What’s Coming Up..................

This Week
Friday: PSSA Zone Athletics - Track

Next Week
Tuesday: Zone Athletics-Field  ICAS English
Book Week Performance “The Windy Farm”
Wednesday: Burger Brain-Stage 3 to KHS
Thursday: Touch Footy Gala Day
Friday: Book Week/Education Week including special assembly

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES GALORE

Well done to the Year 6 Newspaper Team who attended a special excursion to The Herald at Beresfield on Wednesday. Students have no doubt come back inspired to author their items for the KSPS Herald In Schools insert to be published on September 4. Thanks to Mrs Ward and Mr John for this exciting project.

Dance Festival is culminating with performances by our Year 2 students at Panthers this week. Our two groups are performing separately: with Ms Godden’s group last night and Ms Gibson’s group tonight. I’m looking forward to seeing the evening performance. Sincere thanks to all parents who have assisted with costumes, transport and encouragement; and to Ms Godden, Ms Gibson, Mrs Nightingale and our fabulous dance instructor, Mrs Crichton. Year 2 has done us proud!

KSPS Year 6 Debating Team has continued their success with a win against Hillsborough Public School yesterday. This comes on the back of a win against Belair at the end of Term 2. Well done Ellie, Olivia, Jack and Luka for such outstanding results. Thanks to Mrs Thompson for training the team and to Mr Phelan for assistance including transport.

CELEBRATING BOOK AND EDUCATION WEEKS 2014

KSPS will mark Book and Education Weeks next week with a raft of special activities focusing on a love of learning and our capacity to enrich our lives through literature. As in previous years we will mark both ‘weeks’ concurrently.

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of Education Week. The original theme in 1954 was ‘Lighting the way to a better world’. This is an ideal time to take stock and measure progress.

While schools have certainly changed over the decades, the core purpose of preparing students for life remains central and literacy is the pre-eminent academic focus. The tagline for Book Week 2014 is ‘Connect to reading’. Activities will include:

Tuesday 28 July
PSSA Zone Athletics (please note that it expected that participating students will be back at school in time for the Tony Bones – Windy Farm performance)

Tony Bones – Windy Farm performance for K-6 (2pm)

Wednesday 29 July
Stage 3 – Burger Brain stage show at Kotara High School (commencing 10am)

Friday 1 August – Open Day from 9:20am
Book Week Parade Theme: Dress as a book character (infants’ playground)

Open Day – classroom visits
Education Week Assembly
Lunch with students

All parents - carers, family members and friends are cordially invited to join us for the morning’s celebrations!

SCHOOL REVIEW AND PLANNING FOR 2015 AND BEYOND

A major evaluation of KSPS will be conducted over coming months to review all aspects of the school as prioritised by the evaluation and planning team. The focus will be on implementing the DEC Reform Agenda.

While the process and timeline are still being developed, the evaluation will inform the School Plan for 2015-2017.

The P&C President and other parents will be included along with the school executive (principal and assistant principals) and other staff representatives. A schedule of workshops, surveys and focus groups will be part of the process. Information will be provided to the P&C and through school newsletters and KSPS website.
Departmental reform initiatives along with implementation of new management and administrative procedures in schools make numerous demands on staff time. This was discussed at the July P&C Meeting last Wednesday. New Curriculum and compliance requirements are also increasing requirements. When assistant principals or teachers have necessary time off for other projects, classes are taught by experienced teachers so normal routines and learning programs are maintained. Continuing efforts ensure our priority is on excellence in classroom practice.

Briefs:
Naidoc was celebrated at the end of Term 2 and each class painted a ‘rainbow snake’ panel as part of a composite artwork. The panels were displayed by our Aboriginal students at Friday’s assembly. Well done to all our artists and to Mrs Cox for co-ordinating this fantastic project. The artwork will be installed soon in the hall for ongoing display.

KSPS is officially a SunSmart school and we are proud of the effort by students and families to support sun safety practices in all outdoor activities. The accreditation update was recently completed.

