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

This Week
Tuesday: Active After School Infants
Wednesday: Zone Swimming Carnival
Barber of Seville Opera Oz
Active After School Primary
Friday: Clean Up School’s Day
Assembly

Next Week
Tuesday: Active After School Infants
Wednesday: Active After School Primary
Friday: Assembly

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Luke (1G) who received a Bronze Award at Friday’s assembly for having worked consistently to achieve his very best. Well done also to Jack who was awarded Bronze at the end of last year (after the last newsletter was sent home). You’ve done yourselves proud!
The school is keen to recognise students’ achievements. Students who receive 5 Merit Awards are eligible for a Bronze Award; a further 10 Merit Awards earns a Silver Award; and an additional 15 Merit Awards achieves a Gold Award. Students are invited to bring their Merit Awards to the school office or directly to me.

Most KSPS kids have busy lives outside of school and from time to time we hear of their special success. Congratulations to Rylan who competed in the ChitoKai Summer Tournament at Hunter Valley Martial Arts Centre and won a silver medal in the 9 Year Boys Soft Baton Sparring and silver medal in the 9 Year Boys Kumite. Great results Rylan!

SCHOOL PHOTOS ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014

Envelopes will be sent home today with details for ordering photos. Please return the completed envelopes with money enclosed on photo day, Tuesday 11 March, as money is paid directly to Newcastle School Portraits. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform on the day.

POLICE STRANGER ALERT

There has been a report to Police about children allegedly approached by a man at Kotara. Full details from the NSW Police Force Facebook page are below in this newsletter.
The incident has again prompted police to encourage parents to discuss the ‘Safe People, Safe Places’ messages with their children, including;

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, ‘Go away, I don’t know you’. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.

STUDENT PAYMENT FOR CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Thanks to families who have paid – the response has been very pleasing. The school is very grateful to families who have made an additional donation. While we will not name names, as several donors have asked for anonymity, your generosity will make a real difference for KSPS students.

Outstanding amounts are now overdue.

Please contact the office to pay now or arrange to ‘pay off’ your account in instalments.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Best wishes to our Zone Swimming Team who is competing tomorrow at Lambton Pool. Thanks to Mr John for coordinating the event; and to parent-carer who are helping out the 25 students involved. We wish the team every success.

BARBER OF SAVILLE

We are all looking forward to tomorrow’s performance of the Barber of Saville. If your child hasn’t paid yet, payment will still be accepted tomorrow morning at the office.

STUDENT WELFARE POLICY

The Student Welfare Policy is underpinned by the You Can Do It! Program and incorporates strategies to recognise and reinforce positive student behaviour. The vast majority of KSPS students comply fully with school expectations and rules. Policy sections detailing support and actions should students make inappropriate behaviour choices are included so that the school’s processes and student consequences are transparent and fair.

KSPS strives to uphold our mission to provide a stimulating, rich and relevant education for each of our students through quality teaching and lifelong learning practices in a positive, safe and supportive environment. The strong partnership between students, staff and parents enables all KSPS students to achieve their very best in all areas of school life.

The KSPS Student Welfare Policy is available through the school website [homepage > parent information (link) > student welfare (link)].

On a personal note, it is nice to be back at school after a couple of days on Jury Duty last week. Thanks to my executive team (Assistant Principals: Mrs Ward, Mr Englefield and Mrs Cox) for relieving in my absence. Good, as always, to know the school is in safe, caring hands.

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

Police are appealing for information after two children were allegedly approached by a man at Kotara.

About 3pm on Friday 21 February 2014, a 10-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl were riding along a bike track near Vista Parade when they saw a man on the path ahead of them. Police have been told the man grabbed the boy and spoke to him. He dropped his bike and ran off with his sister. Police have been told the man grabbed the boy and spoke to him. He dropped his bike and ran off with his sister into Grayson Street.

The man allegedly followed the children into Bryson Street where they were able to hide and later make their way home.

Police from Lake Macquarie Local Area Command are investigating the incident and are looking for the man who has been described as being 60-70 years old, 180-185cm tall with a thin build, grey hair, goatee beard and stubble. He was described as wearing a navy-coloured t-shirt and green cargo shorts.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

HEAD LICE

Several cases of head lice have been reported to the school. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KC
Charlotte, Max, Cooper

KF
Elodie, Ben, Savannah

IW
Madison, Isaac, Jackson

1G
Reggie, Rosie, Darcy

1/2G
Thomas, Lucy, Jacinda

2G
Ruby, Kyra, Nate

2/3E
Mitchell, Thubten, Amelia

3/4T
Ethan, Jade, Sameh

4/5E
Paris, Cooper, Kaitlyn

5/6J
Charlie, Lucinda, Kiralee

5/6W
Jayden, Ewan, Lily, Corey

HSU-B
Lachlan

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OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN FINISHING TIMES

For the remainder of Week 5 this week and all of Week 6 next week, Kindergarten students go home at 2.30pm. From Week 7 to Week 11 of Term 1 Kindergarten children may remain at school till 3.00pm. This is optional and if you would like your child to remain at school they will be participating in play activities to develop their social skills. Students are to stay in their own classroom.

