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

This Week

**Wednesday:** P & C meeting 7pm
**Thursday:** Anzac Day Assembly 2.05pm
**Friday:** Easter Activities
**Last day of term**

Next Term

**Monday 28 April**
Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 29 April**
Students commence school
KSPS K-6 Athletics Carnival

KSPS ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2013

The KSPS Annual School Report 2013 (ASR) includes details of KSPS programs and students’ achievements last year, as well as information on the annual school evaluation and priorities for 2014.

The ASR is available through the school website: select the **Our school** (link) > **annual school report** > **Annual school report 2013 (pdf)** attachment.

Thanks to parents and teachers who assisted in the process. Please contact the office if you would like a printed copy of the ASR.

All parents and community members are cordially invited:

**P&C APRIL MEETING**
Tomorrow Wednesday 9 April 7pm KSPS Library

Discussion will include fundraising 2014, ideas to establish a community garden and more. Please come along and have your say.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thanks to parents and carers who have attended parent-teacher interviews recently. These provide an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and any questions you may have. The next scheduled step will be Student Reports towards the end of Semester 1 (June 2014).

The interview schedule will continue with:
- **Tuesday 8 April** – 2/3E & 3/4T
- **Wednesday 9 April** – 1/2G & 2G
- **Thursday 10 April** – KC

Parent-teacher interviews will take place in your child’s classroom. If you haven’t already arranged an interview or wish to discuss any matter, please contact your child’s teacher through the school office or directly to make an appointment.

Please note:

The last day of Term 1 is this Friday 11th April:

Parents, family and friends are invited to please join us for the **Easter Hat Parade from 10:15am**
(details below in today’s newsletter)

**Students return on Tuesday 29th April – for the KSPS Athletics Carnival at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale**

Staff members recommence on the Monday for a Staff Development Day to focus on implementation of new NSW Syllabuses in English and Maths for the National Curriculum.
YOUR HELP PLEASE – Infectious Diseases

We have children enrolled at this school who have ongoing serious immunity-health issues and require immediate medical interventions should they come in contact with other persons who have any communicable diseases e.g. chickenpox or shingles, measles, rubella (German measles), mumps, whooping cough (pertussis), gastroenteritis, or influenza.

I am therefore asking for you to contact the school as soon as a diagnosis has been made by your GP of any of the above listed communicable diseases. This will enable the school to take appropriate action to protect the at risk student/s by contacting their parents as quickly as possible. The NSW Government’s Infectious Diseases page can be found at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/a-to-z-infectious-diseases.asp

Please let the school know if you have any queries. Your help re this matter is appreciated.

KSPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Tuesday 29 April

Students will leave the school by bus at 9:15am and return to school by 2.45pm. If you wish to take your child home from the carnival, please see their teacher so they can be signed out.

The program for the day is below; though please note the times are approximate.

KSPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Tuesday 29 April 2014

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K-6 ANZAC ASSEMBLY – this Thursday 10 April

Our school Anzac Ceremony will be held at 2:05pm in the school hall this Thursday 10th April with guest RSL veteran, Mr Syd Lynch, and other servicemen. As in previous years, students who are Joeys or Scouts may wear their Scout uniform. Parents are welcome to attend.

The school has been contacted by Adamstown RSL to attend their annual Remembrance Ceremony on Anzac Day (Friday 25th April – 8:30am).

Notes will be sent home later this week with Student Executive who may be able to represent KSPS on the day.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN from Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 May unless withdrawn or exempted for special circumstances.

This assessment data will inform the school and parent-carers of students’ skills and areas for improvement.

Further details will be sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students early in Term 2.
OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Our Easter celebrations will be held this week on Friday 11 April 2014 commencing with the Easter Hat Parade at 10.15am for students in KC, KF, 1G, 1W, 1/2G, 2G, Year 2 students from 2/3E and HSUB. Students and parents should be collecting, designing and creating those extra special Easter hats, bonnets or caps in readiness for the parade. Students may bring their completed hats to school on or before Wednesday 9 April. Hot Cross buns, tea, coffee and cool drinks will be available for sale from the canteen after the parade.

All students will participate in the tradition of egg rolling and children are asked to bring a very hard boiled, brightly coloured egg for the occasion. An Easter Egg Decorating competition and A Lucky Easter Guessing competition will also be held where students guess the number of eggs in the jar.

Easter Hat Parade day will be out of uniform day for all students. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing (sun safe) and enclosed shoes for the day (no thongs).

Looking forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

KINDERGARTEN MATHS GROUPS

In Term 2 students from KC and KF will be participating in Maths Group activities every Friday morning from 9.10am – 10.10am. If you are a Kindergarten parent/grandparent/caregiver and would like to assist with these groups please inform Mrs Cox or Mrs Fear by the end of this term.

MRS COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SENIOR SCHOOLAEROBICS

The team for the Year 6 Schoolaerobics has been finalised and students who are participating this year will have received a note about holiday rehearsals and the choreography on DVD. Our 1 hour school holiday practices will be held on Tuesday 15 April at 12.30pm, Tuesday 22 April at 12.30pm and Thursday 24 April at 12.30pm.

MRS THOMPSON
CO-ORDINATOR
YEAR 5 EASTER GUESSING COMPETITION
There will be an Easter egg guessing competition held throughout this week as part of our annual Easter celebrations. All students K-6 are welcome to have a guess in this competition. Year 5 students will be selling guesses before school every morning this week at the stage in the quad area. Guesses are 50c each or 3 for $1. The prize will be all the eggs in the container! The proceeds from this competition will go towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year.

