PUBLIC SPEAKING AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP TO THE FORE

Congratulations to all Year 6 students who presented their speeches last week; and special commendations to eight of our Year 6 Public Speaking Finalists who addressed Friday’s assembly. The standard was very high and Mrs Ward has detailed the results elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our eight Year 5 nominees for today’s election for student leadership positions in 2015 did a remarkable job in presenting to students, parents and grandparents this morning. It’s fantastic that there are so many talented, capable contenders — they have certainly made the decision a difficult one for voters. Elected leaders will be announced at Presentation Day on Monday 15 December. House Captains and other positions will be filled early next year.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to Bryson (Year 1) who received a Bronze Award at Friday’s assembly. It was also a special privilege to present Abbie (Year 6) with a Gold Principal’s Awards recognising her outstanding effort and achievements over the years. Both recipients can be very proud of their accomplishments.

A couple of students have handed in Assembly Awards for receipt of Gold Awards. These will be presented at the special Awards Assembly commencing 9:30am next Wednesday 10 December.

PRIMARY ETHICS CLASSES

As mentioned previously, the school is looking at the possibility of offering ethics classes (at the same time as Scripture). Mrs Valerie Main is co-ordinating this, and is looking for parents or community members who may be able to train to teach the program. An information sheet will be uploaded to the KSS website. Please contact Valerie (email: kingvdom@yahoo.com or ph: 4023 8744) for more details.

MUSIC BRIEF

It was my pleasure to attend a performance by KSPS piano students learning through Piano for School (Geri Rae) at lunchtimes. They were excellent. We’ll look at the possibility of holding a school based concert for interested students next week.

Jane Jelbart will hold a brief performance at the school tomorrow or Friday, to introduce students to the ukulele. If there is sufficient interest, lessons will be offered next year.

Mr Eldridge and I are running instrumental workshops each week: advanced students on Tues and beginners on Wed. Yesterday, the choir enjoyed a pizza lunch with myself and Mrs Venables (nee Ms Garrett). We have a couple of in school performances over the next couple of weeks and practice is continuing each Wednesday morning (8:30am).

AFTERNOON TEA TO THANK VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday 9 December from 1.30 – 2.00pm

KSPS is a fantastic school and one of the special aspects is the outstanding level of community support. Volunteers help in a myriad of ways: the P&C, Fundraising Committee, Canteen Team (Mrs Best’s extraordinary helpers), classroom helpers, barbecue volunteers, working bee supporters, scripture teachers… All volunteers are invited to please join us if you can for this afternoon tea under the Cola outside the new hall –

a small way we can say "Thank you for making a difference for our KSPS kids.”

Students from KC, KF, 2/3E and 3/4T will informally perform the dance they have been learning this term with Mrs Creighton at our ‘Thank Volunteers Afternoon Tea’. KC and KF students may bring in a Christmas style hat (if they have one) to wear for this occasion. (Please send your child’s hat to school in a plastic bag with their name on it by Friday December 5.) You do not have to buy a hat for your child if they don’t already have one, as we will make headbands for students who do not bring a hat.

All students, families and friends are cordially invited:

CHRISTMAS BBQ AND COLA OPENING

This THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 5-7PM

Music and some dance by ‘Mr F and Friends’.

Bring a rug or chairs and a picnic hamper or pre-order for a sausage sandwich (1 for $3.50 or 3 for $10).

MARTIN FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL
YEAR 6 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Year 6 Public Speaking Competition took place last week. Each Year 6 student presented a 3 minute speech on the topic “…. And I couldn’t stop laughing!” Congratulations to Ellie who was the overall winner of the competition. She will present her speech at the KSPS Annual Presentation Day. Emrah was also presented with a ‘Highly Commended. The finalists were: Ellie, Emrah, Izabel, Jack, Abbie, Charli and Arwen. Congratulations Year 6 on an excellent competition.

KSPS ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY AND SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Monday 15th December at the Kotara High School Multi Purpose Building. The presentation will commence at 10am. Students will travel by bus to the venue – permission notes were sent home yesterday. Parents of all students receiving an award will be notified before the event. As in previous years there will be special guests, a guest speaker, a whole school singing and signing performance and of course the presentation of awards.

This year we will be also holding a Special Awards Assembly on Wednesday 10th December at school commencing at 9am. To celebrate the last formal assembly of the year, a number of special class awards, encouragement awards (technology, dance, library and sport), kindergarten graduation certificates and other certificates will be presented on this day. All parents and community members are more than welcome to attend this awards assembly. There will be no formal notification to parents of students receiving an award at this assembly.

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

All Year 6 students who are attending Kotara High School next year will be attending an Orientation Day at Kotara High School on Thursday 11 December. This will be a final opportunity for all students to visit the school and meet teachers before they start next year. All students will be expected to make their own way to and from the high school on this day. A note will be sent home to Year 6 students this week outlining the details of the day.

MRS WARD - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PLAY SESSION

The final Kindergarten Orientation Play session was held last week for students enrolling in 2015. Fun was had by all and our students enjoyed having lunch with the current Kindergarten students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ball, Mrs Fear, Mrs Crockett, Mrs Vogt and Mrs Keyes for their assistance on the day.

We are looking forward to our new Kindergarten students joining our school community in 2015.

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Parents/carers of Aboriginal students at Kotara South Public School are invited to participate in the development of a Personal Learning Plan for their child for 2015. Personal Learning Plans for Aboriginal students are developed across NSW schools as a way of improving results for our children. Please contact your child’s class teacher to organise a time to develop this plan (either face to face or via a telephone conversation). Together you will look at your child’s interests, strengths and needs to develop a plan to get the best results we can for your child. If you have any questions about this process, please make an appointment at the office to see me.