Laptop and Notebook bags: The school has a number of new carry bags in various sizes that are not needed. Please contact the office if you are interested. They’re available for a nominal bid or donation – we need the storeroom space.

Lost Property - Clothing: Thanks to Mrs Main, the lost property has been sorted and labelled items will be circulated later this week. There are numerous blue jumpers (no name or logo) that have been washed and will either be given to children who need warm school wear; sold; or donated to charity. There are several student backpacks, a pair of purple framed student prescription glasses, and hats aplenty. Please see the office to follow up.

Sunday’s working bee benefitted various grounds projects and happily the rain held off. A huge vote of thanks to parents, families and staff involved. The gardens are looking kempt; earthworm farms and composting bins are ready to go; construction of log seats underway; and the ‘bathtub garden’ project has commenced.

P&C chocolates will be distributed to student today. Chocolates will not go home to families who have opted out. Please contact Mrs Smith if you have any queries (timeandleanne90@bigpond.com).

COLA Update: Additional funding by NSW Government at the end of Term 2 has enabled an order to be placed to purchase and erect an 18x18m structure in the infants’ playground during Sept-Oct school holidays. Further fundraising will provide for additional works e.g. screens for windows (toilets, hall, classroom, etc), aggregated drainage from the COLA to stormwater basin drains (north of area), murals and artwork, skirts for COLA gable ends, storage and recycling system for COLA rainwater etc. 2014 P&C fundraising such as the fete will continue to raise funds to complete the COLA and grounds project.

The school is looking for a licensed plumber who may be able to provide indicative costs to install water tanks to the proposed COLA structure. Please contact the school or Mr Frohlich directly if you are able to assist.

STARS ON STAGE – BREAKING NEWS
Stars On Stage includes all KSPS students in a range of performances. While details are still being finalised, as in past years SOS will be held in the school hall during the last week of Term 3. This year an evening performance will be introduced. The tentative dates and times are Wednesday 17 September 10am, and Thursday 28 September 10am and 6pm. The school will provide further details through the newsletter.

Martin Frohlich
Principal

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 1 AUGUST
Activities include:
• Book Parade commencing at 9.20am in the Infants area - children may come dressed as a book character.
• Open classroom session – your child will love to take you around their classroom and show you their work.
• Education Week Assembly in the new hall commencing at 10.30am – You Can Do It awards will be presented at this assembly

Family members are encouraged to attend our Education Week celebrations and we look forward to seeing you.
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.

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INTERNATIONAL ENRICHMENT DAY

Kotara South, Adamstown and Belair Public School will be hosting a Visual Literacy Enrichment Day on Wednesday August 6. Twenty-four students will be selected from each school to attend this wonderful opportunity (eight from each stage). Stage 1 will attend at Kotara South, Stage 2 at Adamstown and Stage 3 at Belair Public School. The cost for the day is $15. A note will be sent home on Friday July 25 with the selected students. Please return this note and costing by Wednesday July 30 so that numbers may be finalised.

MRS V COX – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STAGE 2 LUNA PARK

A note will be sent home next week about the final payment and itinerary for the Stage 2 Luna Park excursion. Also included on the note is a request for the final payment of $35.00. Please note that the excursion departure time is 7:30am with an approximate arrival time at KSPS of 5:30pm.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

The university of NSW English competition will be held next Tuesday (29th July) morning. Any students who have other extra-curricular events on this day will be able to complete the competition test paper the following day.

LEE ENGLEFIELD – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in attending the Active After School program for Term 3. We have had an overwhelming response to the program with all places filling very quickly. Activities will begin next Tuesday for Yr 1-2 students and Wednesday for Yr 3-6 students. This term our sport will be softball.

MR WARREN - ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COORDINATOR

YR 2 DANCE FESTIVAL

What a wonderful performance! Congratulations to all the Yr 2 children from 1/2G and 2/3E on their outstanding performance last night at the Dance Festival. They all danced with enthusiasm and had a great time. A huge thank you to our costume designers, taxi drivers and all our mums and dads for your cooperation and support of the children.

