Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big thank you to everyone who has welcomed me so far this term—it has been wonderful to meet so many of you. I look forward to continuing to meet members of the community and working with you to provide the best for your children. Well done to Miss Brunton and Miss Munday who were involved in the Hunter Dance Festival with a group of students last Tuesday—a great performance I am told.

**EDUCATION WEEK** - This week is Education Week across NSW, a time when we celebrate Public Education and what we are achieving. Our main celebrations will be held on Thursday, with open classrooms, picnic lunches and our book week parade being held. I hope to see you here. We also have a special awards ceremony to attend this afternoon at Mt View High School, where some members of Kitchener PS will be recognised for their achievements.

**CANBERRA/SNOW EXCURSION** - What a great experience we had last week with 26 students and 3 parents joining Miss Fradd and myself for a 3 day excursion to Canberra, visiting many of our capital’s important sites, followed by a play in the snow fields of Jindabyne. We were even lucky enough to have snow falling on us on the Friday! The students behaviour was very good and I would like to thank the parent volunteers—Aaron, Bronwyn and Billie-Jo—who assisted with this excursion.

**NAPLAN** - Earlier this year students in Years 3 and 5 were tested in areas of literacy and numeracy. These results should be sent home in week 6. Please feel free to come and discuss the results if you wish after you have received them.

**READING** - One of the best things that you can do for your child is to encourage them to read every day. Whether it is a book, the newspaper or street signs when you are in the car, reading is vital. Reading is also a great way to unwind of a night, just before bedtime and easy to get into a routine with. Remember our Reading Logs at school, it would be great to

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From the 1st July, 2015, the department of Education and Communities became known as the Department of Education.

The 2015 Education Week events will be held from Monday 27th—Friday 31st July. This year’s theme is *Celebrating Local Heroes.*
Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council’s Relay for Life each year.

An experience with fun activities and moving ceremonies to raise vital funds for research, prevention and support services.

Help us make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Register now at relayforlife.org.au

Cessnock Relay for Life
Baddeley Park Cessnock
17th October
10am to 10pm
Register. Participate. Donate.
1300656585
Call 49230708 for more information

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 are holding our combined Education and Book Week celebrations this week (Monday 27th to Friday 31st July 2015), with our open day on tomorrow (Thursday 30th July). Our program for the day is ~

9:30am – 11:15am  Open classrooms – parents are able to observe and be involved in activities;
11:15am – 12 pm    Picnic lunch with students (parents and students to bring lunch);
12pm – 12:15pm    Students change into costumes (Students dress as a character from one of their favourite books);
12:15pm – 1:30pm  Book Week Character Parade in SPR;
1.30pm—1.40pm    Book Fair Raffle Draw ~ 3 prizes ~ tickets sold at SPR door;
1:40pm—3:15pm    Normal school day routine and class.

BOOK FAIR RAFFLE

We will be holding a raffle during our Education/Book Week celebrations.

1st Prize ~ $20 Book Fair Voucher  TICKETS $1.00 EACH
2nd Prize ~ $10 Book Fair Voucher  SOLD AT THE
3rd Prize ~ $5 Book Fair Voucher  SPR DOOR

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 welcome 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.
Parent and Community Workshop Week 4!

**When:** Thursday 6th August 2015 from 9:30-10:30am

**Where:** The computer lab next door to 5/6

**Why:** To share ideas for reading at home with your child and programs running at Kitchener

**Who:** All parents and caregivers as the workshop will provide ideas for all ages

Morning tea will be provided for all participants!

**WORKING MEMORY EXERCISE FOR IN THE CAR!**

To help build essential neurological connections, here is an exercise you can do in the car. It trains our working memory and fluency and it can be done anywhere and anytime.

**Exercise ONE - The Number Plate Game**  Read, look away and say

**Part 1**
Read the Number Plate, look away and say it out loud. Eg: RAV134. Look away RAV one three four

**Part 2**
Break the Number Plate into sound groups and say them out loud. Eg: TRAY22. Look away TR AY Tw en ty two

It doesn’t matter what the groups are and helps if you change them around and try them differently.

**Part 3**
Take it to the next level.
Try Part 1 & Part 2 with signs, like shop name and road signs. Eg: The Little Doll Making Shop
1. Read, look away and say The Little Doll Making Shop
2. Read, look away and say The Lit tle Do ll Ma king Sh op

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**Education Week Awards 2015**

**Congratulations to Award Winners**

**Linda Finch**— Teaching

**Monique Osland**— Non teaching

**Belinda Chamberlain**—Community member

**Jennefer Wratten**—Student

The Successful winners will be awarded today at the Award Ceremony

Mount View High School, Wednesday 29th July 2015, 3.30pm for a complimentary afternoon tea 4.00pm for the awards ceremony. All welcome.