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

This Week

**Thursday:** Mothers Day Stall  
**Friday:** Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

Next Term

**Tuesday:** NAPLAN Language & Writing  
**Wednesday:** NAPLAN Reading  
P&C meeting  
**Thursday:** NAPLAN Numeracy  
**Friday:** Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to students and staff for a great start to Term 2. Teaching and learning programs are in full swing and it’s excellent to see the high level of student engagement in all areas of curriculum. Stage 3 students have headed off to the Glenrock Excursion today and Ms Godden has taken the Star Struck troupe to their first rehearsal.

Thanks to parents and community members who are helping in myriad ways; albeit canteen, classroom support, the uniform shop (which was particularly busy this morning), or transporting students. Your support is invaluable.

PSSA Sport commences on Friday for primary students and details were sent home with students yesterday.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN testing of students in Years 3 and 5 will be completed next week (Tues 13 – Thurs 15 May). The results of the tests will provide information to schools and parents as to what students can do, and are one source of information to support teaching and learning programs.

Results in recent years have shown that students in NSW Public Schools are performing strongly in comparison to independent schools and to schools in other states and territories.

A separate letter will be sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students today. Please contact your child’s teacher, Mr Englefield (AP), Mrs Ward (AP) or myself if you have any queries.

SCHOOL CALENDAR ON KSPS WEBSITE

The school website has been updated with photos from the Athletics Carnival and lunchtime Games Group. As well as notes home, weekly newsletters and other information, the website also includes the KSPS Term 2 Calendar.

Printed copies of the calendar are available on request through the school office.

P&C Dates

Mother’s Day Stall – This Thursday 8 May  
Gifts from $2 to $15

P&C Monthly Meeting  
next Wednesday 14 May 7pm KSPS Library

The meeting will include finalisation of the P&C fundraising and activities calendar for 2014. A sub-committee has been formed to investigate options for a fete. This team will meet from 6:30pm.

All parents and community members are cordially invited to attend.
OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PRIMARY CHOIR UPDATE

A cheerful welcome back to my songbirds and families. Just a reminder that our choir rehearsals have changed to Thursday 1st Lunch, to accommodate students involved in Friday PSSA.

I am in the midst of arranging some upcoming performances to allow students to showcase their talents within the community in the near future. So please watch this space!

MISS GARRETT
CHOIR CO-ORDINATOR

THE HARD TARGET PROGRAM – Developing effective ways to respond to bullying behaviour.

The school has received information from The University of Newcastle about The Hard Target program which will work with children between the ages of 9 and 12 years, and their parents, to develop more effective ways of responding to bullying behaviour.

The program will commence on 30th May 2014 and will be run at the university for five consecutive Fridays (3:30-5pm). The initial assessment cost is $25 ($15 if health care card) with the remainder of the group sessions costing $60 (i.e. for children assessed as suitable for the program).

Information leaflets are available through the school office, or please see Mr Englefield or Mr Frohlich for further details.

PRINCESS COSTUMES

Thank you to those parents who generously loaned the school Star Struck group an array of princess costumes.

We have 5 costumes, which is a fantastic start. We are still seeking one more Snow White (size 8-10) and 2 Cinderella’s (size 8-10).

If you can assist we would be extremely grateful.

Thanking you,
MS GIBSON AND MS GODDEN

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent home today. Please return the envelope with a $2 coin donation for the chance to win a $4,000 family holiday and at the same time help to provide a healthy and much needed holiday for 1,800 public school children each year at Stewart House. Donations may be returned to school up until Friday 16 May.

LOST PROPERTY

The school has numerous items of ‘lost property’ in a section near the school foyer. These are mainly clothing (e.g. jackets, vests and hats) – many of which are in as new condition and without their owner’s name attached. You are welcome to drop in to see if any of your child’s items are in lost property.

Items currently in lost property will be held over the next fortnight and then unclaimed, unlabelled items that are suitable for use will be washed and sold or given away.

With the new term underway this is a timely reminder to please label all items of clothing and food / drink containers.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENTS IN 2015

Online applications are open until Friday 16 May for parents who wish to apply for their child to enrol in an Opportunity Class for Year 5 in 2015 through www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Paper application forms or other details are available through the school – please contact Mr Englefield or Mr Frohlich through the office or directly if you have any queries.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT SCHOOL EVENTS

While photographing in public places has become a sensitive issue in some instances, there is currently no concern about parents and family members photographing their children at KSPS events. Should other students be included in the shot, we ask for these images not to be posted online or otherwise circulated unless there is specific consent.

