Mr Osland’s Oracle

Welcome everyone to Week 5. Kitchener Public School has seen another busy fortnight with a lot of learning, sporting and extra-curricula activities taking place that support student growth and development.

**UPCOMING EVENTS for the CALENDAR**

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

- **Girls PSSA Soccer (Rescheduled date)**  
  - Friday 22nd May
- **Whole School Assembly— (LEADERS)**  
  - Special guest –Road Safety Officer  
  - School Tennis Rd 2—Ashtonfield  
  - Tuesday 26th May
- **Year 6 University Visit .**  
  - Friday 29th May
- **Boys PSSA Soccer Gala Day .**  
  - Tuesday 2nd June
- **Extra Transition Day for Cessnock High .**  
  - Tuesday 12th June

**ROAD SAFETY**

Can we **ALL** continue to assist our students to develop their road safety skills.

We ask parents to cross the road with their child (using the crossing for additional safety), always support the 40km speed limit around our school, ensure students exit the car in a safe manner and be careful when reverse parking.

Students are easily excitable and often display behavior that they may not understand is unsafe near roads. Please talk to your child regularly about how to stay safe in different situations that may include running around cars of their peers.

Please remember it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure students arrive at school safely (including bus stops). We also ask students to wear helmets when riding their bikes so they are best protected.

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was concluded last week for students in Year 3 and Year 5.

I was extremely impressed with how all students approached the tasks and, their attitude towards achieving their best.

A special thank you to all our parents and teachers who supported them throughout this process. Results from NAPLAN will not return until late in Term 3.

**SPECIAL THANK-YOU**

I would like to thank ALL the mothers and grandmothers who attended our Mother’s Day morning tea. I would also like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated gifts, Ms Fradd & Year 5/6 who worked tirelessly on the day. Year 5/6 raised just under $200 for their efforts. Well Done.

**PARENT WORKSHOPS & Friends of Kitchener Public School**

Many thanks to those parents who came along to our sessions today. We are trying to increase parent understanding of the inner workings of our school to ensure that we meet the needs of our community. Some topics discussed included the new Wellbeing for Schools website, information linked to learning, student learning data, Market garden, bus transport, new directions for the school including Teaching & Learning.

ACTIVE Parent participants in the school—means we work & learn together and the benefits to our students is extremely positive.

**NEXT PARENT NUMERACY WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY 28th MAY 9.30am-10.30am**

**NEXT FRIENDS of Kitchener PS meeting**

**Thursday 18th JUNE—9.30am**

**READING ROCKS Home Reading initiative**

This week we released our NEW home reading program. This program will tie in with our Well Being PBL program with Gotchas and Golden tickets on offer—Please refer to the poster on page2 of this newsletter.
KITCHENER’S ROCKING READERS

This week we kick off our new whole school reading program. All children have been given a reading log card to record books being read at home. Children may read ANYTHING they choose (magazine, Newspaper, book etc) and record the item on their reading log. The books may be read independently, together with someone else or read to the child by a friend, sibling, parent etc. We are promoting the idea that ‘Reading Rocks!’

To align with our school wellbeing system, children who present their reading log with 5 entries will receive a ‘GOTCHA’ from Mrs Couper in the library, and upon reading 10 books they will be awarded a ‘Golden Ticket’ which will go toward the 5 required for school badges.

The school library will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for children to read/borrow books and we will also be reading some books together during this time. We hope that every child in our school will participate in the program, fostering a love of literature, valuing the notion that reading is fun and it will help our future success!

