2 April 2013

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

This Week

Monday: Parent teacher interviews continue
Tuesday: Parent Teachers Interviews commence
Friday: School Cross Country Pink Fundraiser

Next Week

Monday: Parent teacher interviews continue
Tuesday: Zone Cross Country
Wednesday: Stage 3 Bali Day
Thursday: Year 6 Combined Schools
Anzac Service
Friday: School Anzac Ceremony 2.05pm

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AND EASTER HAT PARADE

Thanks to all involved in the KSPS Athletics Carnival at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale, on Tuesday. Students gave 100 per cent to their teams and the level of involvement and sporting attitude was outstanding. Special thanks are extended to Mr John and Ms Godden for organising the day, to staff who assisted throughout; and to family members who came along to cheer kids on. The day would not have been possible without the parents who gave their time to assist in running events. Well done!

Community involvement was again on display at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. In KSPS tradition, the Easter hats were fantastic and all students enjoyed the varied activities throughout the day, including Easter egg hunt, egg rolling and throwing-catching! Well done to all who entered the fantastic decorated eggs. It made the judges’ job extremely difficult.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and special thanks to Mrs Stewart for organising the program. Her last Easter Hat parade before retirement, Mrs Stewart has left an enormous legacy.

Thanks to families who donated eggs for the P&C Easter raffle and who sold and purchased tickets in this and the Year 5 guessing competition. The money raised will go directly to help KSPS students.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent-teacher meetings have been scheduled over the coming fortnight and advice about suitable times has been sent home. Please contact your child’s teacher if you need to arrange an alternative time or should you have any queries. The meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and to discuss any queries or suggestions.

NEW KSPS WEBSITE and ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2012

The school’s new website should be online this week and will be found through any search engine such as Google. It will include weekly newsletters, the school calendar, photos, school policies and departmental links. A new section of ‘quality student work’ has been compiled and other items and links will be added over time.

The KSPS Annual School Report 2012 (ASR) has been completed and will be available through the new school website as soon as possible this week. The report includes details of KSPS programs and achievements last year, as well as information on the annual school evaluation and priorities for 2013. Thanks to parents and teachers who assisted in the process. Please contact the office if you would like a printed copy of the ASR.

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.
REMEMBERING ANZACS – change of date

Year 6 students will attend the 59th Annual Newcastle Combined Schools Anzac Service at Newcastle Civic Centre commencing 10am next Thursday 11 April. A permission note will be sent home this week.

Our school Anzac Ceremony will be held at 2.05 in the school hall on Friday 12 April. Please note the change of date. Our guest will be RSL veteran, Mr Sid Lynch. As in previous years, students who are Joeys or Scouts are invited to wear their Scout uniform. Parents are welcome to attend.

The school has also been contacted by Adamstown RSL and Kotara Bowling Club who will hold services at 8.30am and 1.30pm respectively during the school holidays on Anzac Day (25 April). The school will send a note home soon with Student Executive and interested Stage 3 students who may wish to represent KSPS at either or both these functions.

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I will attend the Hunter Central Coast Principals Conference this Thursday and Friday. With presentations by the Department’s Director General, Deputy Director General, Acting Regional Director and other presenters on a wide range of topics, it will be an opportunity to learn more about the changes underway in education, in terms of government policies and on inspirational initiatives and ideas.

Assistant Principals Mrs Stewart, Mr Englefield and Mrs Ward will act in my absence.

COMPUTER SURVEY

Thanks to families who completed the online parent technology survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8VGKHG. Several respondents indicated that they have obsolete items they may be able to donate to KSPS.

The school is currently updating some of its older computers and needs some flat screen monitors. Please let the school office know if you have a suitable monitor to donate.

If you haven’t already completed the survey, it’s still online and your information will help school planning.

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLI!

Congratulations to Charli who represented Macquarie Hunter in the U/10 Girls Long Jump at the State Track and Field Championships at Olympic Park.

Charli jumped 4.04m which put her 7th in the state. Well done Charli!

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Last week we added a new award to our weekly assembly. In an attempt to increase student involvement in helping to care for our environment the award will be presented to a class that has achieved set goals each week.

