STARSTRUCK GETS INTO FULL SWING

Best wishes to our Star Struck dancers as they head towards their major rehearsal on Thursday. I’m sure you’ll do us all proud. The school is also grateful to Mrs Godden, Ms Gibson and volunteer parents for your invaluable support. Star Struck is a unique event that will give the students lifelong memories.

Further details including the option of Stage 3 students attending the matinee on Friday 13th June are below in this week’s newsletter.

WHO IS WATCHING YOU CHILD?

A series of Cyber Safety seminar-workshops will be held at KSPS by Angie Bainsbridge, OAM. The former Olympian now works for the Australian Federal Police Cyber Crime Prevention, High Tech Crime Operations Team in Canberra. Details are:

- Stage 3 students - Wednesday 11 June 12:05pm
- Parents – Wednesday 11 June 6:30pm
- KSPS staff - Thursday 12 June 3:10pm

All parents and community members are cordially invited to the parent session and the P&C will provide a light supper. Please return the RSVP slip attached to this newsletter for catering or email Helena at hataylor@bigpond.net.au

The session will run for approximately 1 hour and will be followed by the June P&C Meeting. The meeting will be kept as brief as possible and should conclude by 8:30pm.

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This national data collection is being phased in over a three year period, with the first data collection conducted in October 2013 and the second data collection to occur in the second half of 2014 (‘the 2014 national data collection’). KSPS has been selected to participate in the 2014 national data collection.

The 2014 national data collection will involve participating schools collecting the following information at the school level:

The number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students;

The level of adjustment provided (no adjustment at this time, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment); and

Where known, the student’s type of disability.

Student names will not be captured.

Certain data collected by participating schools in the 2014 national data collection will ultimately be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education (the Department) and will help inform the level of funding to meet students’ needs in our school.

Further details will be placed on the KSPS website. Please contact me through the school office or directly if you have any queries or do not wish for information about your child to be included in this confidential exercise.

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

STAR STRUCK UPDATE

Our Star Struck team is travelling to the Entertainment Centre this Thursday for the first All Schools Rehearsal. The children have been working very hard and are getting very excited. Our costumes are looking spectacular. All costume items need to be at school next Monday ready for packing.

Thank you to all our taxi drivers and those families who have donated princess costumes. There will be a working bee on Thursday 5 June at 3.15 for Star Struck parents who would like to help for an hour or so. Please let Ms Gibson or myself know if you can help.

Thanks for your co-operation.

MS GODDEN
STAR STRUCK CO-ORDINATOR

MERIT AWARDS

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

KC
Zali, Angelina, Cooper

KF
Jeremiah, Isobel, Imogen

IG
Elissa, Darcy, Jack

1W
Imogen, Luke, Kunga

1/2G
Lucy, Cooper, Thomas

2G
Christian, Caitlyn, Tindra

2/3E
Cohen, Eve, Archie

3/4T
Anouk, Anna-Rose, William

4/5E
Bailey, Campbell, Paris

5/6J
Jasmin, Navy, Aurora, Charlie

5/6W
Lana, Cameron, Charlie

HSU
Phoenix

DEBATING UPDATE

Last week both the Train-on and Premier’s debating teams had success in their first round debates. We look forward to watching them continue to further their skills as the debating rounds progress.

The Train-on team has their second debate on Monday against Hillsborough. Our next debate for the Premier’s team is against Belair in week 8. Good luck!

MRS THOMPSON
DEBATING CO-ORDINATOR

HUNTER SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all of our Year 2 students who auditioned for the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. Both of your auditions were successful and you will be performing next term at Panthers Newcastle. Year 2 students from Ms Godden and Mr Eldridge’s classes will be performing their item Africana on Monday July 21 and students from Ms Gibson’s class will be performing their item Country Hoe-down on Tuesday July 22. Tickets for the festival are $18 and all seats will be non-reserved – meaning “first in get the best seats”. There will be a costume meeting next week for parents. A note will be sent home when the date for the meeting is confirmed.

Your help with costumes is most appreciated.
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015

We are already looking towards our 2015 Kindergarten. We have several people from out of zone looking for a place in our school. It is important we know about our in zone enrolments so we can plan for next year. If you have neighbours or friends with Kindergarten age children, please let them know that it is now time to enrol.

