Public School*

Contact Jane Hodgson, Local Facilitator, Koe-Nara, Cessnock Public School 4990 9354 or 0428 263 854

World’s Biggest Playgroup Day 2015 ~ 10am—1pm Friday 27th March


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**KITCHENER PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST**

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**Boys Short Sleeve Sky Blue Button Up Cotton Shirt with KPS Logo on Collar $25**

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**Unisex Navy Microfibre Jacket with School Crest Embroidered $35**

(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**Unisex Navy Microfibre Shorts (Sports Day) $25**

(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**Unisex Navy / Sky Blue Sports Shirts $30**

(SIZE 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)

**School Hat $12**

Uniform Shop Wednesdays 9.30am—10.00am

open for purchase of new school uniforms, sports uniforms and hats.