The award was designed and created by Ling’s Trophies. They did a great job and provided us with real value for money. We are very grateful and appreciative of their assistance.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS

LITERACY RESOURCES—THANK YOU

The school is now the proud owner of Reading Group sets of 14 fabulous titles. This is in part due to the generosity of the Warners Bay Newsagency who very kindly went halves in the cost of the books. We are extremely grateful for the support of the Newsagency and are sure the children will greatly enjoy using the books.

MRS BRYANT—TEACHER

STAR STRUCK UPDATE

Congratulations to our 2013 Star Struck team and a big thank you to all the Year 5 students who helped with the audition DVD.

- Parent information meeting on Wednesday 10th April at 3.15 in K/1G room.
- Star Struck T shirt orders to be in by Thursday $16.

Thank you,
MS GODDEN AND MS GIBSON
STAR STRUCK CO-ORDINATORS

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Students who are successful in gaining the top three positions in the School Cross Country events will be invited to compete in the Zone Cross Country to be held on Tuesday 9th April, 2013 at Stephenson Park, Mayfield.

Students will receive a note on Friday afternoon after the school event outlining the details. Although Mr John will accompany the students at the carnival, private transport will be required to and from the event.

MR JOHN
SPORTS ORGANISER
In conjunction with the McGrath Foundation, Kotara South Public School is holding a Pink Cross Country and Pink Stumps day.

Date:  5th April 2013
Venue:  Lugar Park
Time:  9:30am till 2:00pm approximately.
Cost:  $2 donation

Students are asked to wear PINK on the day. Children will be competing in the Cross Country and also participating in games of cricket to support the McGrath Foundation.

We ask that students contribute a $2 coin to this great cause. Further donations are welcome. Families are more than welcome to come and participate and any volunteers willing to assist on the day will be greatly appreciated.
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KIDS CLASSICS
Sunday 7th April—Civic Theatre Newcastle
Newcastle Youth Orchestra explores the amazing power of storytelling through captivating performances of works by Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Rossini and other favourite children’s classics.
Tickets available through ticketek.com.au or call 49291977.

FOUND IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
A pair of sunglasses has been found in the playground. Please contact the office if you think they may be yours.

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P & C NEWS
Easter Raffle
Congratulations to all the raffle winners. Again thank you to everyone who donated to our Easter Raffle. We hope you all had a lovely Easter.

NitStuff
Thank you to those of you who completed and returned their orders for NitStuff. Due to popular demand, we have extended the dead line until this Friday 5th April. Remember if we all use NitStuff, our school will be Nit Free!

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Friday 5 April from 9.30am to 10.00am. If you would like to donate your 2nd hand uniforms please drop them off at the office.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 April at 7pm at the School.

P&C Dates to remember
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

HELENA TAYLOR—P&C
Kotara South Public School Fundraiser

RAISING FUNDS FOR RESOURCES
From today, we start a unique NitStuff Fundraiser.
We hope as many parents as possible support the fundraiser.
NitStuff is a natural based Head Lice preventative and nourishing detangler in one easy mist spray bottle.
Simply apply by spraying NitStuff on wet or dry hair every morning before leaving home.
It's our duty as parents to keep our kids Head Lice free. Use NitStuff daily and be Nit Free.

WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?
While helping our School raise funds for resources, you also have the opportunity to experience
a tried and tested head lice preventative which is taking the market by storm.
Eliminate once and for all the headaches associated with ongoing Head Lice problems
AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE!!!

Orders and money Due by: Friday 5th April 2013
The scheduled day for delivery to Kotara South Public School and home to families is the week
starting Monday 8th April.

PLEASE TAKE THE BROCHURE TO YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND WORK MATES.
The more NitStuff bottles we sell the more we make as a fundraiser.
SAVE time and on postage costs by ordering your NitStuff today.
Thank you in advance for your support!

Kotara South Public School
Fundraising Safety Tips - Do’s and Don’ts:
Always think safety first.
Make a list of friends, family, relatives, and neighbours to contact
instead of selling door-to-door.
Parents should be involved with their child’s fundraising activity.
Follow any instructions provided.
Parents should approve anyone the child intends to ask to support the fundraiser.
Parents can help by taking a brochure to work.
Never allow children to carry collected money unless they are accompanied by an adult.
Do not carry large amounts of cash.
Do not talk to strangers.
Do not go out after dark.