Another great fortnight has passed at Kitchener, with many great things happening in and out of the classrooms. It continues to impress me to see how many students get in and try new activities, and are involved in the school community.

NAPLAN: NAPLAN results were received at the school last week and sent home with students on Friday. As a school we were very happy with the standards that were achieved by the students and it has given us direction on where we can keep improving. If you would like to discuss your child’s results please talk to their teacher or see me in the office.

Kullaburra Awards: Miss Fradd and myself had the opportunity to attend these awards at Cessnock High School last Wednesday evening. It was great to see Olivia, Maddison and Jyordi recognised for their academic achievements and the effort that they put into the school community.

Sport: We have been fortunate to receive ‘Sporting Schools’ funding to run sporting programs in term 3 and 4 this year, similar to Active After School Sports programs that have run in previous years. The big change is that we can now run these programs in school time, making it accessible to all students. This Friday we will commence a 6 week gymnastics program, delivered by a fully trained instructor, with all costs covered by the funding.

Uniforms: From term 4 the cost of some items of the school uniform will have to rise due to the costs from the suppliers. We are endeavouring to keep the prices as low as possible as this is not designed to make a profit.

Friends of Kitchener: My apologies for having to cancel the meeting scheduled for last week. I hope that you will be able to make it this Thursday for a meeting, starting at 9:30. Come along and have your say in what is happening at Kitchener Public School! Everyone is welcome.

‘Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.’ Henry Ford
WHAT:

Free workshop—make a lantern and join us for this year’s lantern parade to the Spring Awakening Festival on Friday September 11.

WHEN: 4.00 pm

Monday September 7, Cessnock Library
Tuesday September 8, Kurri Library

This event is free, but places are limited; booking is essential—call into either library or ring 4993 4399 (Cessnock Library)

Cessnock Library 65-67 Vincent Street CESSNOCK 2325 Phone: 4993 4399 library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au
Kurri Kurri Library 253 Lang Street KURRI KURRI 2327 Phone: 4937 1638 Karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Our teacher, Ms Bec Munday and one of our students, Riley of Year 3/4 are both in this production.

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. 1300 656 585

Call 4923 0708 for more information or 1300 656 585 Register now at relayforlife.org.au

Cessnock Relay for Life Baddeley Park Cessnock
10am to 10pm Sat 17th October Register. Participate. Donate.

Booral Public School is celebrating 150 Years of Education on Saturday 10 October (this year). Booral is near Stroud; Stroud school has asked that we pass on this information for anyone who may have attended Booral Public School or, know of anyone who has, so they can attend the celebrations. Contact Booral Public School on 4994 9266 for further details.
SCHOOL PHONES
Our school’s main incoming and outgoing phone number is ~ 4990 2974, but, the following number may come up on your phone/mobile ~ 4991 1875. This is a school’s fax line number. We are able to make calls from that line, but not receive phone calls! When returning a missed call, we ask parents to please ring 4990 2974.

It is suggested that parents put both numbers in their contacts, marking 4990 2974 as the school and, 4991 1975 as the fax DO NOT RING.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ANIMAL & GARDEN CARE
With the school holidays just over 4 weeks away, our thoughts turn to the care of the school chooks. We rely on the generosity of our school families to assist with maintaining and caring for our school. If you are able to help, even for a week of the holidays, please let Ms Finch (Year 3/4) know so that arrangements can be made and details given to families who can assist.

Have you seen the garden lately?
Thanks to all the students and parents the garden is starting to come to life. The beds are all full, and work is being done on the front garden bed… Look out for something very exciting growing up there.

Last week we also began planting the seeds. Bethany, Charlotte, Georgia, Eleanor, and Evie helped plant 6 trays of seeds. We don’t have a propagation area at the moment so the seed trays are being looked after in the garden (unless anyone has some spare hay bales, and an old window/perspex that they are willing to donate to the school).

Bulk buying and the sale of seed packs has allowed the school to purchase some interesting varieties of seeds for use in the garden and classroom. As well as the seeds listed in the seed pack, the school also received carrots – cosmic purple, cabbage – red dutch, tomato – siberian, sunflowers – evening sun and sunfola, pumpkin – atlantic giant, and watermelon – picnic. Thanks again to everyone who has purchased seed packs!

We have cabbage, lettuce, and parsley available for harvest. If you would like any – just let us know.

The garden group meets at 1pm Wednesdays. With spring approaching the work to be done in the garden is increasing. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and help out – even if you have no gardening skill!
Writing Workshop at Kitchener Public School!

A number of parents came along to learn about how we teach writing and spelling at Kitchener. A huge thank you to Sue Firth, Tricia Brunton, Linda Finch and Judy Fradd for sharing how L3 writing, goal setting and Power Writing are being taught in classes. Keep your eyes out for spelling ideas in the newsletter.

Come along 9.30am—10.30am THIS Thursday 27 August for a Workshop on Home Reading and Focus on Reading

Spelling Activities to try at home!

Media Search:
Using a newspaper or magazine spend 15 minutes to look for your spelling words. Circle them in different coloured pencils. Which spelling words were used the most times?

Shaving Cream Practise:
An easy way to clean those dirty tables is to finger paint on them with shaving cream. Squirt some on the table (with an adult’s permission and supervision) and then practise spelling your words by writing them with your finger in the shaving cream.

Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall

Our Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall will be held on Friday 4th September, with the starting at 8:30am. While our Year 6 students and teachers will be serving it would be there are any volunteer mothers available to assist with the cooking. We would need on the day. Please let Miss Fradd know if you are available to help.

The Father’s Day stall will run after the breakfast has finished. Year 6 will be running the stall as a part of their fundraising for the year. Items have already been purchased for sale on the day but if you would like to donate items they will be gratefully accepted at the front office. Gifts available at the Fathers’ Day Stall will range in price from $2—$10.

Friends of Kitchener Meeting

My apologies regarding the Friends of Kitchener meeting being postponed yesterday. I would like to reschedule it to this coming Thursday, 27th August, starting at 9:30. All welcome! Thank you, Luke Somerville

Kitchener Public School Presents…

Wednesday 16th September, 12 noon and Thursday 17th September 6pm

Tickets available now at the office $5.00 all tickets

Alice!