19 March 2013

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

**This Week**
- **Wednesday:** Disco
- **Thursday:** Responsible Pet Education Primary classes
- **Friday:** School Sport, Assembly
- **Sunday:** Working Bee

**Next Week**
- **Tuesday:** Athletics Carnival
- **Wednesday:** Year 6 at KHS
- **Thursday:** Easter Hat Parade & Easter activities
- **Friday:** GOOD FRIDAY

**COMING UP**
- **Friday 5 April:** Cross Country Lugar Park

**INCOMING P&C EXECUTIVE**

Thanks to parents who attended the P&C AGM and General Meeting on Wednesday night. Your support makes an enormous difference for KSPS kids.

Congratulations to the incoming executive:

- Chris Thompson President
- Glenda Bennett Vice President
- Jason Bowden Vice President
- Kathryn Short Treasurer
- Helena Hannan Secretary
- Jillian Coulton Fund Raising Co-Ordinator
- Helena Hannan Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year ahead.

**STUDENT DISCO TOMORROW**

**WEDNESDAY 20 March**

**IN THE NEW SCHOOL HALL**

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Theme: **FREE CHOICE**

- **K-2** 6.00 to 7.00pm
- **YRS 3-6** 7.00 to 8.30pm

ENTRY $4

P&C will be selling snacks and drinks.

**WORKING BEE this Sunday 24 March**

9am – midday

Parents, carers and students who are able to help are invited to join us for Sunday’s working bee and sausage sizzle. All attendees should wear sturdy shoes, gardening gloves, ‘work’ clothes and hat; and register at the desk in the students’ daily assembly area.

Thanks to families who have already returned the RSVP slip to school.

If you have not already done so, please return the slip this week or leave your details at the school office.

The event will be postponed if weather is inclement.
BRIEFS

Overdue student fees: A reminder note was mailed to families who have still to pay for student resources 2013. Thanks to families who have now made payment or arranged to make payments over time. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Harmony Day on March 21 is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is of cultural respect: Everyone Belongs. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia. Class activities will be held to celebrate cultural diversity and students are invited to ‘wear orange’ if they wish.

Best Start information from assessment of Kindergarten students at the start of Term 1 will be sent home this week. Our kindy students have made significant progress since then, and this will be the basis for the Parent-Teacher meetings commencing Tuesday 2 April. Best Start data provided general benchmarks to inform class programs and track student learning.

Thanks to parents and carers who have returned the Parent-Teacher survey notes sent home last week. Class teachers will schedule their meetings and advise families soon. KSPS is also keen to arrange an alternative meeting time and date that is mutually convenient if requested.

Several cases of head lice have been reported to the school. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

LOTS ON TO END TERM 1

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching! There's lots on: the student disco on Wednesday evening; Athletics Carnival (next Tuesday 26 March) at Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale; and, Easter Hat Parade (next Thursday 28 March from 10.15am) before Good Friday on 29 March which is a Public Holiday.

Students return to school on the following Tuesday 2 April for the final 2 weeks of school. The last day of Term is Friday 12 April and students return on Wednesday 1 May. Staff members recommence on the Monday for 2 staff development days to focus on implementation of the new Australian Curriculum starting with English in 2014.

MERIT AWARDS

KC
Jackson , Patrick , Madeline
KF
Bryson , Elissa , Emma
K/1G
Ruby , Noah , Jacinda
1W
Michellie , Hudson , Oliver
1/2S -
Rhys , Hannah , Charli
2H -
Maizy , Melati , Eve
3/4E -
Ky , Madeline , Joey
3/4G -
Milly , Campbell , Samantha
3/4L -
Violet , Charlie , Bridie
5/6J -
Oscar , Aurora ,
Cassidy , Noah
5/6W -
Charli , Jimmy , William
HSU/B
Soraya

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

BEST START

Parent feedback from the Best Start Kindergarten assessment process will be provided as soon as possible after approval by the Department of Education and Communities.

EASTER HAT PARADE

It’s not long now until the annual K:2 Easter Hat Parade so students and parents should be collecting, designing and creating those extra special Easter hats bonnets and caps in readiness for Thursday 28th March. Students may bring their completed hats to school on or before Wednesday 27th March. Happy hat making everyone!

1/2S LITERACY GROUPS

Due to the Athletics Carnival and Easter Hat Parade and Easter Activities being scheduled for next week, there will be no Literacy Groups for 1/2S until the week beginning Tuesday 2 April. Thank you parents for your assistance.
RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION

Last Thursday Early Stage and Stage 1 students attended the above program and had the opportunity to learn about the basic needs, welfare, environment, behaviour and interaction of people with pets in the community.

This week classes 3-6 will attend this interesting and worthwhile program.

MRS STEWART
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STAR STRUCK 2013

Audition successful!!
Well done to all the Year 5 students who helped put the audition DVD together.

LITERACY GROUPS K/1G

Due to the Athletics Carnival and Easter activities K/1G Literacy Groups will be cancelled for next week. Thank you to all our wonderful helpers.

MS GODDEN

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

MOVING INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2013

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who have returned their child’s 2014 High School Expression of Interest form. The Expression of Interest form must be completed in order for your child to be enrolled at their local High School in 2014. It is essential that the form is returned to school on or before this Friday 22 March, 2013. Please contact me if you have any problems or difficulties completing the form.

