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

**This Week**

**Wednesday:** Active After School Activities - Primary

**Saturday:** State Bi-election P&C Stall

**Next Week**

**Tuesday:** Active After School Activities - Infants

**Tuesday – Friday:** Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

**Wednesday:** Active After School Activities - Primary

**Thursday:** Count Us In K-6 National singing event

A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS SMITH AND THE FRIDAY FUNDAY TEAM FOR A HUGE JOB DONE PHENOMENALLY WELL!

Bringing parents, families, friends, students and staff together, Friday Funday exemplified the Kotara South Public School community at its very best. After months of planning and hard work by Leanne Smith and a small dedicated team, the day drew support from people too numerous to name here. The class stalls from 2pm kicked the event off to a great start and the 3-6pm action took off from there. Though threatening, the weather gods smiled down!

The support of families in baking cakes, donating items for sale, barbecuing, selling raffle tickets, assisting to set-up AND dismantle, handling money, publicity and more... was truly amazing. Numerous volunteers put in a very long day. Student behaviour and participation was outstanding throughout - and people opened their purses to make this the most successful fundraiser the school can remember. Sincere thanks also to our sponsors; and the Scottish Highland Dancers who added a special touch of class to the evening.

While further details will be provided elsewhere, all participants will remember Friday Funday for a long time to come. Our students will benefit directly from the funds raised and the event has set a high bar for the future.

CHORALFEST

Best wishes to our Primary Choir who will perform at Choralfest at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre today. It is fantastic to hear and see how these students have applied themselves to learning a variety of songs and styles. Thanks to Ms Garrett and Mr Eldridge who collaborate with me in tutoring and accompanying the choir. It’s a wonderful progression from the whole school signing that is a feature of most weekly K-6 assemblies. Thanks also to parents who are supporting our young choristers – by being part of the audience and by providing transport to and from Choralfest.

KSPS EVALUATION & PLANNING

An evaluation is currently underway at KSPS to inform the school’s future. Thanks to parent representatives (Nicole Ottery, Michelle Ryan, Michael O’Connor and P&C President, Chris Thompson) and teachers (Mrs Fear, Mrs Ward AP, Mr Eldridge, Mr Englefield AP and Mr John Rel. AP), who attended the two-hour Evaluation Forum on Tuesday evening. The team looked at the wide-ranging DEC reforms presently underway, particularly implementation of National Curriculum and how this will be used to improve student learning. Feedback was also presented from analysis of NAPLAN (literacy and numeracy) data and information from recent surveys and focus groups that have variously included parents, students and teachers.

This followed a workshop last Friday involving the school executive (principal and assistant principals) and teacher representatives to collate and interpret some of the information at hand and look at the best way to progress planning for 2015 and beyond.

Various staff forums will be held over coming weeks and the parent representatives will meet at 6pm on Wednesday 12 November (prior to the 7pm P&C meeting).

BRONZE AWARD BONANZA!

It was a pleasure to present Callum Collins (Y2), Angelina Ottery (K), Clare Gascoine (K) and Tegan Cousins (K) with Bronze Principals Awards last week. Congratulations to these young students for their conscientious efforts and achievements.

NAPLAN 2014

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN (literacy and numeracy) results were sent home recently. Our overall student results continue to be strong against national standards. Highlights include:

- Year 5 students above national minimum standard – 80% of students in Reading, 82% of students in Writing and 82% of students in Numeracy
- Year 3 students above national minimum standard – 90% of students in Reading, 86% of students in Writing and 97% of students in Numeracy
You may have noticed comprehensive coverage in recent media about the just released *Review of the Australian Curriculum - Final Report* commissioned by the Federal Government. The report can be downloaded from the Internet.

There are some interesting views expressed about it in *The Conversation* [http://theconversation.com/national-curriculum-review-experts-respond-26913](http://theconversation.com/national-curriculum-review-experts-respond-26913). The concern in schools is that reports such as this will obfuscate the need for the Federal Government to commit to fully fund the Gonski Reforms to which the NSW Government is committed.

The school will continue to provide further information about the evaluation through this newsletter and forums such as the P&C.

MARTIN FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL

**KC FRIDAY GROUPS**

There will be no groups in KC on Friday October 31 as this will be my first day back from leave and I would like to see what the children have completed during my absence.

MRS COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**YEAR 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2016**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One such strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

If you currently have a child in Year 5 and intend for your child to apply for selective high school placement in 2016 you must complete an application form online. Our local selective school is Merewether High School. All Year 5 students will receive a detailed note outlining this information this week. Online applications must be completed by 17 November 2014.

MRS WARD - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**UNSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results in the University of NSW Mathematics competition

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**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.

