What’s Coming Up.....................

This Week

Wednesday: NAPLAN Reading
Fete committee 6.30 P&C meeting 7pm
Thursday: NAPLAN Numeracy
Guide Dog speaker K-6
Friday: Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6 $4 cost

Next Week

Tues: Interschool maths enrichment day
Knights Knockout Day
Wed: GRIP student executive workshop
Thur: Active After School Hillsborough Oval
Friday: Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

NAPLAN – Years 3&5

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced today for Year 3 and Year 5 with Language and Writing. Students involved have been encouraged to do their best and all did this today without any fuss. The tests form only one part of the school’s assessment processes.

Further NAPLAN testing will be:
  Reading – tomorrow, Wednesday
  Numeracy – this Thursday

Where possible, students who are absent will be given alternative time to catch-up on sections missed. However, we ask children to come well rested and ready to work to their ability. Students who may need closer support are placed in a small group situation separate from the main class area.

Full details were sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students last week. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent Carer Support/index.html. Please let your child’s teacher know if there are any matters to consider or if you have any queries.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS VITAL

That students’ attendance at school is vital for their learning and success in later life is backed by substantial research. In NSW the law requires that students attend school until age 17. Obviously factors such as medical conditions may affect some students.

From time-to-time some students become hesitant to attend school and if this arises it is important that parents contact the school to discuss any concerns; and to implement strategies to overcome these. Each day of absence significantly affects a child’s learning.

School principals and Home School Liaison Officers monitor student attendance and are required to act if there are unexplained absences or if a student is away for more than the occasional day without due reason. The school is able to approve leave for appropriate reasons, including family holidays in certain circumstances – especially if the student’s attendance is otherwise regular.

Please contact the school either through your child’s teacher or by phoning the office if your child is absent so that leave can be approved.

While overall student attendance rates at KSPS are high, there are areas for improvement. Your attention to your child’s attendance is appreciated.

Briefs:

Well done to all primary students involved in PSSA Sport last Friday. They all did a fantastic job in representing the school and are sure to benefit from the experience. Just a reminder that participating students need to bring in $4 each week (apologies for any confusion caused last week). PSSA sport will continue each Friday.

Our Stage 3 Debating Teams enjoyed a workshop with Mrs Keating, Deputy Principal at The Junction Public School (aka my wife). Thanks to Mrs Thompson for organising the event. We’re looking forward to various debates scheduled over coming weeks.

Thanks to families who have checked the ‘lost property’ items near the school office. Uncollected, unlabelled items that remain after next week will be sold or otherwise disposed of.
Minutes from the Learning Support meetings held in March will be mailed home within the next few days in draft form. Please let me know if there are any errors, omissions or suggestions and return a signed copy to the office for the school records.

Following a recent risk assessment, a number of trees have been identified for removal or lopping. Several gums between the cement assembly area and sports-field, and another adjacent to the library are of particular concern as they are in high traffic areas. The work has been approved by the Department and perimeter fencing will be installed as an interim safety measure. Morning assembly will be moved to the hall COLA or infants playground and students will be informed of other necessary changes. Please take particular care on the path adjacent to the library as this will be constricted.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
Congratulations to Lily (Y3) and Hudson (Y6) who were awarded Bronze and Silver Awards respectively at Friday’s assembly. These special principal awards recognise their consistent efforts and achievements. Well done Lily and Hudson!

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.
KC
Jay, Oliver, Madden
KF
Savannah, Arabella, Riley
IG
Chloe, Rosie, Luke
1W
Emma, Thomas, Krisztian
1/2G
Kai, Tahlia, Jayden
2G
Claire, Kyra, Lawson
2/3E
Amelia, Oliver, Tilly
3/4T
Jade, Breeanne Melissa
4/5E
Thomas, Emily, Violet
5/6J
Aurora, James, Rishi, Rachael
5/6W
Cooper, Will, Zach
HSU-B
Andrew

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

INTERSCOLAR MATHS ENRICHMENT DAY
Kotara South, Belair and Adamstown Public Schools will be hosting a Maths Enrichment Day for selected students in Stage 3, Stage 2 and Stage 1 on Tuesday 20th May.
If your child has been selected for this wonderful opportunity, their note and $15 (cost for the day) are due tomorrow Wednesday May 14th.
If your child is unable to attend please let the office know tomorrow so that other potential students may be offered the position.