The school includes photos of students on the website though generally does not include names. We also ask parents to photograph activities on some occasions for the school’s use.

Please contact me directly or through the office if you have any questions or concerns.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Congratulations to Olivia (Y6) who received a Bronze Award; and to Kurtis (Y3), Melati (Y3) and Corey (Y5) who were awarded Silver Awards, at the end of Term 1. It’s always a pleasure to recognise such outstanding achievements. Well done!

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL
COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NEWS

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 from 5pm in the Library.

We also require help on the Mothers’ Day stall to be held on Thursday 8th May from 9am. Please notify Leanne on - timeandleanne98@bigpond.com if you are able to assist with either.

We have purchased many of our gifts from House Kotara, Myer, David Jones, Robins Kitchen, Sheridan, Victoria’s Basement and Target. We have brand name products such as Maxwell Williams, Ambrosia, Kimidoll, Mikado, 3Hats, Baccarat, S&P and Alex Liddy. Please support the companies that have supported our school by offering us an additional discount on their products- House Kotara Homemaker Centre, Victoria’s Basement, and Creative Sensations, Cardiff.

Gifts will be priced from $2 to $15 with the majority priced at $5 each.

Entertainment Books

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 when ordering online. Flyers will be sent home this week with the link to order your 2014/2015 Entertainment Book. There is also a display book in the Office Foyer for your perusal. Cash sales are available from the Office. 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.

P & C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th May at 7pm in the school library.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Thursday 15th May 2014 from 8.30am to 9am.

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

Wishing all our mothers a Happy Mothers Day.

HELENA TAYLOR - KSPS P&C

MERIT AWARDS

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

KC
Charli, Molly, Charlotte

KF
Toby, Adam, William

IG
Jack, Reggio, Lawson

1W
Amber, Leo, Josh

1/2G
Jacinda, Alex, Maeve

2G
Noah, Ruby, Jake

2/3E
Cody, Cameron, Samuel

3/4T
Ethan, Annouk, Lily

4/5E
Jack, Jessica, Rylan

5/6J
Izabel, Hamish, Bailey, Jasmine

5/6W
Hudson, Liam, Ryan

HSU-B
Leo

LAST (Miss Byrne)
Charlie, Niri, Jack

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted. Please contact us on 4957 5319 if you have a child who will be starting in 2015.

INTERNSCHOOL 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, they will receive a note tomorrow outlining the information for the day. The cost for the day is $15.

If your child is unable to attend please let the office know before Wednesday 14th May so that other potential students may be offered the position.

MRS V COX
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hello from the canteen for another awesome Term! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday, I did and I’m ready for a big term. I have attached a copy of Term 2 roster so if any mums, dads, grandparents or carers are able to spare a few hours, please add your name to the roster and return it to the office or phone me on 0410 436227.

This week’s specials are -

- **Hot Diggy Dog** $2-50
  - Hot dog with tomato sauce and optional American mustard
  - Ice Mony

- **Burger Buster** $3-50
  - Chicken burger with lettuce and mayo
  - Pkt Deli Rock chips
  - Milk cup

NB: Hash brown triangles are available for 80c.

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CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

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**TERM 2 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**The simplest way**
...to make Australia's Biggest Morning Tea healthy!

**Date & Muesli Slice**

**Ingredients**
- Olive or canola oil spray
- 2 medium apples, skin on, core removed, coarsely grated
- ⅔ cup water
- ½ cup margarine
- 2 cups dates, seeded
- 2 cups natural muesli
- ½ cup plain flour
- ½ cup wholemeal plain flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

**Method**
1. Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F) fan forced or 160°C (325°F) conventional.
2. Lightly spray a 25x30cm tin with oil. Add apple, water, margarine and dates to a saucepan and bring to the boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 5 minutes until the apple is soft.
3. Cook uncovered for a further 5 minutes and stir occasionally until mixture thickens to a paste-like consistency. Meanwhile, place muesli in a large frypan. Stir over low heat until lightly browned.
4. Sift flours into a large bowl, returning husk remaining in the sieve to the bowl. Add cinnamon and muesli to the flours and mix to combine. Stir into the date mixture then spoon into prepared tin.
5. Bake for 20 minutes until firm. Cool in tin before cutting.

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