Costumes need to be back to school by next week, with t-shirts, leotards and tights washed and put in a bag with name clearly labelled. Children will be performing Africana at the Stars on Stage Concerts later in the term. Information concerning the cost of costume hire will be sent home later in the week when costs are finalized. Also we would like to wish 2G the best of luck for their performance tonight.

MS GODDEN

ZONE ATHLETICS

Good luck to all students competing at the Newcastle PSSA Zone track and field athletics events been held at Hunter Sport Stadium Glendale.

MR JOHN - SPORTS COORDINATOR

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Friday 25 July is Schools Tree Day. To “Get into Nature” students from K-2 will be planting strawberry, carrot, Everlasting Daisy, lettuce, basil and Swan River Daisy seeds. If you have egg cartons we could use to raise our seeds in these can be dropped off at the 2G & 1/2G hat rooms.

MS GIBSON
TERM 3 DEBATING UPDATE

Our Premiers Debating Challenge is continuing very successfully with a debate yesterday against Hillsborough Public School.
Our tough topic was “That we should stop celebrating Australia Day” and as the affirmative team we brought up many great arguments about the “Settlement vs Invasion” of Captain Cook.
After this successful debate we have one more debate in a few weeks which will be against Belair Public School, then hopefully go through to the semi final round!
Our train-on team has 3 more debates this term and has been equally impressive in their arguments. We wish continued success to both teams!

MRS THOMPSON - DEBATING COORDINATOR

KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL – BURGER BRAIN

As part of our Book Week/Education Week celebrations in Week 3, Stage 3 students have been invited to attend the Kotara High School Year 11 musical. It is titled ‘BURGER BRAIN’ and tells the story of a group of teenagers learning to get out on their own away from the control of their employer - a fast food franchise wanting to take over the world....
This visit to Kotara High School will take place on Wednesday 30 July and will be a valuable experience as part of their transition to High School.

CATHERINE WARD – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NEWSPAPER EXCURSION

On Wednesday 16th July, the Newspaper Team, consisting of 10 Year 6 students, visited the Fairfax Printing Press where the Newcastle Herald is printed. We discovered how the newspaper was printed in specific stages. We learnt that the printing press prints 9 different newspapers for the Newcastle and Hunter region.
In the short time we had visited, we watched thousands of newspapers being printed and packed for delivery. The newspaper team really enjoyed the excursion.

The Newspaper Team & MR JOHN

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.
KC
Charli , Brittney , Jay
KF
Isobel , Toby , Linnea , Jackson
IG
Reggie , Ahliyah , Jack
1W
Sophia , Joshua , Cameron
1/2G
Tahlia , Bodie , Cade
2G
Noah , Tindra , Lawson , Phoenix
2/3E
Cameron , Zackery , Amelia , Lachlan
3/4T
Breanne , Matthew , Nicholas
4/5E
Joshua , Emily , Finn
5/6J
Lucinda , Navy , James
5/6W
Elise , Molly , Benjamin
HSU
Leo

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello from the canteen for another great term.
Welcome back everyone hope all had an amazing break and ready for another amazing term. I am in need of help especially on Thursdays and Fridays. I have enclosed a copy of the roster so add your name, give me a call or just pop in to see me.
Billabongs have been deleted by Peters and they are launching a new line that meets canteen guidelines. They are Fun Dan Gles and come in popcorn, fairy floss and choc mellow, new price will be $1.50 each. Launch date will be approx. 28 July. I have tried hard to keep prices down but have had to make some changes they are - choc muffins $1.50 and blueberry muffins $1.50. Bottled water is $1.50. All other drinks will now be $1.70. Fruit ropes .70c Icy monys .70c hello pandas .70c juice/milk cups .70c hash browns are now the triangles .80c tomato sauce portions .30c frozen yogurts $1.50
This week’s specials -
Eat Fresh Supa Deal $1-50
Fresh roast chicken sandwich/wrap/roll, add any extras for .30c
Sweet Chicken $3-50
1 sweet chilli chicken tender salad mayo wrap
1 snappa
1 pkt Tiny Teddys
Supa Dino $3-00 Great Deal!
4 chicken dino’s
1 Billabong ice cream