KSPS GIVING TREE

As in previous years our school has supported the City Mission with donations of food and gifts to assist needy families in our community that find it financially and emotionally difficult to provide their families with a Christmas celebration as we know it. The City Mission would be grateful for donations of non-perishable food for the needy families of Newcastle and the Hunter. Donations of canned food, Christmas puddings, packet items, a gift for a boy or girl (not wrapped please) etc., can be brought to school and placed under the Christmas tree in the office foyer.

Once again thank you for your kind assistance.

K-2 HOME READERS

K-2 students are required to return all take home readers to their teachers by this Friday December 5 for collection and sorting.

END OF YEAR CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year KPS will be holding our class Christmas parties at school on Wednesday December 17, the last school day for 2014. Students may come out of uniform and they are asked to bring in their own decorated Christmas Party lunchbox including their lunch, drink and party treats for themselves. This is to avoid and allergic reactions or vast quantities of leftover/wasted food.

The program for the day will include:

9.15 – 10.50am: A variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities arranged by the teachers
11.00 – 11.20am: Class Christmas Party Lunch
11.20 – 12.10pm: Play
12.10 – 1.40pm: Movie session
1.40 – 2.00pm: Recess
2.00 – 2.40pm: Teachers vs students’ outdoor game
2.45 – 3.00pm: Assembly in hall for Principal’s address and clap out for Year 6 students

MRS COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
CHRISTMAS BBQ & COLA OPENING

As mentioned in previous Newsletters there will be a family BBQ/picnic at school to open our new COLA on Thursday, 4 December.
Staff will be running a sausage sizzle on the night if you don’t choose to bring a picnic. Cost of sausage sandwiches are $3.50 each OR 3 for $10.
The details are set out below and order forms with money needed to be returned by this Wednesday (tomorrow).
Thank you for your support
KSPS STAFF

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MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.
KC
Cooper, Zali, Glare
KF
Isobel, Alex, Toby
1W
Kunga, Leo, Luke
IG
Reggie, Phoebe, Patrick, Alexis
1/2G
Emerson, Lucy, Maya
2G
Tindra, Kaihem, Liam, Hudson
2/3E
Charlie, Tom, Mitchell
3/4T
Melissa, Samantha, Ethan
4/5E
Thomas, Mia, Paris
5/6J
Brayden, Charli, Kiralee, Emrah
5/6W
Jayden, Breanne, Charlie
HSUB
Luke, Aissata

P&C NEWS

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on the following dates and times:
Wednesday 3rd December 2014 – 8.30m to 9.00am
Thursday 4th December 2014 - 8.30am to 9.00am
Wednesday 10th December 2014 – 8.30am to 9.00am
Thursday 11th December 2014 - 8.30am to 9.00am
Wednesday 21st January 2015 – 4.30pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 22nd January 2015 - 4.30pm to 5.00pm

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 7.00pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello from the Canteen for another fabulous week. Thank you to everyone for your help and support. I AM IN NEED OF HELP on last day of term. If you can spare an hour, please contact the office or see me at the canteen.

Eat Fresh Deal $2.00
1 chicken and cheese salad sandwichwrap/roll
Fish Blitz $3.50
1 fish finger burger with lettuce and mayo
1 pkt tiny teddys
1 juice or milk cup
Chippy Blitz $3.80
1 chicken chippy burger with lettuce and mayo
1 pkt chips (any)
1 ice mony
2 FREE BILLIKENS

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

COMMUNITY NEWS

GARDEN & GROUNDS GROUP - CALLING ALL KSPS KNITTERS

Yarn Bombing Update
Do you, your parents, grandparents, or the person next door love to knit? Then please get behind this exciting project and contact Susie via indigoblin@gmail.com or 0407 002263 (Mondays or after-hours) for more details and measurements. Thanks to those who have contacted me so far. Keep an eye out for our first installation later this week. Looking for a project for the school holidays? - these are just some of the things you can make with a simple small rectangle of knitting (by Josie 4/5E).
Not a knitter but want to donate some old or new stuff to the project? There is a basket in the school office to leave any knitting needles, hooks or yarn - even small left-over balls are useful.

SUSIE LEWER - GARDEN & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
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From $10 for 1 hour class - $100 for 10 visit card - Casual visit $12
Call or text Heidi on 0417 456 083

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Bush Skills Adventure**
Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.
Cost: $20 per child  Bookings Essential  Ph: 02 4951 6466

**Wriggly Wetlands**
Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.
Cost: $20 per child  Bookings Essential  Ph: 02 4951 6466

**Junior Ranger Fun Day**

The theme of our next free environmental fun day is **aquatic action**, with fun craft, interactive games, planting activities and critter displays. **Kid’s get a free ice block!**

9.30am to 11.30am, **Tuesday 20 January 2015**

Carnley Avenue reserve  (off Carnley Ave, Kotara)

For enquiries call 4904 3344 or email blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au

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**NEWCASTLE PERMANENT**

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**Voiceplus Holiday Music Camp**

Does your child love to sing?

**Kids 5 - 12 Years**

- Most like-minded kids
- Centre harmony & play instruments
- Fun games & arts
- Sing-offs, play-offs, open mic sessions
- Improve voice & performance
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- Specialist tutors
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**2 Days 13-14 January 2015**

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**BOOK ONLINE**

www.julieloganmusic.com.au

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Brief overview of the Go4Fun program:
The Go4Fun Program is a FREE, community, family-based program for families with children aged 7-13 who are above their healthy weight. This multi-disciplinary program combines all the elements known to be vital in treating and preventing overweight or obesity in children, including family involvement, practical education in nutrition and diet, increasing physical activity and behavioural change. With an emphasis on practical, fun learning, the program is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families’ eating habits, fitness levels and overall health.
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