MRS WARD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LITERACY LEARNING SUPPORT UPDATE

This week a survey will be going home with all students who participate in the Learning Support Program. This survey is designed to give us a holistic picture of your child’s learning habits and attitudes and will give you an opportunity to request further information or assistance with helping your child at home. The results from this survey will then further guide the planning of the program for the remainder of 2013, and allow me to know which areas of learning about which you would like parent information sessions or further send-home material to support learning at home. Once you have completed the survey please return it to the school office.

As parents would be aware, during the week beginning the 8th April, Parent and Teacher interviews will be held. As an additional support teacher I communicate with each child’s class teacher on a daily basis about learning strategies and progress to keep everyone up to date. However, if you would like to speak to me in addition to your child’s class teacher please indicate this on the return interview booking form. Alternatively, if you would like to arrange for a time to meet to discuss your child’s learning, please contact the office to make an appointment.

MISS SUMMERHAYES
LEARNING AND SUPPORT 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 ___________________________________________
News from the P&C

An update on the P&C Meeting
The AGM was held on 13 March. Congratulations to our new P&C Committee:
Chris Thompson President
Glenda Bennett Vice President
Jason Bowden Vice President
Kathryn Short Treasurer
Helena Hannan Secretary
Jillian Coulton Fund Raising Co-Ordinator
Helena Hannan Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
Items discussed at the meeting were:-
Canteen Review, Working Bee, Grounds and Garden Group, Fundraising for 2013, Cutting of cleaning hours to the school, Disco, Easter Hat Parade and Interrelate Evening.

Disco – Wednesday 20 March
The disco will be held in the new hall. The P&C will be providing drinks, lollies and chips in the cola area of the hall. If any parents are available to help out in the set up, selling of items and packing away at the end of the evening could you please let the following people know: for setting up and helping out whilst the infant part of the disco is on (6pm to 7pm) please contact Clare Person on clare@safetypindesign.com. During the primary part of the disco (7pm to 8.30pm) and for packing up at the end of the evening please contact Emma McNamara on five.macs@gmail.com

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Thursday 21 March from 8.45am to 9.30am. 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.

Wrapping of Easter Raffle Prizes – Sunday 24 March
Whilst the working bee is under way on the school grounds if anyone is able to spare ½ hour or an hour to help out on wrapping the Easter Raffle Prizes. We will start at 9.30am. The P&C will be set up in the canteen area. Please let Jillian know if you are able to assist at jillian.coulton@mortgagechoice.com.au.

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, icecream/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
10 April 2013 – P&C Meeting
9 May 2013 – Mother’s Day Stall
May 2013 – Entertainment books
19 June 2013 – Art Show/Short Film
25 June 2013 – Chocolate Drive
29 August 2013 – Father’s Day Stall
14 September 2013 – Election day cake stall
(Thompson’s cakes & pies)
14 September 2013 - Bunnings BBQ at Kotara
(9am to 4pm)
19 October 2013 – Trivia Night
3 November 2013 - Bunnings BBQ at Kotara
(9am to 4pm)
November 2013 – Family Portraits
5 December 2013 – Xmas Bush Dance

START PLANNING your Art Works for the Art Exhibition. Categories include Drawing, painting, photography, sculpture/recycled art and mixed media. This year we are also adding another category—2 Minute Short Film. Get those creative juices flowing. Open to students, teachers and parents. More information to follow.

HELENA HANNAN
COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another Supa Week.
Wow, the response to our fresh options is awesome!
Another great service our canteen offers is pre-ordered lunches. You can order your child’s lunch for the whole week, saving time for you in the morning. I have quite a few families doing this as it saves time and money for fresh sandwiches and salads, so why not!
New on the menu is Boost Very Berry and Merry Mango Smoothies on a Stick for $1-30. Delicious!

This weeks specials -
Supa Wrap: $3-50
Fresh chicken, leg ham or homemade cornmeat wrap
Cup frozen grapes
Milk or juice cup
Wedgin Chip: $3-50
3 chicken chippies Pkt Deli Rocks plain/honey soy or salt and vinegar
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Please note:
The canteen will not be open at tomorrow nights disco. Snacks and drinks will be available for sale and have been organised by the P&C.

FIONA BEST
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

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Day classes @ Lugar Park Kotara South
Night classes @ Kotara South Public School
NIGHT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Call Heidi on 0417 456 083
It’s on RAIN, HAIL or SHINE....

SAVERPLUS
WOULD $500 ASSIST YOU WITH EDUCATION COSTS?
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

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• Have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.

To contact your local Saver Plus Worker:
Call or sms 1300 610355
Email saverplus@bsl.org.au
FREE DIY EVENTS

Join us on Thursday 21st March from 6pm - 8pm for our free interactive DIY Flooring Workshop. The course will cover installation of floating floors, laying tiles & carpet to creating beautiful polished timber floors.

A lite meal & refreshments will be served. Bookings are essential by calling 4941 0600 & ask for our Special Orders Desk.

DATES & TIMES
Thursday 21st March 6pm - 8pm

30 Northcott Drive Kotara 2289 ph 4941 0600