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

This Week
Wed: GRIP student executive workshop
Yr 5/6 excursion information meeting 5pm
Thur: Active After School Hillsborough Oval
Friday: PSSA Soccer Knockout Games 11am
Lugar Park
Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

Next Week
Thursday: Star Struck Rehearsal 8am-4pm
Friday: Hunter Touch Trials
Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

FOCUS ON LEARNING

Term 2 is well and truly underway and it’s a pleasure to see the excellent learning programs in KSPS classes. The work done by teachers, aides and parent volunteers is all about helping students achieve their very best.

Teachers are currently collating assessment details (from class work samples, and informal and formal activities) on which to report student progress. Semester 1 Reports will be sent home on or around Thursday June 19. Assessment information also guides teachers in how to best support or extend student learning.

The recent fine weather has been ideal for outdoor activities and Friday saw many students involved in activities such as PSSA soccer, netball or sport-skills programs. Well done to our Knight's Knockout team today who played well throughout and demonstrated excellent behaviour. Thanks to parents who assisted, Mr Andrew Taylor (coach) and Mr Eldridge.

The Maths Enrichment Day involving students from Adamstown, Belair and Kotara South Public schools involves 24 of our students from Stages 1 to 3. Mrs Cox has been active on the organising team and Mr John has run the Stage 3 group today. Well done to all involved.

The Stage 3 Knockout Vs Belair will be at Lugar Park at 11am this Friday.

THANKS TO P&C ATTENDEES

Thanks to parents who attended the P&C Meeting last Wednesday: your support makes a real difference for all KSPS students. The meeting was very productive in dealing with a range of matters including the planned COLA, gardens, student programs and school maintenance; and concluded before 8:30pm.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

This year, as the major fundraiser, KSPS P&C will be holding a Fete on Friday 17th October 2014. Over the coming weeks and months we will be asking you to contribute items to help make the day a success. If anyone has any contacts that may be able to assist with donations, or if you or anyone you know may be interested in holding a stall, please contact Leanne Smith at: timeandleanne98@bigpond.com.

All ideas and contributions will be gratefully accepted.
WHOOPING COUGH

The school has been notified that one of our infant students who is away sick, may have whooping cough – the diagnosis won’t be known until Thursday. A separate note will be sent home if the diagnosis is confirmed. In the meantime, if you are concerned about your child’s immunity or if they are unwell, please seek appropriate medical advice.

Briefs:
Dixie (Jake’s assistance dog) was recently attacked by another dog on the way to school. There is no suggestion that the dog is owned by a KSPS family. Dixie enters and leaves the school through the Rae Crescent gate adjacent to the Early Intervention class. Please keep this area dog free. The school understands some parents tether their dog to the school fence while they are in the school: please feel free to do so along other parts of the school boundary.

Walk safely to school on Friday has provided an opportunity for the school to talk to students about safe travel generally: wearing seatbelts, holding hands while crossing streets and bike safety generally. Some classes are doing special activities. This is a good time to reinforce this message by reminding your children about road safety.

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

MERIT AWARDS

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

KC
Poppy, Oscar, Jennifer
KF
Matilda, Lexie, Jackson
IG
Patrick, Charlotte, Boyd
1W
Madeleine, Kyran, Sophia
1/2G
Connor, Gabrielle, Bodie-
2G
Phoenix, Layne, Nate
2/3E
Olivia, Thomas, Lawson
3/4T
Jalissa, Jacob, Maizy
4/5E
George, Kaitlyn, Patricia
5/6J
Tenzin, Lucinda, Callan, Sophia
5/6W
Talitha, Lily, Abbie
HSU-B
Lachlan
MISS SQUIRE
Zac, Joshua, Jake

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

INTER-SCHOOL MATHS ENRICHMENT DAY
Stage 1, 2 and 3 students from Kotara South, Belair and Adamstown Public Schools attended the Maths Enrichment Day sessions today at each of the schools. Stage 3 students who attended at Kotara South thoroughly enjoyed the maths challenges they were presented with throughout the day. Thank you to Mr John for presenting such an enjoyable day.

GUIDE DOG SPEAKER
Thank you to Mr William O’Neill for the informative session last week about vision impairment and guide dog assistance. The students enjoyed the afternoon and asked many interesting questions at the end of the session.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23 May 2014.

The objectives of WSTSD are:
• To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
• To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
• To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
• To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
• To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
• To promote the use of Public Transport.
• To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.

To reduce the level of traffic congestion.
All students who walk to school on Friday will receive a sticker at the school gates.
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
To the parents and community at Kotara South Public School,
We are pleased to remind you that we have start-
ed 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.

MRS COX
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STAR STRUCK COSTUMES
GOLD BUTTONS AND SHOULDER PADS
A huge thank you to those families who have loaned us princess dresses for our Star Struck costumes.
We are now seeking donations of gold buttons and shoulder pads to complete our Prince costumes.
If you can help please donate buttons / shoulder pads to Ms Godden or Ms Gibson.
Thank you,
MS GIBSON & MS GODDEN
STAR STRUCK CO-ORDINATORS

SPORT REPORT
PSSA Soccer Knock Out Game
KSPS soccer team will play against Belair PS at Lugar Park this Friday at 11am.
Come along and support our team.

PSSA Friday Sport
Our netball and soccer teams will play an away game this week against Hamilton PS.
Cost is $4-00.