**KC**

Zali, Nate, Cooper

**KF**

Jeremiah, Isobel, William

**1W**

Kunga, Thomas, Sophia

**IG**

Lindsay, Patrick, Alexis

**1/2G**

Jayden, Kyann, Alex

**2G**

Tindra, Evelyn, Phoenix

**2/3E**

Oliver, Tilly, Amelia

**3/4T**

Jade, Anouk, Bella

**4/5E**

George, Paris, Abby

**5/6J**

Charli, Luka, Aurora, Jasmine

**5/6W**

Ben, Abbie, Elise

**HSUB**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hello from the canteen for another awesome week! This week’s specials are -

Eat Fresh Deal $1-50

1 salad sandwich, wrap or roll
Fruity Pop $3-50
6 chicken chippys
1 fruit rope
1 sour pop

PLEASE NOTE: Prices have changed for the following -
Mineral Waters $1.70  chocolate milk $1.70  strawberry milk $1.70  ice monys 70c  milk cups 70c  snappas 50c  Water bottles $1.50

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

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P&C NEWS

Friday Funday Fete
Thank you, thank you, thank you Kotara South Public School community for such wonderful support in making Friday Funday Fete a fantastic afternoon.

The day would not have happened without the hard work of all the KSPS P&C Fete Committee, all the helpers on the day as well as the people who donated cakes & 2nd hand items.

The P&C would also like to thank the following people who helped make the day a success:-
Mr Frohlich and all the staff for your support and assistance
All stallholders
Megamania
Justine Daly and the Scottish Highland Dancers
Cow Design for all the graphic design for the posters, flyers and certificates.
And again you, the families who supported the school and came along

We would like to again acknowledge the sponsors of the Friday Funday Fete
Gold: Taylor Built, Regent Street Physio, GKR, Just Liberated, Pfeiffer Property, Astute Financial, Winning Appliances, Lake Vet Hospital, Kotara Family Practice, Sarah Smith Mobile Travel Agent, Eyecare Plus, Focus Pilates Studio, Altapac, Pandoras.
Silver: Safety Pin Design, Craig Jones Home Improvement, Chris & Larry Automotive, Tree Top Adventure Park, Go-Karts-Go, Heidi’s Social Fitness, Mass Nutrition, Lizottes, Westfield Kotara, Hoyts Charlestown, Nail Call, Sharp Electronics, NRMA.
Bronze: Print Nova, Lucky 7, House, Hunter Valley Chicken & Game, KFC, Officeworks.

The lucky winners of the Monster raffle were …

Monster Raffle:
Major Prize, please collect from the office if you didn’t collect on the night.
1st Prize: Baccarat Cookware: Anna Rose
2nd Prize: Panasonic Microwave: Tim Smith
3rd Prize: GKR Membership: Cameron
4th Prize: Altapac Window Tinting: Ben
5th Prize: Travel Vouchers: Jade
6th Prize: Just Liberated Hair Care: Nicole
7th Prize: Megamania Party: Khushinka
8th Prize: Pilates Studio: D Rich
9th Prize: Car Service, NRMA: Madeleine
10th Prize: Tree Tops Vouchers: Chris Thompson
11th Prize: Car Service, Chris & Larry Automotive: Cameron
12th Prize: 4.5kg Toblerone: D. Davies
13th Prize: Go-Karts-Go: Fiona Butler
14th Prize: $100 voucher Eyecare Plus Optometrist: Megan Gray
15th Prize: $100 voucher Eyecare Plus Optometrist: Cherie Fenlon
16th Prize: Lizottes Certificate: Paula Leslie
17th Prize: Lizottes Certificate: Charlotte
18th Prize: Mass Nutrition Sports Bag: Jade
Minor Prizes were picked on the night. All uncollected prizes will be allocated & distributed throughout the week.

Silent Auctions:
Signed Newcastle Knights Jersey - Winner - Sue Aebi with a winning bid of $220.00.

**Election 25 October 2014 – Polling booth at Kotara South Public School**
The P&C Committee will be selling cakes and muffins from Thompsons Pies on Saturday 25 October between 9am to 2pm.
Items for sale will be:-
Pack of 6 Choc chip muffins $7.00
Pack of 6 Blueberry muffins $7.00
Pack of 6 Apple and Cinnamon muffins $7.00
Pack of 6 Plain lamingtons $7.00
Pack of 6 cream lamingtons $7.00
Pack of 6 party caramel tarts $8.00
Pack of 6 Brownie Slice $7.00
Pack of 6 Apple Slice $7.00
Pack of 6 Finger Buns $7.00
Soft drinks $2.00
Water $1.00
Chocolates $2.00
Lolly bags $1.00.

Thank you to those families who placed orders. Please remember collection of these items will be available between 11am to 12noon.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be opened on **Thursday 23rd October 8.30am to 9.00am.**

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November at 7.00pm in the school library.

**GOLD SPONSORS of the Friday Funday Fete**

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**BRONZE SPONSORS of the Friday Funday Fete**