CANBERRA BOUND

By the time you read this, Stage 3 students and staff will have arrived in Canberra for their 4 day excursion. I'm pleased to attend: it's great to get out with the students and participate in their learning adventure. Thanks to Mr John, Mrs Vogt, Mrs Ward and Mrs Keyes for organising and giving up your days (and nights) so the student have this wonderful opportunity. As for students' parents - be assured, we'll look after the students as we care for our own children and will contact you if need arises. We'll also keep you updated on Facebook from time to time along the way. Mr Englefield will relieve as principal in my absence.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS 2015 – YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Planning is underway for classes next year and anticipated student enrolments are hovering around the number for an extra class. If you haven’t already done so, could you please let us know if your child is or may be leaving, or if you know of any who want to apply to commence in 2015. Please feel free to contact the school if you are uncertain of your plans or if you have any queries. This will help us to be ready at the start of Term 1.

BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Well done to Arabella (KF) and Nate (KC) who received Bronze Principal’s Awards at Friday’s assembly. It’s wonderful to see the progress and efforts of such youngsters. It was also my pleasure to present Abby (4/5E) with a Silver Principal’s Award as a fantastic student. George (4/5E) received a Gold Principal’s Award for having previously earned Bronze and Silver; and then a further 15 Assembly Awards.

Congratulations for your outstanding achievements along the way, George!

WRITING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Olivia (2/3E) who recently entered the Write4Fun Schools Poetry and Short Story Competition of 2014 and received an Achievement Award for successfully completing the first round of judging. She was also offered the opportunity to be published in the competition’s compilation ‘The Text Generation’. Encouraged by Mrs Stewart, Olivia first entered this competition in Kindergarten and was successfully published. This is the second time she has entered.

NEAR MISS ON RAE CRESCENT CROSSING

On Wednesday there was a near miss on Rae Crescent when a parent dropped their child off while parked in the crossing area obscuring the crossing sign. The youngster proceeded to hurry to cross the road and was nearly hit by a vehicle, luckily the student saw the car and pulled back just in time. It was a near miss that had a nearby parent’s heart in her mouth!

The school also received an email of concern after one of our students crossed a road some distance from the school without looking, and is probably still unaware as to how hard the oncoming driver had to brake to avoid contact. The motorist took some seconds to recover from the shock before moving on. Another close call!

Please take special care when dropping off or collecting students. Your constant vigilance is appreciated. These ‘quiet suburban’ roads are potentially lethal. Please accompany younger children and speak to your child about the need for pedestrian safety, to reinforce the message teachers and I are trying to instil.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Wed 19 November Infants & Primary Disco
Wed 26 November Parent information evening at Kotara High
Thurs 4 December Christmas BBQ – Opening the new COLA (staff run event)
Thurs 11 December Y6 visit to Kotara High (9:30-2:30pm)
Fri 12 December Year 6 Farewell
Mon 15 December KSPS Presentation Day 10am at MPC Kotara High School
Wed 17 December Picnic Day END OF TERM

Please remember that we try to keep you up-to-date with weekly newsletters, the KSPS website and facebook, a recent addition!
YEAR 5 DEBATING TEAM
Well done to our Train-on Debating Team (Pia, Bridie, George, Bailey and team advisor, Luke) who finished up their season at the District Semi-Finals yesterday, against New Lambton Public School. In a high quality debate that would have done many high school students proud, they came second. All our debaters showed how far their skills have come over the rounds with the adjudicator, Mr McNair (retired principal ex Newcastle High), saying it was one of the closest debates he’s seen this year!
Thanks to Mrs Thompson for training and organising the team and to parents who have assisted with encouragement and transport. We look forward to taking on the Premier’s Debating Competition in 2015.

GO4FUN!
Hunter New England Health and other agencies are offering a free healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13 who above their healthy weight. The 10 week program is called Go4Fun! With an emphasis on practical, fun learning, the program is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families’ eating habits, fitness levels and overall health. A brochure will be sent home with students. Please contact Go4Fun Office on 49509117 or visit www.go4fun.com.au for more information, or register your child via 1800 780 900 (free call).

