12 March 2013

**What’s Coming Up.......................**

**This Week**

*Wednesday: P&C Meeting AGM and General Meeting 7pm*

*Thursday: Responsible Pet Education K-2*

*Friday: School Sport, Assembly*

**Next Week**

*Wednesday: Disco*

*Thursday: Responsible Pet Education Primary*

*Friday: School Sport, Assembly*

*Sunday: Working Bee*

**COMING UP**

28 March Easter Hat Parade

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM WEEK 7**

Thanks to our Student Executive for participating in the Student Leaders Workshop at Lambton High last Wednesday. Ella, Oscar, Emily, William, Ruby and Jacob were outstanding representatives and the school is looking forward to ideas they’ve brought back to share.

Interrelate last Wednesday evening was attended by around 80 students and parents. The sessions provided excellent, age appropriate and detailed information on: Where did I come from? and Preparing for puberty. Lots of discussion and fun were evident throughout and the home cooked slices made for a special supper. Thanks to Mrs McNamara, Mrs Shearman and team for organising this worthwhile P&C initiative.

Student Parliament met on Thursday afternoon and it’s wonderful to see how the students are settling into their Ministries. A lot of excellent suggestions were put forward and the students have been following up well with minutes, reports to assembly and correspondence. Well done!

**BRONZE AND SILVER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

On Friday, I was pleased to present Bronze Awards Evelyn 1W, Layne 1/2 S and Connor 1W for their persistent effort and achievements in gaining 5 Merit Awards. Special congratulations to Matthew 3/4E who received a Silver Award for having earned Bronze and a further 10 Merit Awards. It’s excellent to see KSPS students putting in their very best!

**P&C AGM AND GENERAL MEETING**

**THIS WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 7.00pm in LIBRARY**

Please note that the P&C will hold its AGM next Wednesday and nominations will be called for all positions. Nominations can be lodged in advance through the school office or presented on the night. The General Meeting will include an update on the Canteen Review, fundraising and events calendar 2013, working bee (Sunday March 24) and Reports including from the principal.

Already ranked well, the canteen will be compliant with the NSW Government’s Fresh Taste policy following implementation of recommendations from the recently conducted review with Hunter New England Health. No ‘Red items’ will be sold from the end of this term. The new menu will be available through the KSPS website or from the canteen this week. It is colour coded for Green and Amber items. Congratulations to Fiona Best and volunteers.

The P&C meeting will be held in the library due to anticipated numbers. Please come along and have your say. New members are always welcome!
PARENT-TEACHER and LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM MEETINGS

KSPS works closely with parents and carers to meet the needs of all students. Parent-teacher meetings will be held in the fortnight commencing Tuesday 2 April. Details will be sent home this week so that mutually convenient times can be arranged.

The school works hard to meet the needs of all students. Learning Support Team meetings are held each year with parents and carers to plan for students with special needs including those who receive integration funding support.

Notes will be sent home today for these meetings which will be held next Tuesday 19 March. Please RSVP through the school office and we will contact you if an alternative date needs to be found.

SAFETY – EVERYONE’S BUSINESS

Please be reminded that KSPS is a ‘peanut free’ school due to the potential for students to suffer anaphylaxis. This advice covering peanuts and all products that include peanuts is further to the KSPS Newsletter item earlier this term.

While KSPS encourages families to send healthy lunch, snack and fruit break items, please avoid sending tins to school. When opened these have sharp edges and present a ‘cut’ hazard. Could you please decant these foods into small containers to send to school. A small ice-block pack will keep perishable food fresh until lunch break.

The school is concerned that some parents continue to park in school crossing zones and in other signed prohibited areas. This presents a danger to students and will attract fines should breaches be observed by police or council rangers. Parents are advised that they are not to use the access road to drive in and drop off or pick up their children from the car park at the back of the hall. This access is for staff and delivery vehicles only.

Your consideration and help re these matters is appreciated.

