VARIETY APLENTY LAST WEEK

Students enjoyed a range of extra-curricula activities including Spelling Bee, ICAS Maths, Year 5 and Y6 Debating, and Active After School. Congratulations to all students involved and thanks to teachers (Mrs Fear, Mrs Thompson, Mr Warren, Mr John and Mrs Bryant respectively) and parents who variously organised and assisted these events.

Thanks also to parents who attended the P&C Meeting on Wednesday night for input into the school evaluation currently underway. A staff team will meet this afternoon after school to look at the data and feedback already collected and to develop a plan and timeline to review and plan for 2015 and beyond. Thanks to parent representatives: Chris Thompson (P&C President) and parents - Michael O'Connor, Nicole Ottery, Penny Duncan and Michelle Ryan - who have offered to be involved in this process. Further updates will be provided through the school newsletter and to parent forums such as the P&C.

Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or directly if you would like more information or wish to be more directly involved.

The school appreciates the P&C’s fantastic support and it helps students in myriad ways. Our Year 6 students will benefit directly from the $12 subsidy towards the Interrelate program to be held over the next two Mondays. Thank you!

Planning for the Friday Funday (17 October) is progressing well thanks to Leanne Smith and her small, dedicated team which met prior to the P&C meeting. Please see the regular updates in this newsletter. Class stalls will be run early in the program (commencing 2pm) and teachers will send notes home soon with details of items requested for your child’s class Funday stall.

Teachers attended a professional learning program on Saturday: evaluating the school plans (2012-2014); developing teaching strategies for English vocabulary; updating anaphylaxis training; editing Semester 2 Report templates; and completing a Work Health and Safety module.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS AND CLASSES 2015
The school is looking forward to meeting parents and carers at the Kindy Orientation forum tomorrow. Further details are below in this newsletter. Thanks to our parents who have volunteered to assist.

We are currently looking at anticipated student numbers and classes for 2013. We have a number of students who have enrolled to commence in Years 1-6 next year and several families have let us know they are leaving the area. If you know of any families who may intend to enrol their children; or of students or may be leaving, please let us know as soon as possible to inform this process.

STAGE 2 LUNA PARK EXCURSION THIS FRIDAY 22 AUG
The Stage 2 Excursion to Luna Park will proceed regardless of the weather (except in extreme weather). Students will need to be at school by 7:15pm to leave promptly at 7:30pm. Full details (including items to bring) were sent home with students previously. The note is available through the school website.

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
It was my pleasure to present Olivia Jones (Y2) and Joe Dunne (Y3) with Silver Principal Awards at Friday’s assembly, recognising their efforts and excellent achievements in earning a total of 15 Assembly Awards. Congratulations Olivia and Joe!

CHESS TEAM
Well done to our King’s Chess Team (Pia, George, Ben and Morgan) who participated at the chess tournament on Friday. The Junction Public School hosted the event and our students greatly enjoyed the interaction with other chess enthusiasts. Their fantastic manners and effort were commented on to me by the host school. Thanks to parents-carers who assisted and to Mr John for organising the opportunity.

SMALL STEPS
The RSVP for the Small Steps presentation to be held on Tuesday 26 August at 6.00pm at Kotara South Public School has been extended till Friday 22 August. Please contact the office.

MARTIN FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL
STARS ON STAGE PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT
As part of our Performing Arts program the K-6 Stars on Stage Concerts will be held on:-
Wednesday 17 September at 1.00pm
Thursday 18 September at 10.00am
Thursday 18 September at 6.00pm
This year we have included an evening performance. We hope the scheduling of an evening performance helps those not able to attend in the day due to work commitments. Tickets are $2.00 and need to be purchased prior to the concert as limited seating is available. A ticket request form will be included in next week’s Newsletter. Please note there will be a limit of 2 tickets per family at the Thursday Evening performance due to limited seating. If there is an issue concerning this arrangement please contact the school. There are no ticket number restrictions on the 2 daytime performances. All classes will be performing as well as items from the Dance festival, Stars Struck, Choir and special instrumental performances.

We hope you can join us for some wonderful entertainment as we travel ‘Around the World in Eighty Minutes’

MS GODDEN
STARS on STAGE CO-ORDINATOR

THE LITTLE MERMAID K-2 EXCURSION
K-2 students will be attending the Civic Theatre on Thursday October 9 to see a performance of The Little Mermaid. Notes and money are due this Friday August 22 as the ticket booking must be finalised with the Civic Theatre.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – PARENT SESSION
The first of our Kindergarten Orientation Sessions (Parent Orientation and Enrolment Day for students commencing school in 2015) will be held this Wednesday August 20 at 9.30am in the school hall. The staff and students at KSPS are looking forward to meeting all families taking part in this orientation session.

FREE FRUIT & VEG SENSE WORKSHOP
Register now to attend a free Fruit and Veg Sense Workshop provided by the Cancer Council NSW. This workshop will show you how you can easily:
- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simple by attending
The session will be on Thursday August 28 at 1.30 - 3.00pm in the school library. There are only 15 spots available so be quick and register at our school office by August 26.

ENTRY & EXIT SURVEYS
Yesterday all Kindergarten students were given an Entry Survey and Year 6 students were given an Exit Survey to be completed by parents. This survey is to provide us with information to help deliver the best educational opportunities we can to our students and parents at Kotara South Public School. Your input into this survey is highly valued. Please return the survey to school by Friday August 29 to enter the draw for free lunches from the canteen. A copy of each of the surveys can be found on the schools webpage under the heading ‘Notes and Forms’.

