Principal’s Message

A warm welcome, despite the current weather, to all of the Kitchener community for the start of Term 3.

It is with great excitement that I begin the role of Relieving Principal at Kitchener for the remainder of this year, replacing Mr Osland.

Born and raised in Cessnock, I have been teaching for 16 years at a variety of schools around the state. For the last 5 years I have been at Nulkaba PS as an Assistant Principal.

I am looking forward to working with the students, staff and the wider community to continue the great progress and development that the school has achieved, maintaining high standards for all to strive towards.

Kitchener PS has a great reputation amongst the Cessnock community for its strong community involvement, high expectations for students and students who are prepared to get in and have a go. This is something I want to foster and continue to grow over the remainder of the year.

We are hitting the ground running with many events happening across the school in the first few weeks. Our Stage 2 students begin ‘Careers Through Science’ - a program run by the University for the next 4 weeks; we have our NAIDOC celebration this Thursday; the Dance Festival next Tuesday; and, our Canberra and Snow excursion for Years 4, 5 and 6 from Wednesday (22nd) to Friday (24th) July.

Week 3 is Education Week - another opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the students and staff of Kitchener with an Open Day on the Thursday. Book Week celebrations will also be combined on this day—so start thinking of costumes!

Luke Somerville

Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world - Roald Dahl

There will be no whole school assembly next Tuesday (21st July) as a number of students and parents are involved in the Dance Festival.

From the 1st July, 2015, the Department of Education and Communities became known as the Department of Education.
On Friday 12th June, 3 students from our school ~ Trinity (Year 5/6), Tiana (Year 3/4) and Taylor (Year 1/2) participated in the Cessnock Horse Sports Day. Taylor’s mum, Ms Kacey Keenan was the Team Manager. (We apologise as this article was meant to be published last term).

Our students had a wonderful day with Trinity winning ribbons in the Barrels, Bending and Utility Pattern; Tiana winning ribbons in the Diamond Flag, Utility pattern and, her Riding Class; Taylor winning ribbons in all 3 Hack events and all sporting events. Taylor also won Best Presented Junior Rider of the day. Congratulations to our 3 students.

We wish to thank Kacey for being the Team Manager, and, Jessica (Year 1/2) who attended the Horse Sports Day to watch, support and help our other 3 students. Jessica’s horse was not available for Jessica to ride on this day.

Family Fractions at Kitchener Public School!
A number of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters came along to learn about how fractions are taught across the school, late last term.

A huge thank you to Cassie Thompson for sharing her ideas, on how to link math concepts to our daily interactions with our children.

Workshops in the area of literacy will be held during Term 3 in weeks 4 and 8. It would be great if community members could share activities they do at home, or in the car to do with reading, writing and speaking for the newsletter.

Keep your eye out for details in the next newsletter.
We will be holding our combined Education and Book Week celebrations during 27th July to Friday 31st July 2015, with our open day being on Thursday 30th July.

Our program for the day is as follows.

9:30am – 11:15am  Open classrooms – parents will be able to observe their child/ren and be involved in activities.

11:15am – 12 pm  Picnic lunch in the school grounds with children (parents and students to bring lunch).

12pm – 12:15pm  Students change into their costumes (Students are asked to dress as a character from one of their favourite books).

12:15pm – 1:30pm  Book Week Character Parade in SPR.

1:30pm – 3:15pm  Normal school day routine and class.

Book Fair

This year the Book Week theme is *Books Light Up Our World*. Books will be provided by Central Books. Books will be on display in the SPR. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class and write out their ‘Wish List’ to take home and show parents. Parents, grandparents and carers are welcomed to visit the Book Fair from 8:45am to 10am or 2:30pm to 3:45pm during the week.

Books can be purchased for home, or, as a donation to the school library. Our goal for our Book Fair is $500; our school receives a commission for the total of books sold at the Book Fair, which is redeemed as books for our school library.

We will also have pre-loved books for sale from the library. All money raised will be going towards the purchase of display resources for our library.

Looking forward to seeing you at our combined Education and Book Week celebrations.
The National Capital Excursion

Our Year 4, 5 & 6 Students will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. On this tour students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The school has already deducted this $20 from the total cost of the excursion for each student.

| Merit Awards ~ Tuesday 23rd June 2015 |
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| **K/1**         | Patrick, Eleanor|
| **Yr 1/2**      | Levi, Mavrick    |
| **Yr 3/4**      | Dustyn, Boyd     |
| **Yr 5/6**      | Orlando, Jayden  |
| **PBL Awards**  | Abby, Libby, Frayah, Georgia, Gilby, Bailey, Jyordi, Leila |
| **Sports Awards** | Evie, Maggie, Seth, Breanna, Laura Beth, Callan, Ocean, Sarah |
| **Principal’s Awards** | Maggie, Jai, Charlotte, Frayah, Shakiya, Gilby, Trinity, Kaleb |

The community Women’s Shed bringing women together Kurri Kurri

Every Friday 11.00am– 1.00pm Contact : Tina 0401 868 357 Mishelle: 4905 0723