What’s Coming Up....................

**9 April 2013**

**PARENT PARTICIPATION MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE**

Thanks to all our volunteers – your contributions make an enormous difference for all KSPS kids. The P&C has had another busy and productive term with activities including Interrelate, uniform shop, working bee, Easter hat parade and the student disco. A huge vote of thanks also to Fiona Best and helpers – the extraordinary KSPS canteen is due to your efforts. The contributions made by parents and carers who assist on sports days, in classrooms and with other activities are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the large number of parents and carers participating in the parent-teacher meetings this week and last. It’s a valuable opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and to raise any issues or queries. Educational research shows that such links between home and school contribute greatly to student success. If you haven’t already done so, please contact your child’s teacher through the school office or directly to make an appointment.

**SPORT UPDATE**

The school ‘Pink’ Fun Run – Cross Country planned for last Friday was postponed due to the weather. A new date will be set early in Term 2. Well done to students who participated in the impromptu ‘trials’ held at the school on Friday and best wishes to those who are competing at the Zone Cross Country today. Best wishes to Ellie Price who is trialling for the PSSA netball team on Friday.

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN from Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16 May unless withdrawn or exempted for special circumstances. The assessment data will inform the school and parent-carers of students’ skills and areas for improvement. Further details will be sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students early in Term 2.

**BRIEFS**

Best wishes to Mr Wells who has co-ordinated technology at KSPS and assisted students as Learning Support Officer (Aide) over 7 years. He has accepted a position at another school and will be greatly missed. Thanks Mr Wells for all your contributions.

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site (other than Dixie, a trained and registered assistance dog). If you bring a dog to the area adjacent to the school, please ensure it is on a leash. Your help will be appreciated.

Minutes from the Learning Support Team Meetings held in March will be sent home this week. Please let me know if there are any errors, omissions or suggestions.

Thanks to all families who have paid the student fees for 2013 or who are paying by instalments. This money goes directly to pay for classroom resources used by your child. Outstanding payments can be made directly to the office. Please let us know if you have any queries.

Best wishes to all for a safe and restful holiday break. A reminder that students return on Wednesday 1 May and Kindergarten students will attend until 3.00pm.

**MARTIN FROHLICH**

PRINCIPAL

All parents and carers are cordially invited:

**P&C MEETING**

Tomorrow Wednesday 10 April 7.00pm
KSPS Library
Please come along and have your say or assist where you can.
MERIT AWARDS
KC
Luke, Phoebe, Thomas
KF
Lucy, Boyd, Amber
K/1G
Luke, Christian, Kaihem
1W
Maeve, Olivia, Luke
1/2S
Tahlia, Lawson
2H
Annouk, Cameron, Archie
3/4L
Jordie, Breanne, Violet
3/4E
Charlie, Will, Noah
3/4G
Finn, Ashleigh, Joshua
5/6J
Alex, Lochlan, Arwen
5/6W
Georgia, Jack, Abbie
HSU/B
Andrew

KC LITERACY GROUPS TERM 2
KC Literacy Groups will commence in Week 2 Term 2. The following parents have indicated they would like to assist:
Wednesday 10.30—11.15am
Emma
Thursday 10.30—11.15am
Renai, Kate
Friday 9.30—10.30am
Sophia or Michael, Cathy, Samantha, Kate

Looking forward to working with you next term.
MRS COX

GARDEN MOSAIC PROJECT
A big thank you to all the parents who donated items for the school mosaic stepping stone project. We managed to get together enough material and are ready to get the project underway early next semester. Thank you also to parents who have offered to assist with the making of the stones. I will be in contact via email in the next few weeks.
PENNY

THE WIZARD OF OX
The Young Peoples Theatre is presenting The Wizard of Oz. Maddie from 5/6J will be performing in this production, which runs from 15 April to 8 June 2013. Performances are daily 11am the first week of the April school holidays and then 2pm and 7pm on Saturdays from 19 April to 8 June. For bookings please call the theatre on 4961 4895 (Box Office open Friday 4-6pm and Saturday 9am-1pm or during performances). If you want to see Maddie perform, when booking mention that she is in the “Quadling” cast.

