ANOTHER VARIED WEEK AT KSPS

Teaching and learning are progressing well in all KSPS classes as we head towards the end of Term 1 and teachers look forward to meeting with parents to discuss student’s achievements. The schedule for parent-teacher meetings commencing next week is being finalised and the school is pleased at the extent of parental-carer interest. If you haven’t already done so, please return the survey sent out by your child's teacher, so that a convenient meeting time can be arranged.

With students practising for tomorrow’s athletics carnival; meeting to finalise Star Struck participation; the disco on Wednesday night; Responsible pet care program for primary students; Harmony Day and yesterday’s working bee, there’s certainly been lots on at KSPS. The disco was well attended and the 'new hall' provided an excellent venue. $554 was raised plus proceeds from the P&C snack bar. Our school grounds are looking great following the working bee.

Well done and thanks to staff, parents and community members who have assisted and of course to students who have participated so enthusiastically.

This week’s newsletter is being sent out on Monday due to the Athletics Carnival tomorrow.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Students will leave by bus at 9.15am tomorrow and return to school by 3.00pm.
If you would like to take your child home from the carnival, please see your child’s teacher so they can be signed off.
The program for the day is on page 2 of this newsletter, but please note that these times are approximate.

REMEMBERING ANZACS Thursday 11 April

Year 6 students will attend the 59th Annual Newcastle Combined Schools Anzac Service at Newcastle Civic Centre on the morning of Thursday 11 April. Full details will be sent home next week with eligible students.
Our school Anzac ceremony will be held from 2.05pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

LITERACY-LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

A survey was sent home last week with students involved in this program and Miss Summerhayes has asked for these to be returned as soon as possible. Thanks to parents who have already returned their completed form.

Students return to school after Easter on Tuesday 2 April for the final 2 weeks of school.
The last day of Term 1 is Friday 12 April.

Students return on Wednesday 1 May for Term 2.
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.
SILVER AWARD

It was my pleasure to present Aurora 5/6J a Silver Award at Friday's assembly recognising her consistent effort and achievements. Congratulations Aurora!

NEW KSPS WEBSITE

KSPS is currently developing a new school website as the Department will no longer host the existing format. The new site will have the same Internet address and will be able to be found through any search engine such as Google. We'll let you know when the change occurs.

MARTIN FROLICH
PRINCIPAL

EASTER HAT PARADE—OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Our Easter celebrations will be held this Thursday commencing with the hat parade at 10.15am for students in KC, KF, K/1G, 1/2S, 2H and HSU/B. Students and parents should be collecting, designing and creating those extra special Easter hats bonnets and caps in readiness for the parade. Students may bring their completed hats to school on or before Wednesday 27th March. Hot Cross buns and tea and coffee will be available for sale from the canteen after the parade.

All students will participate in the tradition of egg rolling and children are asked to bring a very hard boiled, brightly decorated egg for the occasion. An Easter Egg decorating competition and A Lucky Easter Guessing competition where students get 3 guesses for $1 to guess the number of eggs in a jar, will also be held.

Happy Easter everyone!
MRS STEWART
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MERIT AWARDS

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Active After School will not be running tomorrow due to the Athletics Carnival.

The final dates for this term are -

Infants: 25 March and 8 April.
Primary: 2 April and 9 April.

Organisation for next term will be finalised early Term 2.

MR WARREN
CO-ORDINATOR

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2013
The program for the Athletics Carnival is shown below. Please note that these times are approximate.

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**P & C NEWS**

**Disco**
Thank you to all the parents who helped out at the disco.

**Easter Raffle**
Thank you to all families who have made such wonderful donations for our raffle. There will be lots of prizes this Thursday.

**Canteen Helpers required for Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28 March**
We are looking for helpers to sell tea, coffee and hot cross buns on Thursday 28 March. If you are able to help out on the canteen please leave your details with the office.

**NitStuff**
Don't forget orders and money are due by Thursday 28 March. Please leave your order at the office. If you have any questions, please contact Jillian jillian.coulton@mortgagechoice.com.au.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be opened on Friday 5 April from 8.30am to 9.00am. The uniform shop accepts 2nd hand uniforms.

HELENA TAYLOR

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**CANTÉEN NEWS**

Since the canteen menu review, Fiona has reported that there has been significant increases in green items being ordered, in particular salad sandwiches. This is fantastic news, however, preparing these items is quite labour-intensive and Fiona needs more help from us parents. Many school canteens cannot offer the amazing fresh food that KSPS does due to lack in hands on help. We are so lucky to have Fiona who puts 200% into the canteen, however she cannot do it alone. She has a handful of fabulous helpers but she needs more. If you would like a healthy school canteen at KPS to be a long term viable option, please consider offering to help out. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please so Fiona asap.

SUSIE LONG

**PARENT TECHNOLOGY SURVEY**

In planning for the future, we are interested in finding out your willingness or ability to allow your child to bring portable devices from home to school to assist with their learning. We are also asking other details about portable device availability in your home as well the upcoming school policy on portable technologies.

Could you please complete this online survey (it should take no more than 5 minutes) to assist the school with 21st century learning.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8VGKHG

MR ENGLEFIELD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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