What’s Coming Up.....................

This Week

Wednesday: Disco and Parent Curriculum Information Session & Supper
Thursday: Zone Soccer Trials
Friday: Harmony Day

Next Week

Wednesday: Zone Cross Country
Friday: KSPS Athletic Carnival

ASSISTANCE DOG

While dogs are generally not permitted within the school, many of you will know Dixie who is a specially trained Assistance Dog for one of our students. The school understands that several parents bring dogs when they drop off or collect their children, and this is not a concern as the dogs are well controlled and remain outside the school.

Unfortunately Dixie has been attacked by other dogs on a couple of occasions and is very nervous. She is always brought in and out of the school through the northern gateway in Rae Crescent. The school respectfully requests that other dogs be kept away from this entrance. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

KSPS CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross-country on Friday brought fitness and fun to the fore. Well done to all student (and staff) participants. Special thanks to Mr John for organising the event, and to staff and parent-carers who assisted to ensure all went smoothly. The training will continue in the lead-up to the KSPS Athletics Carnival on Friday 28th March at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.

HALOGEN YOUNG LEADERS’ DAY

Information will be sent home with our 6 Student Leaders who are invited to attend the Halogen Young Leaders’ Day at Sydney Entertainment Centre on Monday 31st March. Thanks to the P&C for funding the students’ admission. This will be a day these leaders will remember for many years to come.

STUDENT DISCO this WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Theme: 80’s
K-2 6:00 to 7:00pm - Yrs 3-6 7:00 to 8:30pm
Entry $4 DJ by Dance 2Bfit
Welfare Ministers - Molly & Lana

THANKS TO ALL KSPS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all parents, carers and community members who volunteer at KSPS. Your assistance in myriad ways makes a real difference for all our students. For this we are truly grateful.

Congratulations to the 2013 P&C Executive, Sub-committee Co-ordinators and Members for your services, and welcome to the incoming team elected at the P&C AGM on Wednesday night:

Chris Thompson (President), Glenda Bennett and Jason Bowden (Vice Presidents), Helena Hannan (Secretary) and Brett Price (Treasurer).

Welcome also to:

Leanne Smith (Fundraising Co-ordinator)
Penny Duncan & Matt Playdon (Gardens & Grounds)
HARMONY DAY – Everyone Belongs

The school will celebrate Harmony Day this Friday 21 March with tabloid games organised by our older students. This year’s theme, ‘Everyone Belongs’, ties in with our You Can Do It! – Getting Along focus. Primary students will walk to Lugar Park while the infants will participate in a range of games at school. Thanks to our peer leaders and Mr John for this initiative.

BRONZE AND SILVER AWARDS

Amber (Y1) and Eddie (Y3) were presented with a Bronze Award, and Thomas (Y3) and Eve (Y3) with a Silver Award, at Friday’s assembly.

Congratulations Amber, Eddie, Eve and Thomas for your excellent efforts and achievements in true KSPS style.

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

MERIT AWARDS

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

KC
Molly, Jay, Tegan
All of KC
KF
Lexie, Arabella, All of KF
IG
Jeremiah, Ahliyah, Patrick, Jack
1W
Madeleine, Krisztian, Kyran
1/G
Gabrielle, Bodie, Grace
2G
Jack, Cooper, Tindra
2/3E
Cohen, Thomas, Thomas, Joe
3/4T
Mikali, Samantha, Kate
4/5E
Ben, Callum, Sabine
5/6J
Luka, Ellie, Chelsea, Pia
5/6W
Alex, Cooper, Ben
HSU-B
Benjamin

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – NSW ENGLISH SYLLABUS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

This Wednesday evening there will be a parent information session regarding the NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. It will be held in the Library with a session at approximately 6.15pm (during the infants disco) and a session at approximately 7.15pm (during the primary disco). These sessions will be approximately 15 minutes long and are designed to inform parents about the new English syllabus and what it means for the teaching and learning of our kids at KSPS. All parents K-6 are invited to attend these sessions.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent – teacher interviews will be held in Term 1, commencing Thursday 27th March. Formal written reports will be sent home at the end of Semester 1 (term 2). Interview appointment slips will be sent home later this week. Please take note of the dates below so that teachers can allocate a mutually convenient time for all our parents.

Our interview schedule is:

- Thursday 27 March – 5/6J
- Tuesday 1 April – 1W & 1G
- Wednesday 2 April – HSUB & KF
- Thursday 3 April – 4/5E & 5/6W
- Tuesday 8 April – 2/3E & 3/4T
- Wednesday 9 April – 1/2G & 2G
- Thursday 10 April – KC

REMINDER: YEAR 6 PARENTS – MOVING INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2015

All Year 6 students brought home an Information Guide and Expression of Interest form last week about moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2015. The Expression of Interest form must be completed for your child to be enrolled at their local High School in 2015. The form needs to be returned to school on or before this Friday 21 March, 2014. Please contact me if you have any problems or difficulties completing the form.

MRS WARD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
QUALITY STUDENT WORK

Congratulations to the following students and classes for their quality work this month:

HSUB – Lachlan and Andrew
KF – Ben, Eddie and Jessica
KC – Nate, Zali and Angie
1G – Charlotte, Lawson and Chloe
1W – Imogen, Lucinda and Libby
1/2G – Tom, Olivia and all of 1/2G
2G – Lawson and Layne
2/3E – Amelia, Olivia, Noah, Mitchell, Joe and Cody
3/4T – All of 3/4T
4/5E – Bailey, India and Maddie
5/6J – Emrah, Navy and Luka
5/6W – Abbie, Olivia, Joey, Jayden and Charlie

All of the students work can be seen on our school website in the quality work page.