STAR STRUCK
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
Wednesday 10 April
3.15pm in K/1G room.
MS GODDEN

P & C NEWS

Mother’s Day Stall – 9 May
The P&C are accepting any donations for our Mother’s Day stall. Suggested items for donation are, candles, coffee mugs, soaps, note books, pens etc. Please leave your donation at the office.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Thursday 11 April from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. The uniform shop accepts 2nd hand uniforms. If you would like to donate your old 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.

Draft Agenda for meeting
ITEM NO.1 Apologies
ITEM NO.2 Approval of minutes of meeting dated 13 March 2013
ITEM NO.3 President’s Report
ITEM NO.4 Treasurer’s Report
ITEM NO.5 Secretary’s Report
ITEM NO.6 Canteen Report
ITEM NO.7 Uniform Shop Report
ITEM NO.8 Fundraising Report
ITEM NO.9 Principal’s Report
ITEM NO.10 General Business
- Easter Raffle
- Canteen at Disco
- Crossing corner of Rodway Pde and Rae Cres.

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
CANTEN NEWS

Hello from the canteen for another extraordinary week! One week to go and then bring on the holidays! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your help and support, I just couldn’t do it without you. Attached is the roster for Term 2, please add your name if you can spare a few hours. Also if you are helping in classroom reading and could help out before or after, this would be a great help. The children just love to see Mum, Dad, Grandparents and Carers.

This Friday we are offering a great Last Day Special.
Boostin’ Wrap $4-00
Chicken chippy salad wrap
Boost Smoothie ice cream available in mango and berry.
Juice cup topped with frozen grapes

LAST DAY SUPER SPECIAL
(Include Red items which we are allowed to offer twice a term)
Mega Holiday $3-50 (FRIDAY ONLY)
5 chicken chippies
2 chicken nuggets
2 chocolate Oreo biscuits
Mega milk cup (frozen chocolate milk topped with ice cream, ice magic, sprinkles and shards of chocolate Easter egg.

NB: Blue mineral water, Jelly Joy sticks, chicken popcorn, chicken dino’s and jelly fruits will not be available next term.

Don’t forget the abundance of fresh salads, meats, baby spinach, alfalfa, avocado and semi dried tomatoes available each day on wholemeal, white and multigrain wraps, sandwiches, and bread rolls all purchased daily from Bakers’ Delight.

FIONA BEST—CANTEN SUPERVISOR

BACK TO THE RIVER FAMILY FESTIVAL
Sunday 21st April 10am—3pm
Kooragang Wetlands (Ash Island)
Free entry and all activities
• Croc stars reptile show
• Horse and cart rides
• Kids activities
• Live entertainment
• Didgeridoo demonstration
• Ash Island reunion
• Island tours and much more.

Phone 4964 9308 for further information.

BLACKBUTT BUSH RANGERS!
The Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger program brings kids back to nature. This school holidays kids will build a shelter, paint a boomerang, hunt for animals, and have a photo with a reptile for a take home bookmark.
Dates: 15-19 April 2013
Time: 9.30—11.30am
Location: Richley Reserve
Fees apply and bookings are essential.
Phone 4904 3344 or visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

YWCA VACATION CARE
School holiday fun for children aged 5-12 years at YWCA Hunter Region 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill.
Programs run 9.30 to 4.30pm.
Games, theme days, excursions, movies, cooking.
Childcare Benefit available.
Bookings essential phone 4929 2954.

CHANGED VENUE
FOR 9.30am CLASSES

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BOXING, TONING & CARDIO
For any fitness levels
For only $10 for 1 hour
NIGHT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Call Heidi on 0417 456 083
It’s on RAIN, HAIL or SHINE....
Check out photos on: https://www.facebook.com/#!/chabb20
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