FIONA BEST-CANTEEN SUPERVISOR
OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

GARDEN AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

A big thank you to all the families and staff who participated in the working bee on Sunday. We had a great turn out despite the slightly unpleasant weather. So much was achieved in such a short space of time thanks to everyone’s efforts, including setting up an extra vegetable garden bed, weeding and mulching of multiple gardens and setting up the worm farms and compost bins. We also got a start on the bath tub gardens in the infants area and the outdoor log seating which will be completed in the coming weeks. We look forward to continuing to focus our efforts on improving the gardens and grounds.

Penny Duncan
(on behalf of the Garden and Grounds Group)
penelope2k@live.com.au

Many thanks!
Penny

NEWS FROM THE P & C

Chocolates
Cadbury fundraising chocolates will be sent home today. Thank you to the families who have already donated $20 in lieu of receiving a box of chocolates.

Friday Funday Update
As part of the Friday Funday, the P&C will be running a Second Hand Toys / Books / White Elephant stall. We will be looking for donations of good quality items that we can sell at the stall. What a great opportunity to go through your cupboards and clean out items that you no longer need or the kids have grown out of. We would appreciate any donations, including:
- Toys, puzzles and games
- Books (children and adult)
- Clothes
- China / glassware / crockery
- Costume jewellery
- Linen
- DVD’s / CD’s
- Bric-a-brac or knick knacks
- Unloved Christmas or birthday gifts!
Please start putting your donations aside, but we ask that you do not bring them in until Week 9 of Term 3, to make the collection and storage process easier.

Friday Funday Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th August at 6.15pm, before the P&C meeting. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor or donating prizes to the school to be raffled on Friday Funday then please contact Leanne at timeandleanne98@bigpond.com.

Entertainment Books
Last chance to 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.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th July 2014 from 8.30am to 9.00am.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th August at 7.00pm in the school library.

CUA COMMUNITY CARE

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School
At Kotara South Public School we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.
This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to complete our infants’ COLA project and school grounds improvements.
We’re up against 6 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!
Voting is open from 28 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Newcastle branch located at 31 Darby St, in Newcastle.

Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school.

Group Shopping Tour!
Get a few of your friends together and treat yourself to a fun day of shopping at some of Sydney’s best factory outlets!
Visit IKEA Tempe and Birkenhead Outlet Centre. Saturday 8 November 2014 - only $45 pp GET IN QUICK!

Sarah Smith - MTA - Mobile Travel Agent
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www.mtatravel.com.au
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**Monday**
- BOXING: Nesbitt Park Kotara South
- KIDS FITNESS: St Therese’s Primary School, New Lambton (From $7 a class)
- YOGA: (Qualified Yoga Instructor) Nesbitt Park & Kotara South
- COMBO: Nesbitt Park Kotara South

**Tuesday**
- CIRCUIT: Nesbitt Park Kotara South
- KIDS FITNESS: St Therese’s Primary School, New Lambton (TERM 4) (From $7 a class)

**Wednesday**
- CIRCUIT: Kotara South Public School
- HIGH ENERGY: St Therese’s Primary School, New Lambton

**Thursday**
- CIRCUIT: Kotara South Public School

**Friday**
- CIRCUIT: Kotara South Public School

**Boxing:** All over body workout, punching and kicking, great way to increase your fitness and to tone up.

**Kids Fitness:** From $7 a class with our business Fundamental Fitness 4 Kids more info please contact: Heidi 0417 456 083 or Kylie 0402 614 368, BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

**Circuit:** With free weights and weight bars great session for firming muscles.

**Yoga:** With a Qualified YOGA instructor with FREE CHILD MINDING. Please text 0417 456 083 to book your spot

**High Energy:** High impact class for those who want to increase fitness and like to sweat.

**Combo:** Combination of everything, different each week ranging from boxing circuits with weights to bodyweight exercises with cardio, HSF Surprise class!!! Check out photos on: [https://www.facebook.com/#/chabb20](https://www.facebook.com/#/chabb20)