FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING

Following Education Week and Book Week, last week was an excellent period for students to engage in classroom activities in all key learning areas. The level of student enthusiasm and engagement was palpable. The school is so proud of the youngsters you entrust to our care and we are keen to provide them with quality opportunities in all areas of school life. Congratulations also to students who take extra steps with their learning by doing their very best in class and taking on outside activities such as homework.

Best wishes to Charli who will travel to Wagga Wagga for the PSSA State Touch Football championships next week. Thanks to Mr John who has been appointed Hunter Team Manager. They are bound to have an excellent time, though will need to keep warm! Ms Payne, who is well known to the school, will relieve for Mr John.

OUR EXTRAORDINARY CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

Our canteen is extraordinary thanks to Mrs Best’s amazing passion, skill and commitment; and wonderful canteen volunteers who always enjoy their morning ‘with Fiona’. However, the canteen is struggling to find helpers on some Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact the school or Fiona Best (mob. 0410436227) if you can assist, even if only on some weeks or for an hour or so. The canteen is closed each afternoon. The canteen provides healthy meals and snacks for students and staff – we appreciate your support.

KSPS FRIDAY FUNDAY – 17TH OCTOBER 2-6PM

Planning is continuing apace for the KSPS Friday Funday. Thanks Leanne Smith for the huge job you’re doing. The Funday Team will meet at 6:15pm tomorrow, Wednesday (i.e. prior to the P&C meeting.

KSPS WEBSITE

The school website aims to keep you updated on events and includes photos from some of the student events. Photos from the Book Week Parade were recently uploaded. Thank you to Mrs Main, Mrs Smith and other parents who have provided photos from recent events.

Just a reminder that while the school has no concern with carers and family members photographing their child or children at school events, and understands that other students may incidentally be included in the shot, families should not upload images of other children or adults to social media without specific consent. Please let the school know if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions re this matter.

EXTRA CURRICULA UPDATE

Congratulations to Ben and George who each won 1 gold and 2 silver medals at the Go-Kan-Ryu tournament recently held on the Central Coast. Events included Kata and Sparing. Based on a traditional Japanese style of karate, Go-Kan-Ryu involves students of all ages. A great source of fun and learning, it teaches skills including discipline, self-defence and cooperation. Well done boys!

P&C AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Tomorrow, WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 7pm – SCHOOL LIBRARY

• A brief School Evaluation and Planning Workshop will be included in the agenda. The meeting will conclude by 8:30pm.
• The Friday Funday committee will meet at 6:15pm.

All P&C members and non-members are welcome to attend either or both meetings. Please come along and have your say…
KOTARA BOWLING CLUB – KSPS FUNDRAISER

Kotara Bowling Club is organising a fundraiser for the school. The event is tentatively planned for Sunday 21 September, the first weekend of the school holidays, and will probably start around 9am. Activities will be open to the general public and will include jumping castle, kids’ disco, games barbecue and snacks (popcorn, fairy floss, etc.).

The emphasis is on fun and raising money for the school. While the club will run the day, volunteer help would of course be welcome.

Thanks Kotara Bowling Club and Lisa Henry for this great initiative. Further details will be placed in forthcoming newsletters.

SMALL STEPS – ANXIETY AWARENESS PROGRAM TUES 26 AUGUST

Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW primary school teachers and parents. The program is co-ordinated by The Mental Health Association NSW. KSPS has teamed with Adamstown Public School to offer alternative sessions at 9:30am or 6pm at Adamstown Public and KSPS respectively. Full details are on the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

YEAR 5 TRAIN ON DEBATING TEAM

Congratulations to George, Bailey, Bridie, Pia and team advisor Luka who won their debate as the negative team against Cardiff South Public School yesterday. ‘That schools have too many rules’ was a great topic that provided pros and cons for both teams. Thanks to Mrs Long and Mrs McNamara for providing transport.

The team has another debate Vs Lambton Public School on Thursday. Our Year 6 team will debate Belair tomorrow, at KSPS. Thanks to Mrs Thompson who is training and coordinating our teams.