As of Term 2 all Kindergarten students will remain at school till 3.00pm each day.

I apologise for any confusion about the finishing times.

MRS COX
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOULFUL SONGBIRDS AT KSPS

I am very excited to announce that the KSPS Primary choir is up and running for 2014.

Many students from Stages 2 and 3 have made the commitment to attend our Friday lunch time rehearsals with a positive, keen attitude. A combination of both girls and boys will allow for a variety of genres to be explored during song selection.

Mr Frohlich and I have combined our ideas and passion for music to prepare a program which will aim to provide students with an opportunity to learn some practical vocal warm-up activities, as well as to work through a range of round and harmony group songs throughout the semester.

With the Lake Macquarie Choralfest scheduled for early May, we request that students maintain their ongoing commitment to the choir, so if auditions are required, we can then organise numbers for the cohort that will represent our school.

Thank you.

MISS GARRET—CHOIR CO-ORDINATOR

CLEAN UP SCHOOL’S DAY

This Friday 28th February is “Clean Up School’s Day” at KSPS. Classes will be spending a portion of their time cleaning the school grounds, removing rubbish and weeding.

Please ensure all children have gloves for our Friday clean up.

MS GIBSON AND THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello from the canteen for another extraordinary week. I must say a big thank you to everyone for your ongoing support by helping me in the canteen and also your patronage. Many parents are now buying their children lunches everyday and taking advantage of our super fresh and healthy food and amazing prices that are hard to beat.

This week’s specials -

Eat Fresh Deal - $1.50
Fresh roast chicken white, wholemeal or multigrain sandwich / wrap or roll
Free condiment (mayo, pickles, tomato sauce, tomato relish, American mustard or homemade ranch.

Wrappin’ Fish Finger - $3.00
Fish Finger salad mayo wrap
Juice cup

Poppin’ Paddock $3.00
Party pie or sausage roll
1 sour pop
Pkt White Wings cookies

Salad bowls are now on our menu daily for $2.60 (may be cheaper when on special).
The salads include tomato, cucumber, cheese, grated carrot, lettuce. A Works Salad for $3.00 also includes beetroot and red onion. I can also add baby spinach, black pitted olives, stuffed green olives and alfalfa sprouts.

FIONA BEST
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

HUNTER ANIMAL RESCUE 8th ANNUAL
PETS PICNIC

16 March Speers Point Park 10am to 3pm.
BBQ, prizes, raffles, exhibitors, competitions, market stall, entertainment for kids.

Dogs welcome on leads.
Free family event.

GO 4 FUN

Go 4 Fun is a free healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13 who are above their healthy weight (> 85th percentile BMI for age).
The Go 4 Fun program is delivered by physiotherapists, exercise physiologists, dietitians and other qualified health professionals and is offered by Kaleidoscope in partnership with Population Health. For further details contact the school office or call Program Manager Maria Roberts on 0467 762742.
P & C NEWS

P&C AGM Meeting – Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7pm
Just a reminder that our official AGM will be held on 12 March 2014. Positions available at the AGM will be:-
President
Vice President x 2
Treasure
Secretary
Fund Raising Co-Ordinator and Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.

Nominations are called for all positions. If you wish to nominate for a position please complete the attached form and return it to the returning officer prior to the meeting, although nominations will be accepted at the meeting. You will find information on P&C roles at the following website http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo.

P&C 2014 Membership
Also attached is the Kotara South Public School P&C Association Membership form. If you wish to be a member of the P&C for 2014 please return the completed form, together with $2.00 to the office. If you are unable to make the meetings but would still like to be involved in the P&C, please complete the form and pay your $2.00. You will then receive the P&C Minutes as well as all communication sent out via email. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact Helena on hataylor@bigpond.net.au or 0412549924.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Thursday 25 February 2014 from 8.30am to 9.00am. School photos are on 11 March. If you are unable to attend the uniform shop when it is open, please leave your order and money at the office and it will be given to your child to take home.
HELENA TAYLOR
KSPS P & C
I hereby apply for membership of the Kotara South Public School Parents & Citizens Association for 2014

Name:…………………………………………………………………………………………………

Address:……………………………………………………………………………………………..

Phone Number:……………………………………………………………………………………

Email Address:……………………………………………………………………………………

Are you willing for your contact details to be distributed to P&C Members?  Yes / No

Your $2.00 per person membership fee entitles you to vote in all P&C Meetings and also to stand for office.

Amount Enclosed:- $..........................

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NOMINATION FOR 2014 OFFICEBEARERS

KOTARA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE FEDERATION OF PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) ACT 1991

I, …………………………………………………….., being a financial member of the Kotara South Public School Parents & Citizens Association in 2014, do hereby nominate

……………………................ .....................for the position of:

Nominee’s Name

(Please tick applicable position)

☐ President

☐ Vice President I

☐ Vice President II

☐ Secretary

☐ Treasurer

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Signature of Nominee                                  Date

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Endorsing Financial Member Name                     Date

This form must be returned to:
Private & Confidential
The President
Kotara South Public School P&C Association
Rae Crescent
Kotara South NSW 2289

Nominations must be received by 7pm Wednesday 5 March 2014