MRS COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.
KC
Oliver, Poppy, Molly
KF
Matilda, Isobel, Jeremiah
1W
Bryson, Krisztian, Libby
IG
Lucas, Boyd, Alexis, Phoebe
1/2G
Emerson, Jayden, Maya
2G
Caitlyn, Nathan, Evelyn
2/3E
Oliver, Grace, Olivia, Mitchell
3/4T
James, Jade, Eden
4/5E
Abby, Rylan, Patricia
5/6J
Brayden, Sophia, Tenzin, Ellie
5/6W
Cooper, Abbie, Joey
HSUB
Luke

DEBATING UPDATE
Last week was a very busy one for Kotara South debaters with the Train-On team debating twice and the Premiers Team debating once. Our Train-On students Pia, Bridie, George, Luka and team assistant Luka are improving dramatically with each debate. With some very tough topics we were able to come away with two wins against Cardiff South and New Lambton Public Schools. Our Premier’s Debating team of Ellie, Olivia, Jack and Luka with special mention to George who stepped up to help out, were also successful against Belair. We have now finished our ‘Pool Rounds’ and eagerly await any news of finals contention!
Good lunck to our Train-On team who have two more debates in the season before finals rounds.

MRS THOMPSON - DEBATING CO-ORDINATOR
CLEVER CHOIR KIDS
Choir has been well underway since first week back, with a repertoire of songs in the works for some upcoming public and in-school performances. Students are becoming much more aware of the discipline required when singing and performing as a choral group and are exposed to a variety of songs from the ‘good ole classics’ to today’s contemporary chart toppers. Word must be spreading as newcomers are continuing to arrive each session which is fantastic! Rehearsals are Wednesday mornings from 8:30am with supporting rock stars, Mr Eldridge and Mr Frohlich. Thank you.

MISS GARRETT - CHOIR TEACHER

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: Cooper for Kindergarten, Jackson for Year 1 and Harry for Year 2. Stage 2 winners are Madeline and Josie; Stage 3 are Alex and Ethan. I enjoyed presenting champion certificates at Fridays assembly. I look forward to presenting our champions from the Infants and Primary Spelling Bee with their certificates at Friday’s Assembly.

MRS FEAR - SPELLING BEE CO-ORDINATOR

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE - REMINDER
Just a friendly reminder - Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on August 22.

MRS HARVEY - LIBRARIAN

YR 2 DANCE FESTIVAL-REMINDER
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 GODDEN - DANCE FESTIVAL COORDINATOR

NETBALL AND SOCCER GALA DAY
There will be a zone netball and soccer gala day next Thursday 28th August. All students in Stage 3 who participated in PSSA sport last term will be involved. The gala day has a friendly, participation focus (no finals) and will give students an opportunity to improve their skills and meet students from other schools. The soccer will be held at Adamstown Junior Soccer Club and the netball at National Park. Travel to the gala day will be by bus. A note will be sent home later this week.

MR JOHN - SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another supa dooper week. HELP is needed this Friday, if you can spare just an hour I would be very grateful.

This week’s specials:
- **Eat Fresh Deal** $1.50
  1 salad sandwich, roll or wrap
- **Poppin Chip** $3.50
  4 chicken chippies
  1 serve of popcorn chicken
  1 Fan Dan Gles
- **Tender Nugget** $3.00
  1 sweet chilli chicken tender
  3 chicken nuggets
  1 ice mony

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

P & C NEWS

CHOCOLATES
Please send in money and unsold chocolates to the office at your earliest convenience.

FRIDAY FUNDAY UPDATE
We have created a Facebook page “Kotara South Public School Friday Funday”. Please check it out and like us and also share with your friends.

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!
- Plants/Pots

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. The P&C are also in need of plastic bags. If anyone has extra plastic bags at home could you please bring them into the office.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 20 August 8.30am to 9.00am.

FRIDAY FUNDAY MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 September 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

P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 September at 7.00pm in the school library.
SUNDAY 24th to Saturday 30th August 2014
www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au
Loud noise can cause irreversible hearing damage, because it harms the delicate hearing mechanism in the inner ear.
“Noisy occupations were always a common cause of hearing problems, but nowadays it’s also recreational noise, especially from personal music players and noisy clubs and concerts. That’s why hearing loss is increasingly affecting younger people,” David Brady said.
Another major cause of hearing loss is the natural ageing process. Over half the population aged between 60 and 70 have a hearing loss.
An estimated 3.5 million Australians are affected to varying degrees, half of whom are of a working age.
If you’re concerned that you may be losing your hearing, tackling the problem early can improve both your hearing and your quality of life, including your relationships. People who are fitted with hearing aids early are likely to get more benefit from them than those who put up with hearing loss for years before seeking help. It can take up to 15 years for people who clearly have hearing loss to get tested - a key reason for those long years in denial is the stigma of hearing loss.

HELPERS REQUIRED:
The P&C are in need of helpers for the following:-

School Disco – Wednesday 3 September 2014
Run the canteen 6.00pm to 7.00pm and then 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Father’s day wrapping – 3 September 2014
Wrap father’s day gifts whilst the disco is on starting from 6pm.

Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 4th September
Set up, run and pack away the Father’s Day stall starting at 8.30am

Please let Helena know via email at: hataylor@bigpond.net.au

Heidi’s Social Fitness
Outdoor Group Training • 0417 456 083
ABN: 65 412 259 018
From $10 for 1 hour class - $100 for 10 visit card/Casual visit $12

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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 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