What’s Coming Up.......................  Next Week

This Week

Tuesday: Active After School Infants

Wednesday: Active After School Primary

Thursday: Chess Tournament Day

Friday: Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

Next Week

Tuesday: Newcastle City Council
Water Safety Program K-6
P&C Fete team meeting

Thursday: NAIDOC Day Snake Tails

Friday: Red Nose Day fundraiser,
World Cup Soccer day “Out of Uniform Day”
Assembly, PSSA Sport 3-6

Last day of term

CONGRATULATIONS TO STAR STRUCK!

Congratulations to students, staff and parents involved in the Star Struck performances last week. What a magical show! Along with 50 students and other staff, I greatly enjoyed the matinee of Friday. I spent time with the dancers in the ‘shed’ on Saturday evening and was impressed by their enthusiasm and manners. It was special to see our KSPS students stand, sign and sing along to the National Anthem at the start of relayed transmission from the main stage. Ms Godden commented that she has never taken a more cooperative and committed group of Star Struck dancers. Well done!

There are photos evidencing this special event on our KSPS website.

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS

Semester 1 Student Reports will be sent home on Thursday. These will build on information you already have on your child’s progress from procedures such as parent-teacher interviews in Term 1. Please remember that a ‘C’ in overall achievement means your child is achieving well to age / grade level – they are achieving sound results.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any queries. Also, on occasions there may be typos or other errors that are not picked up when reports are edited. Please let us know through the office or directly, so that a corrected report can be issued.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP

A special workshop was held for our Tuesday instrumental group this afternoon (from recess) to further develop the repertoire of tunes Mr Eldridge and I have introduced to these students over recent months. The ensemble includes guitars, bass and keyboards. We are working towards some informal performances commencing next term.

P&C AND CYBER SAFETY UPDATE

Thanks to parents who attended the P&C meeting on Wednesday evening. It was a busy meeting with discussion ranging from the KSPS Fete (Fri 17 October); trees, gardens and planning for a working bee on Sunday 20 July; and the proposed COLA for our infants quadrangle. The school appreciates the P&C’s funding for soft-fall for the fixed playground equipment.

The meeting followed the Cyber Safety presentation by Angie Bainsbridge (Australian Federal Police AFP). The AFP “ThinkUKnow” website www.thinkuknow.org.au is well worth visiting and bookmarking to keep abreast of cyber safety issues. Stage 3 students and teachers attended separate sessions last week. Now is a good time to update your knowledge of this important issue and to talk it over with your children and other family members.

The Fete committee will meet at 2:15pm next Tuesday 24 June in my office to continue planning. All interested parents and community members are welcome. Please contact Leanne Smith—timeandleanne98@bigpond.com or through P&C Secretary, Helena Taylor hataylor@bigpond.net.au for emailed updates or to volunteer.
WELCOME TO PRACTICUM STUDENTS

KSPS is pleased to partner with the University of Newcastle and host trainee teachers. Welcome to Ms Lindus (1W), Mr Bruce (4/5E) and Mr Altman (2G) who commenced practicums this week. Ms Neale is continuing her Internship with 5/6J and we look forward to her weekly attendance in Term 3.

CASUAL TEACHERS

There are many out-of-class demands on teachers to run or participate in activities such as specialist programs (e.g. student sport, enrichment programs such as music) and professional learning - and extra responsibilities for the Assistant Principals; as well as normal leave entitlements (e.g. for illness, long service, etc.). The school is usually able to draw on a pool of very capable casual teachers to fill in. We try to minimise any disruption to normal classroom programs and routines – generally the casual teacher will follow the grade’s teaching program.

SILVER AWARD

It was my pleasure this week to present Archie (Y3) with a Silver Award, recognising his consistent efforts and numerous achievements. Congratulations Archie!

TREE UPDATE

Felling of trees identified as a risk in ‘high traffic areas’ in the school grounds commenced last weekend. The work will continue next weekend weather permitting. They were beautiful trees, albeit assessed to pose a potential danger to people. Some straight logs will be used for the school gardens and we have huge piles of woodchip.

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Further to information in the KSPS newsletter (27 May) and information placed on the school website, parents are reminded that:

In May 2013 all Education Ministers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments endorsed the implementation of a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability in all Australian schools (government, independent and Catholic).

The nationally consistent approach to data collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students with disability in schools and the adjustments they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

KSPS will join in the 2014 national data collection. Please find details included on the note attached to this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly or through the office if you have any queries.

MARTIN FROHLICH
PRINCIPAL

MERIT AWARDS

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

KC
Cooper, Nate, Holly
KF
Riley, Arabella, Elodie
IG
Elissa, Rosie, Lawson
1W
Josh, Emma, Madeline
1/2G
Emerson, Maya, Alex
2G
Nathaniel, Sophie
2/3E
Harry, Hannah, Tom
3/4T
Ethan, Milly, Matthew
4/5E
Mackenzie, Finn, Violet
5/6J
Aurora, Tenzin, Callan, Rishi
5/6W
Ben, Joey, Ryan
HSU
Andrew

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

STAR STRUCK “MAGIC HAPPENS”

A huge congratulations to our fantastic 16 Star Struckers! What a delightful group of kids. They performed with enthusiasm and flair.