Thanks again to all our extraordinary volunteers. To Mrs Smith who completed numerous tasks from Friday Funday; to parents who organised and ran the Pie Drive and Election Stall; to those who assisted students in classroom programs; canteen volunteers; scripture ‘teachers’; and more. You make a real difference for our KSPS kids!

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

2014 SWIM SCHEME

YEAR 2
All year 2 children have received a note regarding swim school. This is a valuable sporting program to promote water confidence, improve stroke technique and learn water safety skills. Permission note and full payment is due by Monday 10 November. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

YEARS 3-6
There are 15 spaces available for students in Years 3-6 who wish to attend swim school. If your child is unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water your child is eligible to participate in the swim scheme. Permission notes can be obtained from the office with students being placed on a priority list.

MS GIBSON - SWIM SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

CHORALFEST: DONE, DUSTED AND DAZZLED
Congratulations to our KSPS Songbirds who participated in the Lake Macquarie Choralfest at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre last Tuesday. It was our first formal public performance and a fantastic experience for all. Along with many other talented school choirs, we rocked the socks off audience members, including the professionally-trained adjudicator who offered positive-constructive feedback on our 3 songs. Students represented our school with typical KSPS manners, behaviour, participation and enthusiasm. Thankyou guitarists, Mr Frohlich and Mr Eldridge and to our supportive, cheerleading parents who helped with transportation on the day.
Bring on 2015 Choralfest!

MUSIC COUNT US IN 2014
On that same musical note, KSPS students will participate in the Music Count Us In Program for our second year this Thursday at 12:30pm. The program brings together teachers, students, parents and the music industry in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country. This initiative is supported by funding from the Government as part of a goal to lift the status of music in schools and to remind everyone about the value and benefits of learning music. The 2015 song ‘Let me Paint You a Song’ is just as catchy as last year’s ‘Keep On’. You can find the link to listen to the song and learn more about the program here: http://www.musiccountusin.org.au

MISS GARRETT - CHOIR CO-ORDINATOR

OOSH 2015
Just a friendly reminder that 2015 OOSH enrolments forms are available and we are currently placing families for next year. If you haven’t already done so, please remember to return your form ASAP. Not doing so may result in the loss of a permanent booking.

OWEN TODHUNTER - KOTARA SOUTH OOSH CO-ORDINATOR

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

KC
Jay, Molly, Charlotte

KF
Imogen, Ben, Jessica

1W
Luke, Jackson, Bryson, Libby

IG
Aiden, Charlotte, Phoebe

1/2G
Jacinda, Geordie, Cooper, Kai

2G
Cooper, Sophie, Kiera
2/3E
Grace, Zac, Lawson
3/4T
Phoebe, James, Angel
4/5E
Josh, Bailey, Jack, Emily
5/6J
Olivia, Kiralee, Navy, Sophia, Pia
5/6W
Alex, Bridie, Lana
HSUB
Lachlan

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another awesome week! I am in need of a helper this Friday so if you could spare some time to help I would be appreciative. I have enclosed the roster as I am still in need of help, especially Friday’s.
This week’s specials are -
Eat Fresh Deal $1-50
1 salad sandwich, wrap or roll
Sunny Roll $3-00
1 hot cheese roll
1 deli rock chips
1 sunny boy
Wheely Chips $3-50
Chicken chippies
Rice wheels
1 milk cup

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

P&C NEWS
Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 29th 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

SILVER SPONSORS of the Friday Funday Fete
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ASSISTED TRAVEL SUPPORT OFFICER (ATSO) POSITION**

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.


For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

**MEETING - ST JOHN AMBULANCE RSL CADET DIVISION**

Thursday 6.30-8.30
St John Training Centre
Court St, Adamstown
For further information, call Milan on 0400 777136
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