LEE ENGLEFIELD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BEST START INFORMATION

Best Start information from assessment of Kindergarten students at the start of Term 1 will be sent home today. Our kindy students have made significant progress since then, and this will be the basis for the Parent-Teacher meetings commencing on Tuesday April 1. Best Start data has provided general benchmarks to inform class programs and to track student learning. It has been renamed PLAN (Planning Literacy and Numeracy).

MRS V COX
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Our Easter celebrations this year will include an Easter Hat Parade involving K-2 students. K-6 students will participate in Egg Rolling and other fun activities on Friday 11 April 2014. A note regarding Easter Hat preparation will be sent home with K-2 students. All students will receive a note regarding the Egg Rolling activity. Year 5 students will hold an Easter Egg Guessing Competition and Year 6 will hold an Egg Decorating Competition. All students will be encouraged to participate in these competitions. Thank you.

MRS V COX
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

1/2G & 2G READING GROUPS

Due to whole school marching practice this Wednesday and Thursday and next Wednesday and Thursday, 1/2G and 2G reading groups will be cancelled for these sessions. Thank you to our parent helpers for these days. Normal reading group sessions will begin in Week 10.

Thank you
MS GODDEN AND MS GIBSON

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NEWS

The AGM for the P&C Committee was held last Wednesday night. The following are the 2014 P&C Executive Committee:

President – Chris Thompson
Vice President – Glenda Bennett
Vice President – Jason Bowden
Treasurer – Brett Price
Secretary – Helena Hannan-Taylor
Fundraising Coordinator – Leanne Smith
Uniform Shop – Helena Hannan-Taylor

Disco – this Wednesday night

The P&C run a canteen for the disco. We are looking for parent helpers to run the canteen during the following time slots:
- 6pm to 7pm – infants
- 7pm to 8.30pm – primary
If you can help out, please see one of the P&C members during the night.

Supper for Parents during Disco

The P&C will also provide a supper for parents in the Library whilst the disco is being held Wednesday evening. This will be available during and after the parent curriculum talk. The supper is provided for families to meet each other and networking whilst your children attend the disco.

Help Grow a Community

We are currently looking at the prospect of establishing community vegetable gardens in the school grounds. The vision is to create an outdoor space where parents, teachers, children and perhaps even members of the wider community can come together and work on a common project. The aim would be to build, establish and maintain edible food gardens with a focus on sustainable practices. It would also provide for an interactive outdoor learning area for the children during school hours. In the process we hope to do some creative art pieces or projects to make the area fun and vibrant. This would largely be a parent driven project so if you would like to be involved please email Penny at penelope2k@live.com.au
**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be opened on **Thursday 20 March 2014 from 8.30am to 9am**. If any parent is interested in helping run the uniform shop could you please email Helena at hataylor@bigpond.net.au with your name, day and time you would be available to open the uniform shop.

**HELENA HANNAN - KSPS P & C**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hello from the canteen for another extraordinary week at KSPS.

Thank you EVERYONE for your ongoing support especially when I put out a call for help. I got a great response last Friday. Thank you!

This week’s specials are -

**Eat Fresh Deal - $2.20**

- Ham Salad sandwich or wrap.
- Cup frozen fruit (includes peaches, watermelon, rockmelon and grapes.)

**Hot Chick n Gravy $3.00**

- Warm fresh roast chicken and homemade gravy bread roll
- Sunny Boy

**Sour Chippy $3.80**

- 6 chicken chippys
- Sour Pop
- Garlic bread

NB: Hot chicken and gravy rolls are $2.20.
We make our own garlic butter for our homemade garlic breads. $1.40.

**FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR**

**AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS**

Do you provide care and support to a child/young person who is aged pre-school to school years with a disability, mental illness or chronic condition?

You are invited to attend our free parent/carer information sessions.

Where: Club Macquarie 458 Lake Road Argenton
Time: 9.30am to 2.00pm
Cost: Free—morning tea and light lunch provided
RSVP: Thursday 24 April

Other sessions will be held on Wed 30 April on the impact of being a parent/care, Wed 7 May Siblings and Wed 14 May, the importance of support groups.

Phone 4921 4895 or 1300 887776

**THE NEWCASTLE SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD OPEN DAY**

Do you spin, weave, knit, crochet or felt?
When: 9.30 Saturday 12 April 2014
Where: Broadmeadow Sports Club, Cnr Curley and Lambton Roads Broadmeadow
For information contact Maureen on 0411 112829.

**KOTARA SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Players wanted for Under 10 and Under 8 teams.
Please contact Mr John or Michael Morrison.
RHEE TAEKWONDO
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NEW LAMBTON SCOUT HALL
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Mon / Wed 6.00 pm — 7.30 pm
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trip to challenge your kids’ fruit &
veg knowledge.

1. Play fruit & veg ‘I spy’ - name a colour and get
your kids to find all the fruit and veg they can in that
colour.

2. Fruit or veg of the week - let your kids select a new
fruit or veg to try for that week. Brainstorm together
what meals you could create with this new
ingredient.

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