WHEN: Starts Week 5, Term 2
WHO: All students Kindergarten—Year 6
HOW: Complete daily entries on Reading Logs
RULES: ‘Read’ for 10 minutes per day (Independently, with a parent or friend)

Record entry and have it initialled by a parent or teacher

(only 1 entry per day may be recorded)

After every 5 entries, return the log to school to receive a GOTCHA
After every 10 entries return log to school to receive a Golden Ticket

WHAT: Students may read any item of choice—this includes listening to someone read to them.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 2  2015**

### Week 6

- **Tuesday 26th May**
  - School Assembly *(YR 6 LEADERS) ~ Special Guest ~ CCC Road Safety Officer*
  - Tennis, Round 2, Ashtonfield

- **Wednesday 27th May**
  - Learning Centre (3.15pm—4pm)

- **Friday 29th May**
  - Year 6 and Parents University Visit

### Week 7

- **Tuesday 2nd June**
  - PSSA Soccer Gala Day

- **Wednesday 3rd June**
  - Learning Centre (3.15pm-4pm)

- **Thursday 4th June**
  - Yr 6 Fundraiser PJ Day
  - Parent Numeracy Workshop 9.30am-10.30am

### Week 8

- **Monday 8th June**
  - Public Holiday Queens Birthday

- **Tuesday 9th June**
  - K/1 Presents whole school assembly SPR (2.30pm-3.15pm)

- **Wednesday 10th June**
  - Learning Centre (3.15pm-4pm)

### Week 9

- **Tuesday 16th June**
  - Whole School Speech Competition 10am

- **Wednesday 17th June**
  - Final Learning Centre for Term 2 (3.15pm-4pm)

### Week 10

- **Tuesday 23rd June**
  - SPECIAL PBL School Assembly – YEAR 6 LEADERS Presents assembly

- **Wednesday 24th June**
  - Half-yearly Reports sent home

- **Friday 26th June**
  - Last Day of Term 2

**PLAYGROUP PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

Kitchener Playgroup is having a Pie Drive Fundraiser. Orders and money need to be at the school office by Friday 5th June, with goodies delivered to Kitchener Playgroup on Tues 16th June. A range of pies, cakes, slices, supplied by Thompson’s Bakery, can be ordered. Families (and staff) from Kitchener School are welcome to place orders. Order forms are available at the school office. May be a great opportunity to stock the freezer, for the school holidays!!

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**Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 12th May 2015**

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Opportunity Class Placement
Applications information for Year 5 (2016) is available at the office.
Applications must be lodged online.

ROAD SAFETY PROMOTION
In conjunction with our Road Safety Promotion, Cessnock City Council Road Safety Officer, Mr Warren Jeffery will be attending KPS assembly from 2.30pm on Tuesday 26th May (2015) to provide information on road safety, and, the things that all adults can do to promote a safe environment for all children in and around our roads. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited, and urged, to attend.
For more information on road safety for your child visit Safetytown.com.au

Wednesday Lunch orders are in need of parent helpers. If you can help tally orders and drop into Cessnock please fill out Parent Helpers Request form provided last week and hand in at the office.

Friday Night Raffle
Each Friday night, the Khartoum Hotel holds a raffle and have arranged to donate all money raised to Kitchener Public School. Helpers are needed to sell the tickets on a Friday night at the Hotel from 5.30p to 7.30pm. If you can help, please fill out parent helpers request form attached to the last newsletter, and hand in at the school office.

Koe-Nara, Schools as a Community Centre in the grounds of Cessnock Public School Corner of Rawson & Quarrybylong Sts Cessnock. 2015 Program Term 2

Let's Play Each Tuesday From 10 to 11.30 Morning tea provided

Playworks Each Monday From 10 to 12 Includes stories with Mr K. School Librarian

Young Parents Playgroup (25 Years & Under) Each Friday 10 to 12 Morning Tea Provided Please call Rebecca (0409855964) Or Jane (0428263854) for more info

Infant Massage Classes 1 Hr a week over 5 Weeks Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.30 May 6– June 3, 2015 Cost covered by Koe-Nara Bookings essential– Contact Paula Hartigan (0401734966)

Baby & Me Just for babies under 18 months and their Dad, Mum or Grandparent Each Thursday, 12.30 to 2.00