MERIT AWARDS

KC
Ahliyah, Charlotte, Darcy

KF
Thomas, Boyd, Lucas

K/1G
William, Curtis, Chloe

1W
Emma-, Cooper, Tindra

1/2S -
Mitchell, Lawson, Holly

2H -
Eden, Eve, Thomas, Olivia, Thomas

3/4E -
Benjamin, Bailey, Corey

3/4G -
Patricia, Mirabelle, Jasmine, Jarrod

3/4L -
Bridie, Mia, Liam, Hannah

5/6J -
Laura, Izabel, Jacob, Breeanne

5/6W -
Luke, Jacob, Ella

HSU/B
Lachlan, Phoenix

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

MOVING INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2013
All Year 6 students brought home an Information Guide and Expression of Interest form last week about moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2014. The Expression of Interest form must be completed in order for your child to be enrolled at their local High School in 2014. The form needs to be returned to school on or before Friday 22 March, 2013. Please contact me if you have any problems or difficulties completing the form.

Information will be sent home soon about the Year 6 to High School Experience Day at Kotara High on Wednesday 27 March from 11.30am to 2.30pm. All Year 6 students are expected to attend as it provides an opportunity to experience the richness and variety of student life at high school.

NEWCASTLE ZONE NETBALL TRIALS
Congratulations to Ellie of 5/6W who attended the Newcastle Zone Netball Trials last week. Ellie gave it her best shot as goal attack and goal defence and was selected in the Zone Netball Team. This was a great effort for a Year 5 student competing against older students from all over the Newcastle zone area. She will compete at the Zone Gala Day on Friday 12 April. Congratulations and good luck Ellie!
NEWCASTLE ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Two Year 5 students, Will and Zac of 5/6W, participated in the Newcastle Zone Rugby League trials yesterday. The boys faced tough competition from older Year 6 players across the Newcastle Zone area. Congratulations to Will who was successful in making the Zone Team. He will travel to Toronto on March 27 to participate at the Zone carnival. Well done Will!

MRS WARD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KSPS WORKING BEE  - Sunday 24 March 2013
9am to 12 noon with a BBQ to follow -

Have you some time to spare to help out at the KSPS working bee? Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Jobs for the day include cutting of dead wood, trimming of tree branches, clean up of garden beds, weeding, planting, repainting signs, top dressing the oval etc.

Bring your garden gloves and tools to beautify our great school. Please note the tear off slip below. Thanking you,

MS GIBSON

PARENTS—WHAT’S IN YOUR SHED OR CUPBOARD?
School Mosaic Stepping Stone Project
If you have any of the following items that you could contribute towards the project we would be very grateful:
- Coloured wall tiles (not floor tiles),
- Coloured glass tiles or mosaic tiles,
- Pebbles, marbles,
- Coloured ceramic crockery,
- Glass beads,
- Leadlight or stained glass,
- Icecream and / or take away containers,
- Glass cutters or tile nippers (these can be returned to you).

These items can be dropped into Ms Gibson’s room (upstairs Room 6). This project will require adult supervision in school time. If you would like to be involved please email topennyduncan@gmail.com or phone Penny on 0403 656072.

PENNY DUNCAN

2013 DEBATING

On Friday last week six of our new debaters for this year attended a training day held at Adamstown Public School. The day was designed to teach students the skills of debating and the 3M’s - Manner, Method and Matter.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and cannot wait to put their new skills into action in our 5 and 6 competitions, the Premier’s Debating Competition and our local schools Train-On competition.

MISS SUMMERHAYES
DEBATING CO-ORDINATOR

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Our Easter celebrations this year will include an Easter Hat Parade involving K-2 students. K-6 students will participate in Egg Rolling and other fun activities on Thursday 28 March 2013. A note regarding Easter Hat preparation will be sent home with K-2 students and all students will receive a note regarding Egg Rolling. Year 5 students will hold an Easter Egg Guessing Competition and Year 6 will hold an Egg Decorating Competition. All students will be encouraged to participate in these competitions.

Thank you,
MRS D STEWART
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SIGNING INFORMATION

All children at KSPS learn to sign. They are taught several new signs each week and learn to sign the National Anthem, the School Song and other songs during the year. They do a great job and regularly use this skill to interact with children in the Hearing Support Unit.

If your child is interested in learning new signs they can visit the following websites:
www.sign.com.au  (Signed English)
www.auslan.org.au (Auslan)

Have fun!
MRS S BRYANT (Teacher)

WORKING BEE SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2013

Please indicate whether you will be attending our Working Bee, and for catering purposes, if you will be staying for a BBQ lunch after.

CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS ________________________________
PARENTS NAME ___________________________________________
NUMBER ATTENDING ________________________________________
Next P&C Meeting
Our official AGM will be held on 13 March 2013. Positions available at the AGM will be (President, Vice President x 2, Treasure, Secretary, Fund Raising Co-Ordinator and Uniform Shop Co-ordinator).
If you wish to nominate for a position or become a P&C Member please see the office for the appropriate forms. You must be a financial member of our P&C to be able to vote.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Friday 15 March from 8.30am to 9.00am. The uniform shop accepts 2nd hand uniforms. If you would like to donate your old uniforms please drop them off at the office.

Working Bee – Sunday 24 March 2013
Can you spare an hour or more on Sunday 24 March to help out with the working bee? Projects on the day will include top dressing old area of oval, repainting signs, work on the vegetable gardens and fruit trees as well as planting of plants.

Easter Raffle
Again thanks to all families who have made such wonderful donations for our raffle. We are still accepting donations please leave them at the office.

Canteen Helpers required for Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28 March
We are looking for helpers to work in the canteen on Thursday 28 March. The canteen will be selling tea, coffee and hot cross buns to parents who come along to watch the parade and stay to have lunch with their children. If you are able to help out on the canteen please leave your details with the office.

Garden and Grounds Group
Do you have any of the following items you can donate for the school mosaic stepping stone project:-
- Coloured wall, glass or mosaic tiles, pebbles, marbles, ceramic crockery, glass beads, leadlight or stained glass, ice cream/take away containers, glass cutters or tiles nippers (these items can be returned to you) please drop them into Ms Gibson’s room – upstairs room 6

P&C Dates to remember
24 March 2013 – Working Bee
28 March 2013 – Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle
14 September 2013 - Bunnings BBQ at Kotara (9am to 4pm)
3 November 2013 - Bunnings BBQ at Kotara (9am to 4pm)
HELENA TAYLOR - P & C

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another super week!
I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support.
New Menus have been put together and several changes made -
- Fish fillets and hash browns are still available with hash browns costing $1-00
- Most lollies are being phased out and when sold will not be restocked. Weekly specials will no longer contain lollies.
- Milo milk cups will be sold. Milo is a “green” item and the frozen cups are made with Lite milk and cost 60c.

The word is out how extraordinary our sandwiches and wraps are, and why wouldn’t they be. The bread is fresh daily from Bakers Delight and fillings super fresh and prepared daily.
Last week the fresh roast chicken and baked roast beef were a huge hit. This week we have roast chicken, roast beef and homemade corn meat, just like Grandma made.

This week’s super specials are —
- Fishy Tale $3-50
- Fish salad wrap
- Pkt Cookies
- Juice cup
- Nugget Burger Deal $3-50
- Chicken nugget burger with lettuce and mayo
- Pkt JJs
- Ice Mony
- Supa Chippy $3-50
- 6 chicken chippies
- Mango Boost ice block
- Pkt Hello Pandas
FIONA BEST
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

Increase fitness levels and tone up with:
BOXING, TONING & CARDIO
For any fitness levels
For only $10 for 1 hour
Day classes @ Lugar Park Kotara South
Night classes @ Kotara South Public School

Monday 9.30am 6.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am 6.30pm
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 7.30am

NIGHT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Call Heidi on 0417 456 083
It’s on RAIN, HAIL or SHINE....
We need your help!

We are seeking the support of local businesses to assist us with corporate sponsorship to increase the school’s technology capability. With over 270 students in our school we require a lot of technology resources to ensure we are catering to the needs of our 21st Century learners. This year we are hoping to get business support to purchase and upgrade technology equipment such as iPads, PCs, Flip video cameras and Netbooks.

If you know of a local company or company that you work for that may like to assist the school, could you please provide them with this letter.

The school, in return for corporate donations, is able to offer promotion of the organisation or business in the form of a banner to be displayed on the school gates main entrance, distribution of information fliers and an ongoing advertisement in our weekly school newsletter. The level of sponsorship will determine the level promotion we can offer.

Any donation will help make a difference to our students’ education.

For more information, please contact Mr Martin Frohlich (Principal) or Mr Lee Englefield.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your support.

Lee Englefield
Assistant Principal
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