KINDERGARTEN 2015
To the parents and community at Kotara South Public School,
We are pleased to remind you that we have started taking Kindergarten enrolments for the 2015 school year. This is an exciting part of the process of beginning “Big School”, getting to know the new people and environment. We encourage you to contact the office to place your child’s name on our list.

GUIDE DOG SPEAKER
On Thursday May 15, William O’Neill (a guide dog speaker), will visit KSPS to talk to the students about vision impairment and the assistance he gets from his guide dog. This will be a valuable experience for the students and there is no cost for the activity.

MRS V COX
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Thank you to those who have returned the information note regarding transport to our excursion next week. At this point we are still waiting for more notes to be returned so that we can make a decision on whether to arrange a bus for the afternoon. It has been brought to our attention that private transport may not be suitable as some children are under 7 years of age. A decision will be made by Thursday afternoon so that a note can be sent out on Friday.

MR WARREN - CO-ORDINATOR

PSSA FRIDAY SPORT (LOCAL DERBY)
This week our KSPS Yellow soccer and netball teams will be playing our KSPS Blue teams. Soccer games will be played at Lugar Park and netball games will be played at KSPS on our schools netball court.
All parents are welcome to come along and cheer our teams on!

MR JOHN - SPORT CO-ORDINATOR
DEBATING UPDATE

Yesterday both the Train-on and Premiers debating teams, spent the afternoon with Anne Keating from The Junction school in a debating workshop. The students worked on their rebuttal skills and fine tuning their main ideas into strong arguments. Thank you Anne for your time and expertise.

Our debating season begins next Monday with both debates at home. We wish both teams luck for the 2014 season.

MRS THOMPSON
DEBATING CO-ORDINATOR

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NEWS

Mother’s Day Stall

A big thank you to all the children who bought items from the Mother’s Day Stall last Thursday. We hope all the Mothers enjoyed their presents and had an enjoyable and relaxing Mother’s Day.

Thank you to the mums and dads who assisted in making the stall such a huge success, whether that was through donations, wrapping or assisting at the stall.

A special thank you to the following businesses who supported our school with discounts and donations - Coles Kotara, House Kotara, Victoria’s Basement and Creative Sensations, Cardiff.

Entertainment Books

2014/2015 Entertainment books are still available to order for $60, with $12 from every book going back to KSPS P&C. Digital Memberships are a great new way to access the Entertainment Book.

Flyers have been sent home with the web link:- https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346s62.

Email Leanne at timeandleanne98@bigpond.com if you are having any problems ordering.

Please select ‘pick up’ when ordering online and books will be sent home with your child. Please remember to reference KSPS when registering your 2014-2015 Entertainment Membership.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 14th May 2014 from 8.45am to 9.15am (not Thursday).

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th May at 7pm in the school library. The Fete sub-committee will be meeting at 6.30pm in the library before the P&C meeting starts.

If anyone has any spare large plastic storage boxes with lids that they no longer require, could they please donate to the P&C.

HELENA HANNAN
KSPS P&C

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello from the canteen for another awesome week. Thank you to everyone for your support. The roster is looking good but I am still in need of your HELP, especially on Thursdays and Fridays when I require two or more helpers.

This week’s specials -

Eat Fresh Deal $1-50
Lite cheese sandwich or wrap with one topping of tomato, cucumber, beetroot, vegemite, carrot, lettuce, black olive, homemade cornmeat or leg ham on white, wholegrain or wholemeal bread.

Super Chick Combo $3-50
2 chicken dinos
3 chicken chippies
Ice Mony
Pkt of chips (any flavour)

Dog Gone $3-50
Hot dog with tomato sauce
(optional American mustard and cheese)
Sour pop

FIONA BEST
CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the USA and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover—all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local co-ordinator today on 0429 406126 to request our booklet of international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
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**Ingredients**
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2/3 cups low-fat milk
- 3 ripe bananas, sliced
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp margarine, melted
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

**Method**
1. In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine and milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, then stir into wet mixture until smooth. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of mixture. Flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.