MARTIN FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL

2014 SPELLING BEE FINALS

Congratulations to our wonderful infants’ students who represented their class at the Infants Spelling Bee Final which was held on Monday morning. The teachers and Mr Frohlich were so proud of the students’ resilience, confidence and outstanding efforts which were on display. The competition was very close and congratulations to our champions who are Cooper for Kindergarten, Jackson for Year 1 and Harry for Year 2. I look forward to presenting our champions from the Infants and Primary Spelling Bee with their certificates at Friday’s Assembly.

MRS R FEAR – SPELLING BEE COORDINATOR

YR 2 DANCE FESTIVAL—REMEMINDER

Just a friendly reminder - So we can finalise this year’s Dance Festival, those Yr 2 students who have not paid for their costume hire please bring the money to the school office as soon as convenient.

MS T GODDEN
DANCE FESTIVAL COORDINATOR

ADIDAS FUN RUN

On line sponsorship is now available.

MR P JOHN
SPORT COORDINATOR

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE—REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder - Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on August 22.

MRS S HARVEY—LIBRARIAN

NEWCASTLE REGION LIBRARY/BOOK WEEK PROGRAM

Book week programs include
• Book Week Play
• Reading to connect
• Book Week alive!
• Book Week Storytime
• Book Week Hoedown
• The Reading Hour
• Book Week Party

Enquiries and bookings:
Julie Swan 4985 6692
Carol Edmonds 4974 5324
Newcastle Region Library 4974 5300
Or visit: www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library

KOTARA HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

Kotara High School’s Art Exhibition will run from 26-28 August in the MPC during school hours and on the evening of Thursday (28th Aug) till 7:30pm.

INTERSCHOOL VISUAL LITERACY ENRICHMENT DAY

Stage 1, 2 and 3 students from Kotara South, Belair and Adamstown Public Schools attended the Visual Literacy Enrichment Day sessions on August 6 at each of the schools. Stage 1 students who attended at Kotara South thoroughly enjoyed working together utilising our iPads to create a book on the Book Creator app. The students used Visual Literacy techniques studied during the day, to design individual pages for their group books. Thank you to Mr Warren for co - presenting such an enjoyable day.
THE LITTLE MERMAID K-2 EXCURSION
A note was sent home last week regarding our K-2 excursion to see “The Little Mermaid” at the Civic Theatre next term. Note and payment are due by Friday August 22.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – PARENT SESSION
The first of our Kindergarten Orientation Sessions (Parent Orientation and Enrolment Day) will be held on Wednesday August 20 at 9.30am in the school hall. The staff and students at KSPS would like to welcome all families taking part in this orientation session. We are looking forward to meeting you.

MRS V COX – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

KC
Nate, Angelina, Max

KF
Jessica, Riley, Savannah

1W
Emma, Jackson, Josh

1G
Chloe, Rosie, Darcy

1/2G
Geordie, Jacinda, Khushinka

2G
Kyra, Claire, Nate

2/3E
Sam, Joe, Zac

3/4T
Jalissa, Milly, Phoebe

4/5E
Ethan, Ben, Mia

5/6J
Zac, Tenzin, Kiralee, Chelsea, Bryce

5/6W
Breeanne, Alex, Liam

HSUB
Lachlan

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another awesome week. Wow, the special Burger Blitz went crazy last Friday!! It was great to see. I am still in need of help, if you can spare anytime at all please, even if an hour, I would be very grateful.

I am so proud to be handing over another $500.00. Thankyou everyone for your help and support. So many families are now using our canteen for healthy lunch options.

Every week we have fresh roast BBQ chicken, homemade cornmeat, grain, wholemeal and white breads fresh daily from our local Joslin Street bakery. The new Fan Dan Gles are going through the roof, the children are loving them, they come in chosshmallow, caramel popcorn and fairy floss flavours. $1.50 each.

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Please note we have had price increases on ice monys .70c juice/milk cups .70c, bottled water $1.50, mineral water $1.70, choc chip and blueberry muffins $1.50, yogo snappas .50, hello panda and fruit ropes .70 each.

This week’s specials

Eat Fresh Deal $1.50
1 egg or curried egg sandwich, roll or wrap- lettuce optional

Supa Burger Blitz $3.50 WHAT A DEAL!
1 chicken burger
1 new Fan Dan Gles
2 yogurt bars FREE

Macho Nacho $3.00
1 nacho plate
1 hash brown triangle
1 ice mony

The nacho plate is CC’s, mild salsa, grated lite cheese put in oven and is $2.00 on it’s own.