ZONE NETBALL
Ellie Price and Charli Hepburn of 5/6J participated at the Zone Netball Carnival last Friday at National Park. This event was the selection trials for the Hunter Region Team. Both girls were successful in making the ‘possible and probable’ squad of 20 and are competing again today in order to gain selection in the final 10 Hunter Region Team. Best of luck to the girls!

MRS WARD - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Active After School will recommence early in term 2 (Date to be confirmed). If you are an interested student and are available to attend on your age groups afternoon (Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday and 3 - 6 on Wednesday) then return the slip below to Mr Warren as soon as possible as there are only 2 places left.

MR WARREN
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL TERM 2 2014
Active After School will recommence early in term 2 (Date to be confirmed). If you are an interested student and are available to attend on your age groups afternoon (Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday and 3 - 6 on Wednesday) then return the slip below to Mr Warren as soon as possible.

Places are limited to the first 25 students to return their notes.

I would like for my child/ren to participate in the Active After School program for term 2, 2014. I am aware of the days and running times of the program.

Student Names: ____________________       Year ________

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Signed __________________________

LIBRARY NEWS
Unfortunately library borrowing has been disrupted for the past two weeks and I am sorry for the inconvenience. Normal borrowing will resume next term.

MRS HARVEY
LIBRARIAN

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for our final fabulous week. The Easter Hat Parade is this Friday and I am having a super dooper crazy special.

Last Day Special - $4.00
6 chicken chippies
Lollie bag
Super choc Easter cup of chocolate milk, fresh cream, Easter egg chocolate sauce and sprinkles.

On Friday the canteen will be selling fresh Hot Cross Buns from Nice n Tasty Joslin Street, tea, coffee, cools drinks and ice creams. A huge thank you to everyone for your support this term.

I hope you all have an extraordinary holiday!

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR
COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NEWS

**Easter Raffle**
The Easter Raffle with been drawn this Friday after the Easter Hat Parade. Please ensure you return all sold raffle tickets and money to the office ASAP as well as any donations towards the raffle prizes.

**Entertainment Books**
2014/2015 Entertainment books are still available to order. Please go to the following web link:- [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346s62](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346s62). If you are having problems ordering, please email Leanne at timeandleanne98@bigpond.com and she will forward the email link to you. If you want books to be sent home with your child then please select the option for collection/pick up.

Flyers will be sent home next term with further information on how to order your 2014/2015 Entertainment Book.

Please note that this year we are only providing Entertainment books to those families who place and pay for the order upfront. If you would like an entertainment book and cannot wait for the flyer to be sent out, please send in an envelope with the money marked with your child’s name, class they are in and how many books you would like.

The cost of the book this year is $60.00, with $12.00 of each book being given back to KSPS P&C.

Please remember to reference Kotara South Public School when registering your 2014-2015 Entertainment Membership.

**Mother’s Day Stall – Thursday 8 May 2014**
We are looking for helpers to assist with wrapping for the Mother's Day Stall. Wrapping will be held on Tuesday evening 6th May (time to be advised), with the Mother’s Day stall to be held on Thursday 8th May. The P&C have been purchasing items over the last 6 months to sell at this years’ stall. We have been able to find some great brand name items at great prices. We have purchased many of our items from House Kotara, Myer, David Jones, Robins Kitchen, Sheridan, Victoria's Basement and Target. We will have brand name products such as Maxwell Williams, Ambrosia, Kimidoll, Mikado, 3Hats, Baccarat, S&P and Alex Liddy. We would like to thank the stores that provided KSPS P&C with additional discounts on their products. Please support the companies that have supported our school - House Kotara Homemaker Centre, Victoria's Basement, and Creative Sensations, Cardiff. We will have products priced from $2 to $15. The majority of our items will be priced at $5 each.

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 April at 7pm in the school library.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be opened on Friday 11 April 2014 from 9.00am to 9.30am.

**HELENA HANNAN - KSPS P&C**

**SCHOOL FOOD GARDENS**
Thank you to all the parents who have indicated their interest in being involved in our garden project. We have come up with many ideas and hope to start planning early next term. Please email penelope2k@live.com.au or text/phone 0403 656072 if you would like to be involved.

**PENNY DUNCAN**

**THE ARISTOCATS KIDS**
Opera Hunter is delighted to present the charming Disney musical The Aristocats Kids & includes Yr5 student, Grace Love, in the cast. Based on the 1970 movie, the musical will enchant audiences of all ages.

The show plays this school holidays at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre Warners Bay on April 22,23, 24, and 26; performances at 2pm and 6pm. Then at the Wesley Centre Hamilton April 27 2pm and 6pm. Tickets are available from Mercia Buck mbuck@exemail.com.au or 02 4943 1672 – Adults $25, Concession $15, Children $10 (15 yrs & under), Family $60 (2 adults & 2 children).

**JAZZ IN THE PARK**
Wednesday 16th April 6—9pm, King Edward Park
Free entry, raffles and more!
Featuring Smoking Chops, Half Nelson and Adam Miller. All proceeds go to medical supplies and textbooks for the Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Newcastle University.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS AT LAKE MACQUARIE CITY ART GALLERY**
April 15 to 24 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
These half-day workshops allow primary school aged children the opportunity to create their own artworks using a variety of materials and techniques. Visit [www.artgallery.lakemac.com.au](http://www.artgallery.lakemac.com.au) for details.
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Private Sessions also available

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Is your son or daughter interested in learning guitar?

Newcastle Music Academy provides guitar tuition at Kotara South Primary School after school hours. Our half hour lessons are specifically tailored to your child’s goals & interests! With our holistic approach we focus on teaching concepts, rather than just learning songs.

If your children are interested in lessons we’d love to chat with you!

Please give us a call at the office on 4929 3060, or speak directly to our Principal Gianni on 0434 927 058.