MR JOHN
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2014
Tomorrow our Year 6 Student Executive will at-
tend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Newcastle Panthers Club. The students will be given opportunities to extend their leadership skills, listen to guest speakers and interact with school leaders from other schools in the Hunter area. We look forward to an enjoyable day.

NETBALL NEWS
Last Thursday our School State Knockout Netball Team – Ellie, Charli, Izabel, Kiralee (YR 6), Lucinda, Sophia, Emily and Chelsea (Yr5) won their first round of the knockout competition. It was a hard fought game against Merewether Heights Public School with our girls eventually winning the game 15-9. We look forward to our next game in the coming weeks. Congratulations girls!

STAR STRUCK MATINEE PERFORMANCE
This year, local schools have been invited to attend a matinee performance of Star Struck – Magic Happens at 10.30am on Friday 13 June, 2014. Star Struck is a performing arts extravaganza presented by students from across the hunter area. Sixteen of our very own Year 5 students will be performing in this event. Our school has secured 50 tickets for this performance. The cost will be $30 (ticket and bus fare) and available to all Stage 3 students. Any leftover tickets will be made available to Stage 2 students closer to the date. Permission notes and payment slips will be sent home later this week.

MRS WARD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Tasks include:- making posters with instructions on how to manage the compost and worm farms; put some storage bins near the compost bins that will hold extra ingredients to add to the compost such as shredded paper, brown leaves, and saw dust; purchase some compost worms (donations welcome); and making sure food scraps don’t contain the wrong foods such as citrus, meat, garlic and onion . We look forward to meeting with the environment team in the near future with the aim to implement these tasks.

PENNY DUNCAN
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COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NEWS

Lollipops Raffle
Lollipops Kotara have generously donated vouchers for KSPS to raffle.
1st Prize is for a children’s birthday party for up to 8 children, to the value of $229 and is valid to 30.06.15, 2nd, 3rd & 4th prizes are for 1 Free Child Entry. Tickets are $2.00 each, with all proceeds going to KSPS P&C to help fund the COLA for the infants area.
The raffle will be drawn on 4th June at the Infants disco.
Please find a copy of the ticket attached to today’s newsletter.

Entertainment Books
Hurry! Time is running out. The current Entertainment Book ends soon.
Purchase your new 2014-2015 Entertainment Book or Digital Membership today for only $60. Please go to the following web link:-
$12 from the sale of every book goes back to KSPS P&C. All money raised is helping to fund the COLA for the infants’ area.

FETE – Friday 17 October 2014
The P&C will be holding a Fete on Friday 17 October, 2014. Plans are underway, if anyone is interested in assisting with the organisation of the Fete, please contact Leanne Smith via email on timeandleanne98@bigpond.com.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 21st May 2014 from 8.45am to 9.15am.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June at 7pm in the school library.
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 TAYLOR - KSPS P&C

GARDEN AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Members of the Garden and Grounds Committee met yesterday with the student Environment Ministers and Shadow Ministers to assess the current situation with composting at school. We found that the worm farms and compost bins need a few improvements. Four new worm farms are being donated to the school and the current ones need some more worms and food for the worms, also the compost bins need some extra ingredients to make them more productive. It was decided that we would form a school environment team and set some tasks in order to make some improvements.

Understanding Bullying
Learning Links is running a free parent workshop on bullying at Wallsend South Public School.
The workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.
Date: Tuesday 10 June 2014
Time: 5:30—8.00pm
At: Wallsend South Public School 16 Smith Road, Elermore Vale.
Looking for a fun program for the kids these school holidays?

Holiday Club Narnia Mania runs from 9am – 12:30pm Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July at Belair Baptist Church, 130 Garden Grove Pde Adamstown. The week is filled with team games, Bible stories, crafts and singing.

Cost is $40 per child for the week, although family discounts and early bird apply if you register before May 26th. The cost covers a team t-shirt, morning tea and craft.

To register: goo.gl/0SfC1b
Or phone 4957 4533 and speak to Rebecca or Rosalee.

Want to learn to read music and play the piano?

Piano for Schools are offering an opportunity for 5 new students from years 2-6 to receive piano lessons during school lunch time. The course offers a modern and creative approach to developing the life skill and enjoyment of learning the piano, together with theory and musicianship.

No piano at home?
No need to invest in a piano. Students will need something to practise on at home but an electric keyboard is often a cheaper and more convenient way to start.

Cost?
50 minute lessons are taken in small groups so it’s fun, sociable and cost effective at $20 per week.

To reserve a place please contact Geri on 0404905401 or pianoforschools@gmail.com

Kotara South Public School

1st Prize:
Birthday Party Voucher.
Party for 8 children. Valued at $229.
Valid to 30.06.15

2nd, 3rd and 4th Prize:
1 Free Child Entry
Tickets: $2.00 each
All proceeds go to KSPS P&C.
Drawn: 4th June 2014

Name: _____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________
Ph Number: _____________
Class: _________________
Tips for Walking Safely to School

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

Walk together
Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don’t push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

Be seen
Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Look for traffic
Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

Cross the street safely
1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street.

Obey traffic signs, signals and adult school crossing guards

For more resources and information on Safe Routes to School, please visit the National Center for Safe Routes to School Web site at www.saferoutesinfo.org.