FIONA BEST-CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Chocolates
Cadbury fundraising chocolates have been sent home. Once you have sold your chocolates please return the money to the office. If you require another box please see the office

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.

We are looking for stall holders at the Friday Funday. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested please contact Leanne Smith at timeandleanne98@bigpond.com for an application.
Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th August 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.

GROUND AND GARDEN COMMITTEE

A few people have enquired as to how the bathtub wicking beds in the infants area work. Here is a short explanation from the internet:

Wicking beds are a unique and increasingly popular way to grow vegetables. They are self-contained raised beds with built-in reservoirs that supply water from the bottom up – changing how, and how much, you water your beds. Watering from the bottom up prevents evaporation of surface water (which occurs when you water beds from the top). Therefore they are self-watering! Wicking beds are an especially great system to use in community or school gardens as they can go longer without water. A full wicking bed should irrigate itself for about a week.

The children can keep the reservoir of water at the bottom full by pouring water into one of the pipes. The other pipe (closest to the edge of the bath) is used as an overflow mechanism, so if it rains too much, the water will drain out through holes that have been drilled lower down in the pipe and then out through the baths plug hole. The children can also water the plants from the top as you would with a regular garden bed.

Thank you for donations received. We are still looking for some pickets to decorate the bath tubs if anyone knows of any fencing being pulled down around the neighbourhood. Any hand garden tools, small watering cans, or children’s gardening loves would also be appreciated.

Penny Duncan
penelope2k@live.com.au

DO RE MI SINGERS WITH NEWCASTLE CONSERVATORIUM COMMUNITY STRING ORCHESTRA

Conducted by David Banney
Tuesday 9th September, 2014
7.00-8.30pm
Newcastle Conservatorium of Music corner Laman & Auckland Streets, Cooks Hill
Adults $12/ Concession $8
Children $5 /Families $25
Tickets available at the door on concert night; suit- ed to children from 4 years

JOIN US! DO-RE-MI SINGERS have continuous enrolment of children aged 8-12 years who love to sing, learn harmony, sight reading and performance skills.

FREE TRIAL Thursdays 5:00 – 6:15pm
4963 2026 julieloganmusic.com.au

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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 MIND-ING. 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
Kotara South Public School

FRIDAY FUNDAY

17th October 2014
2pm to 6pm

KSPS P&C Association’s major fundraising event this year is a Fete on 17 October 2014. The money raised from our Funday will go towards the infants’ area of the school. The area is limited with shade and plants. We will install planter boxes for flowers as well as vegetable gardens, shade trees and seating. We would like to invite you and your family to attend our fete and are enquiring if your organisation would like to hold a stall at the fete?

FRIDAY FUNDAY
Kotara South Public School

Friday 17th October 2014
2pm to 6pm

Calling All Stall Holders

Applications Close 1st September 2014

Join the Party!

KOTARA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
150 RAFF CRESSENT
KOTARA SOUTH 2289
PHONE: (02) 4957 5319
EMAIL: timeaandlesanne98@bigpond.com
Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW primary school teachers and parents.

Did you know?
- An anxiety disorder affects one in ten children.
- Anxiety impacts on a child’s social, family, and school life.
- Early intervention may assist in preventing the onset of more serious problems including depression and substance abuse in adolescence.
- Children with anxiety are generally not disruptive in class or at home.
- Anxiety disorders can be resolved with timely information, care, treatment, and support.

Presentations last between one-two hours and cover:
- The difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders.
- Types of anxiety disorders.
- Signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders.
- Our free Small Steps presentations involve:
  - A visual presentation by a speaker from Mental Health Association NSW.
  - Reference materials and information.
  - A recommended reading list.
  - A Question and Answer session.

We’re holding a Small Steps presentation for Parents!

**WHEN and WHERE**
Tuesday 26th August 2014
9.30am at Adamstown Public School
or 6:00pm at Kotara South Public School
Please RSVP: 18th August
Adamstown PS on 4957 1114
Kotara South PS on 4957 5319
You are welcome to attend either venue!

Co-ordinated by The Mental Health Association NSW with the support of NSW Health and Centacare.