



Diary Dates:

"Congewai Catchup" - Tuesday 15th 3:10pm...come for coffee, cake and a chat!

Visit to Kitchener PS for musical - Wednesday 16th September

Term projects due - Wednesday 16th September

Kurri Gymnastics Centre visit - Thursday 17th September

Multi-cultural day - Friday 18th September

Final Day of term 3: Friday 18th September

First Day of term 4: Tuesday 6th October

Kindergarten Transition commences: Monday 12th October

Welcome to Week 10, of term 3.

Our term projects are due on Wednesday and we're looking forward to seeing the great work the kids have done on a country of their choice.

We're also looking forward to sharing yummy dishes from countries around the world with our families on Friday for lunch at 1pm. Our primary class and our school staff are providing the foods from their country choice, please come and join us if you can, we'd love to see you.

We'll be having the next "Congewai Catchup" this Tuesday afternoon (tomorrow), for coffee, cake and a chat about all things school. This is a great informal forum for our parents and school staff to get together and plan, discuss and share ideas and successes. Come along straight after school and have a cuppa with us.

Our kids have got a few fun activities this week to finish the term with. On Wednesday they'll be attending Kitchener Public School to watch their musical performance of Alice (based on Alice in Wonderland) and on Thursday they'll again visit the Kurri Kurri Community Gymnastics Centre for a fun filled and exhausting afternoon of gymnastics and giggles. Our gymnastics program has been greatly enjoyed by our students and we've seen a huge increase in both confidence and skills as a result of this program.

Our school will be hosting Enviromentors on Thursday 17th at 9am. We'll be learning about worm farms, composting and the importance of caring for our environment.

Our sporting program for term 4 revolves around swimming and water skills and information regarding this will go out to families in the first week back at school.

We commence our Kindergarten Transition program next

term with the first day falling on Monday 12th of October. If you know of a family who would like to be involved, please invite them to give us a call. A transition package will be given to those families who we know have children attending, in the first week of term 4 and it's also available on our school website.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you yet again to our families and staff who were able to assist with the BBQ for Saturday's Terrigal Trotters event at our school. This is an annual event and is a big fundraiser for our school as well as a great opportunity to show off our great setting to visitors from all over the country. A very big thankyou to Neil for his expert BBQ skills and for hooking up his generator to provide power during the power outage, and to Jules and Clint for providing fabulous musical entertainment, we've got some very talented parents indeed at our school. If you get a chance to see them perform, I can highly recommend you do!

I'd like to advise parents that I'll be taking some leave during the last half of week one next term, to attend a family wedding. Mrs Beneke, Miss Naysmith and Mrs Dunstan will be at school as usual in my absence and I'll only be a phone call away.

Enjoy the rest of the week and your holidays and we'll see you in term 4,

Donna Stackman

News from the classroom:

Notes due back: *Please disregard if already returned*

- ◇ Whole school: Matinee performance of the musical Alice, at Kitchener Public School. - gold coin donation, permission note and medical information note
- ◇ We'll be travelling by bus (driven by Mrs Dunstan), leaving at 11: 20am and children will be taking their lunch with them, eating when arriving at the school. We'll be returning to school after the performance.

Speaking and Listening topic: On our last week of term, we will give our students their own choice of topic for speaking and listening.

Friday - Library: Mrs Van Der Wel will be with us this Friday, so bring your books to return and borrow some great books for reading over the holidays.

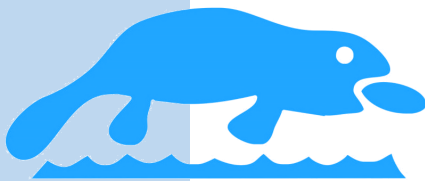
Country study: We'll be flying to South Africa this week for our country study.

Term 3 project: Just a short reminder - *Please have them in on Wednesday of this week.*

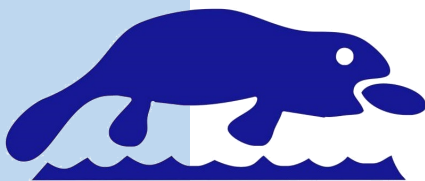
Kitchen Garden: We'll be working in the garden a bit this week, in between all our other tasks, weeding and watering and mulching, ready for the holiday break. We'd love some adult helpers in the garden if you have some spare time....any time of the day at all is OK.

Sport: Gymnastics lessons this week will be on Thursday. We'd like our students to wear sports uniform please. We'll be leaving school at 9:45 and students will need to bring their bags with fruit break, recess, lunch and plenty of water in their water bottles.

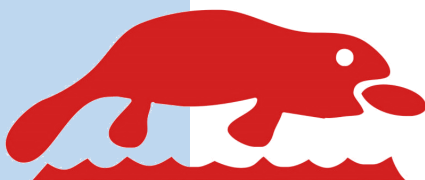
Positive Behaviour Learning



RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



READY TO LEARN

Last week I attended two training days, learning about the implementation of PBL. Over the next term, our school will be strengthening our PBL program and will be discussing all aspects of this with our students, their families and our school staff.

Last week the students and I discussed what we wanted our school to "look like, sound like and feel like" and our school staff have had this for homework over the weekend. I'd like to invite parents to be involved in this as well and have added a template sheet for parents to fill out. We've also added a large one along with marker pens on the front wall at school. Please feel free to add words under the categories as you think of them. We want this to form the basis for our future plans.

While we have core expectations already in place, we are still working on a core value statement which sums up what we feel about our school. We hope to have this statement finalised by the end of term 4, with student, family and staff involvement in all steps of the way.

- Mrs Stackman

Head Check Friday

We've had a couple of incidents this term with the itchy creepy crawlies, so to keep on top of them, we thought we'd make each Friday, head check day.

On Friday afternoons, check kids hair, give it a good going over because they do like to hide, and treat if necessary. This way, they won't get out of hand.