Thank you to the following: taxi drivers, sewers, donors of princess dresses, Mrs Bryant and the wonderful parents for their support and co-operation.

Kotara South won the following awards:

- Best sign
- Cleanest Area
- Most impressive “Thriller Moves”

Well done guys.
All in all a truly magical experience!

MS GODDEN AND MS GIBSON
STATE TOUCH FOOTBALL GAME

This week will see our school participate in the Girls State Knockout for Touch Football. This is the first time our school has competed in the competition. Our girls will take on Merewether Heights Public on Wednesday. We wish them the best of luck!

CHESS GALA DAY

On Thursday, our school has five teams competing in a Chess Gala day, which is being held at Kotara South Public School. A selection of students from Year 3 to Year 6 will compete against various schools from around Newcastle and Lake Macquarie. Good luck to all students participating.

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity. The Premier’s Sporting Challenge will commence in the first week of Term 3.

WORLD CUP SOCCER DAY

The last Friday of Term 2 has been chosen as “World Cup Soccer Day” in conjunction with Red Nose Day. This is an out of uniform day and students are being asked to wear the colours of a competing country or a country’s soccer shirt. A $2 donation will be collected with the proceeds being donated to SIDS Red Nose Day and School Parliament.

MR JOHN
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

NAIDOC DAY – SNAKE TAILS EXPERIENCE

As part of our NAIDOC Day celebration the Snake Tails show will be visiting our school on Thursday June 26. During the show students will learn about reptiles from the Dreamtime and they will have the opportunity to see and touch turtles, lizards and pythons. The cost of this educational experience is $6.00 per student. A note was sent home last week. This day will be out of uniform day for those students who would like to come dressed in traditional Aboriginal colours. There will be no charge to come out of uniform on this day.

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.

KINDERGARTEN MATHS GROUPS

Thank you to all the parents who have assisted KC and KF this term during our Friday morning Maths sessions. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This week will be the last week for these groups.

During Term 3 KC will continue to do Maths groups each Friday morning. For those KC parents who wish to help each Friday, please let me know before the end of this term.

MRS V COX – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STAGE 2 LUNA PARK EXCURSION

Year 3 and 4 students will be going on an excursion to Luna Park on 22 August (Week 6 Term 3). This excursion will be a valuable learning experience focusing on Mathematics. The excursion is provided by the Mathematics Association of NSW and focuses on students applying their knowledge of maths in a real world context. Notes requesting a $10 deposit will be going home this week as we need to confirm numbers of students attending.

MR ENGLEFIELD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CHOIR COMMITMENT CLIMBS

The talented KSPS Songbirds have enjoyed another successful term of rehearsals and we have a wonderful repertoire of songs which we are continuing to showcase each week at Friday Assembly. Student attendance and enthusiasm has remained, despite a very busy term with PSSA, Star struck, Chess and many other activities. To allow students to balance their involvement with choir and other commitments, Mr Frohlich and I would like to schedule Choir rehearsals for Term 3 on Wednesday mornings before school 8:30 – 8:55 to maximise participation and free up students’ lunch times.

Thank you to Mr Frohlich for his ongoing support and open-mindedness about some of the students’ and my Pop Culture song choices.

Lastly, welcome to Mr Eldridge who will also be jumping on board the soul train as of next term. We look forward to the treat of his beat to create some songs which are sweet!

Remember to bring your Choir Folder along each week. Rehearsals will commence on the first Wednesday morning in Week 1.

MISS GARRETT-CHOIR CO-ORDINATOR
Cyber Safety Talk
Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Cyber Safety talk given by Angie Bainbridge from the Australian Federal Police Cyber Crime Prevention High Tech Crime Operations. The information provided had us all thinking. Here are a few areas that were covered:

- You have to be 17 years or over to use KIK. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of KIK.
- Turning your location settings off;
- Be aware of what photos you are posting, do they have school or sporting logo on their shirt.
- Think before you post - wait 3 seconds;
- Three questions to ask yourself when accepting a friend request:-
  - Have you met this person in real life;
  - Do you trust this person;
  - Do you communicate with this person on a weekly basis.
- Be careful of unknown people offering incentives for you to advance to next levels.
- Employers are now doing internet searches on prospective employees – so what you put on the web stays on the web.

Websites to visit – SCAMWATCH.gov.au and ThinkUKnow.org.au

Thank you also to the P&C Committee for providing supper on the evening.

Entertainment Books
The School Holidays are nearly here. Need some ideas on how to keep the kids entertained? Well why not use the 2014-2015 Entertainment Book to inspire you and save some money at the same time!