MRS V COX – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2014

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our school Year 6 Executive – Olivia, Luka, Ellie, Jack, Lana and Alex to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Newcastle Panthers Club. What a wonderful day! The conference was fantastic. The kids were thoroughly entertained by the interactive lectures that were presented and enjoyed participating in team building exercises, scavenger hunts and games designed to introduce our leaders to the leaders of other schools in the Hunter Region. The kids also learned about the different styles of leadership that exist, the sorts of events leaders at other schools are currently doing and how they as leaders can introduce new initiatives at our school. Not only did they have a great day, but more importantly, the 6 executive represented KSPS exceptionally. I couldn't have been any prouder to be there with these well behaved, mature and sensible students. Well done!

MRS WARD - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello from the canteen for another awesome week. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Friday morning please contact me. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

This week’s specials -

Eat Fresh Deal $1-50
Homemade cornmeat, fresh roast chicken or leg ham sandwich.

Deli Chip $3-50
6 chicken chippies
Pkt Red Rock chips
Milk cup

Wrappin’ Ted $3-20 Wow what a deal!
Chicken salad wrap
Pkt Tiny Teddies
FREE yogo Snappa

Frozen yoghurts are back in stock in strawberry and mango flavours for $1-40.

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

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 were sent home at the end of last week. Please see Mrs Ward if your child would like another note.

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

The simplest way...to manage fussy eating

Kids can get anxious when trying a new fruit or veg, so try providing a smaller serving for the first few times.

This approach is less overwhelming and you might find that they will ask you for more.

Did you know it may take more than 10 times before your child accepts a new food?

Give your kids two options that you’re happy with. Rather than saying “Would you like any vegetables?” offer a limited choice, for example “Would you like peas or beans?”

Stay calm + persistent in your approach! Perseverance pays off.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It
**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**


**DISCO – Wednesday 4 June**

The P&C will be running the canteen whilst the disco is on from 6pm to 8.30pm. If any parent would like to come and help out for a while, you are more than welcome.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be opened on **Wednesday 28th May 2014 from 8.45am to 9.15am**.

**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 time-andleanne98@bigpond.com.

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm** in the school library.

**Cyber Safety Talk – Wednesday 11 June – 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

The P&C will be providing supper whilst a representative from the Australian Federal Police presents a talk about cyber safety for our children. This is a highly recommended talk to attend. Feedback from parents and teachers at other schools were amazed at the information presented.

For catering purposes on the night please complete the form below and return to the office or email Helena at hataylor@bigpond.net.au with the details below.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE Triple P Seminars
The Power of Positive Parenting
For parents/carers with children aged 3-8 years who are living with them all or part time or who are in OOHC

Whether you just need reassurance that you are on the right track or maybe you are noticing a few behaviours that are becoming difficult to manage – Triple P seminars are a short, yet valuable introduction to positive parenting strategies. The seminars help you feel more confident and ready to deal with the common child behavioural and emotional issues. This helps to:

- create a stable, supportive and harmonious family
- encourage positive behaviour from children
- build positive relationships with children
- establish ways to plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations
- find suitable solutions for parents to take care of themselves while balancing work and family responsibilities.

Sign up today to find practical answers to your everyday parenting concerns, and learn how to raise happy, healthy children.

When: Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th June
Where: Lambton
When: 9.45am for a 10am start – finishing at 12.30pm
Cost: FREE - morning tea provided.
Bookings: Please call Lesley at Family Action Centre on 4921 5758

HMRI OPEN DAY - July 4th 2014
Looking for some school holiday fun? Discover the world of medical research!
Take part in some kids sciences experiments, make edible ‘DNA’ models, touch’n’feel the live expo displays and enjoy a healthy kids training session.

For mums and dads there’s also research information sessions about kids health, nutrition, asthma, diabetes and much more.

Open Day Program:
Open Day begins: 1pm
Kids Corner: 1:1-4:30pm
Clinical Trials tours 1:40:30pm
Research Info Sessions: 1:4:30pm
Q & A: 5:30-6:30
Cocktail Party: 6:30-8:00pm
Register online at hmri.com.au
For more information please contact Ellie McNamara ph: 4042 0588
e:ellie.mcnamara@hmri.com.au

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

WORLD MS DAY 28 MAY 2014

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a disease of the central nervous system, interfering with nerve impulses within the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves.
MS is one of the most common diseases of the central nervous system with over 23,000 people living with the disease in Australia and more than 2 million worldwide. There is currently no known cure for MS.
MS is not contagious, but it is progressive and unpredictable. The cause of MS is unknown and, as yet, there is no cure.

Please help us find a cure by making a donation to - www.kissgoodbyetoms.org.au
Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION ANIMAL LOVERS

Multi coloured guinea pigs will give free to good home. Males and females of varying ages.
KYLIE HILLIER
0425 350753
Kotara South Public School

Lollipops

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: ________________