Purchase your new 2014-2015 Entertainment Book or Digital Membership for only $60, with $12 from each book coming back to our school. Please go to the following web link:- https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/346s62 to order today.

FETE/FUNDAY
Thank you to all the students who entered the competition to name the Fete. It was a very tough decision however congratulations to Paris and Emily in Year 5 for “Friday Funday”.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Thursday 19th June 2014 from 8.30am to 9.00am.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th July at 7.00pm in the school library.

Garden and Grounds Committee
Thank you to Fiona Monkley and her neighbour for the donation of a worm farm to the school. We now have roughly 6 worm farms that will be utilised for composting food scraps. We have set a date for a working bee early next term _Sunday 20 July. All members of our Kotara South community are invited to come along and lend a helping hand. Some things we aim to do include -

- Setting up the worm farms and composts bins so they will be productive
- Weeding and preparing the existing vegetable garden beds
- Constructing some bathtub garden beds
- Weeding and mulching of surrounding gardens
- Arranging some outdoor seating for the children in the garden area.

Your assistance would be much appreciated. Please email or text me if you would like to assist.

Penny Duncan (0403656072 penelope2k@live.com.au)

Pre-Ordering of Chocolates
Next term chocolates will be sent home for a P&C Fundraiser. The school makes $20.00 per box of chocolates sold. If you do not wish to have a box of chocolates sent home with your child next term please complete the form below and return it to the office ASAP.

Please do not send a box of chocolates home with my child.

CHILD’S NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………

CLASS: …………

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Parent’s signature Date
CACTOEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another awesome week.
This week's specials are—
Eat Fresh Deal: Only $1
Warm cheese roll

Dynamic Dino $3.00
4 chicken Dinos
Pkt Tiny Teddys biscuits
Milk cup

Jumping Party $3.00
Party pie or sausage roll
Pkt Jumpys
Ice Mony

FIONA BEST
CACTEEN SUPERVISOR

AVON
Hi I'm Kate your local Avon rep. When you order with me you get the 100% satisfaction guarantee or your money back (with-in 90 days of purchase)

Browse current catalogues with no obligation to buy.

Kate Hutchison Ph: 0410 086 556 or email: gr88mack@yahoo.com.au

Current specials include:
Roll on Deodorants $5.95 $1.99
Deep Healing Hand Cream $5.95 $1.99
Shower Gels 150ml $1.99
Anti-bacterial Hand wash 250ml $2.99
Hair Detangling Spray 200ml 2 for $10.
Baby Wash & Shampoo 200ml 2 for $10.

GET THE KIDS ACTIVE!
Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?
We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives, this can sometimes be a real challenge!

We may have the answer for you!
Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietitian and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900.

Term 3 programs being offered in Maryland, New Lambton, Raymond Terrace, Anna Bay, Mailand and Belmont North – even a Saturday afternoon program to meet the needs of busy families.

REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!!
Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!
Kotara South Public School

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA 2014

In 2014, Kotara South Public School has been selected to be part of a new data process for children with a disability. It is important for all parents to read the note carefully because the definition of what a disability is has now been broadened. All data collected will assist with possible funding allocations in the future. Thank you for making the time to read the following letter carefully.

LEE ENGLFIELD
Assistant Principal

Information for Parent/Carers

All Australian governments have agreed to implement a new annual national data collection on school students with disability or additional needs that may affect their learning. This data collection process is being phased in over a three year period in 2013-2015. From 2015, this data collection will occur in every school every year. This year Kotara South Public is required to participate in the collection of data. If you would like to read more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability or contact the school.

Please note that the term ‘disability’, for the purposes of this data collection, includes any individual need for example:
* Medical – diabetes, anaphylaxis, epilepsy, asthma etc.
* Learning needs – learning difficulties, significant speech delay, dyslexia, ADHD, behaviour disorders; any student who has been assessed by an outside professional who has made recommendations for their learning any student who is on an IEP
* Physical – Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Muscular Dystrophy etc.
* Sensory – Hearing and Vision Impairment, ASD, any student with Post Traumatic Stress

Authorised staff at Kotara South will manage the information to ensure that personal or confidential information is not disclosed. **No individual student will be able to be identified in the national reporting of this data.** We have been asked to emphasise to parents that it is important to contribute to this process as it will assist the Federal and State Governments to improve policies and hopefully the level of resources required in schools to meet the needs of all of students.

Please fill in the Parent/Carer Slip below, **if you do not wish your child to be included**, and return it to the school office by Wednesday 26th June, 2014.
If you agree to your child’s details being included in the process there is no need to do anything.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA 2014

STUDENT’S NAME: ____________________________ CLASS: ____________

**I DO NOT** give permission for my child to be included in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability in 2014.

Parent Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________________

Please return to school by Friday 6th June 2014.