STARS ON STAGE
It is show time! Tickets for the Stars on Stage concert were sent home last Friday. Please remember that all students need to be at school in their designated holding rooms by 5.30pm on Thursday evening. Students who attend OOSH until 5.30pm on Thursday afternoon will be collected by a member of the School Executive and walked up to their holding rooms. Please see OOSH for further details.

BRONZE AND SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
It was a pleasure to present Cooper (KF) with a Bronze Principal Award and Mikali (3/4T) and Zach (5/6W) with a Silver Principal Award at Friday’s assembly. These awards recognise their efforts and excellent achievements in earning regular weekly Assembly Awards. Congratulations Cooper, Mikali and Zach.

YEAR 6 T-SHIRTS
Year 6 T-Shirt notes were sent out last week. Please return notes with payment by the end of this week. T-Shirts will then be ordered and students should receive them first week back next term.

LIFE EDUCATION
The Hunter Life Education Van will be visiting our school in Term 4 from Wednesday 15 October to Tuesday 21 October (week 2). Each class will visit the van completing programs dealing with drug education. Each program addresses components and outcomes within the NSW PD/H/PE syllabus. The cost of the visit will be $9 per student. A permission note will be sent home at the beginning of next Term.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
This Friday will be out of uniform day. Come dressed in your favourite clothes. There is no cost involved.

SUNDAY FUNDAY @ KOTARA BOWLING CLUB – DATE CHANGE
The Sunday Funday at Kotara Bowling Club has been moved to Sunday 28 September commencing at 11am. All proceeds raised are kindly being donated to the school. The day will include a jumping castle, raffles, barefoot bowls, market stalls, a disco and a BBQ. If any parents are interested in assisting with the BBQ or holding a market stall, then contact Lisa on 0407 230 708. The Sunday Funday is a great opportunity for our school. We hope to see you there on the day!

HEAD LICE
There has been reports of head lice in some classes. Please check your child’s hair for head lice. If you find any eggs or lice commence treatment as recommended on website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

LOST PROPERTY
Has your child lost an item of clothing? We have a large amount of lost property, which is located at the bottom of the internal staircase.

CATHERINE WARD - RELIEVING PRINCIPAL
SPELLING BEE REGIONAL FINALS
Alex, Ethan, Madeline and Josephine attended the Regional Spelling Bee on Wednesday at Hamilton Public School. They have all reported that it was a worthwhile and challenging experience which they would like to do again. Some of the words they were stumped on included; nautilus, piquant, mezzanine and batik - I’m sure most of us would have found those words tricky to spell as well! The students said it was a good experience to develop confidence in speaking in front of an audience and that they had learnt many new words and their meanings. At KSPS we are all proud of these students efforts and the positive attitude they have displayed throughout the competition. Well done!

MRS R FEAR - SPELLING BEE CO-ORDINATOR
ADIDAS FUN RUN
Thank you to all the students who participated in the Adidas Fun Run. Special thanks to the parents that helped out on the day, also a big thank you to Kiralee, Izoobel, Charli, Emrah and Ellie who made the powder. The Fun Run was a great success.

SPORT AND REC MINISTERS
STARS ON STAGE UPDATE
Info for next Thursday night’s performance.
All children need to be in their classrooms by 5.30pm to get costumes etc organised for a 6pm start. Children must be accompanied to their classroom and picked up at the end of the performance at designated areas set out below at 7.30pm approximately.

Designated Areas:
5/6W, 5/6J and 4/5E - Library
3/4T and 3E in Room 5
Year 2 in rooms 1 and 2
Year 1 in their classrooms
Kinder in KC Room

If you are taking other children home a note concerning this needs to be given to class teacher’s prior to the performance.

MS GODDEN STARS ON STAGE CO-ORDINATOR

KC NEWS
I would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents who have helped in KC this term with our Friday Maths Groups. Your assistance is very much appreciated and the children love having you there each week. Groups will continue in Term 4 each Friday morning at 9.15am commencing in Week 2 and concluding in Week 9. If you can make it to any of these sessions feel free to come along.

I would also like to thank all of the families from KC who have donated lollies and glass jars for our ‘Friday Funday’ class stall ‘The Lolly Jar Guessing Competition’. Please do not send any more lollies or jars as we have a sufficient quantity. We have twelve jars filled with a variety of lollies - lots of guesses and lots of winners.

I will be taking long service leave for the first four weeks of Term 4 commencing on Tuesday October 7 and returning on Friday October 31. My son Tyler is sitting the HSC examinations during this time period and I would like to be there to provide him with support, decent meals and make sure he gets to the exams on time.

Miss Katie Huckle will be teaching KC during this time period and I am sure KC and Miss Huckle will have a lovely time together. I will miss KC very much but I will be back to see The Little Mermaid with you on Thursday October 9.

ENTRY/EXIT SURVEYS 2014
We recently conducted surveys into school life and we very much appreciated those parents who returned their surveys. The survey was conducted to provide the school with information to help deliver the best educational opportunities to the students and parents of Kotara South Public School. All responses were treated with respect and confidentiality. Overall, 64 surveys were issued and 42 were returned which equates to just over a 66% return rate.

The overwhelming majority of surveys indicate that our school is very highly regarded and valued by the community. This is particularly in relation to the strong community feel of the school, the inclusion and acceptance of all students and the caring and professional nature of the staff.

Some issues were identified for improvement such as getting air conditioning for classrooms but, unfortunately, there are some things like this which are beyond our control. However, there are other issues which we feel can be addressed such as the school grounds and communication. These are just some of the issues which will be examined for improvement in 2015.

Thank you for your feedback which will prove invaluable in making further improvements to our school in the future.

MRS V COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

KC
Poppy, Chari, Jennifer

KF
Jessica, Riley, Elodie

1W
Krisztian, Emma, Amber

IG
Luke, Lucas, Reggie

1/2G
Michellie, Tom, Grace

2G
Sophie, Jake, Hudson

2/3E
Cody, Harry, Archie

3/4T
Harrison, Will, Annouk

4/5E
Thomas, Callum, Grace

5/6J
Chelsea, Brayden, Emrah

5/6W
Hayley, Cameron, Talitha

HSUB
Benjamin

PDHPE
Rachel for participating in class discussions and Amelia for quality bookwork.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements in the University of NSW English Competition.

Year 3
Lily – Merit
Olivia – Credit

Year 4
Callum – Merit
Lachlan – Merit
Josephine – Distinction
Madeline – Distinction

Year 5
Rishi – Merit
Zac – Credit
George – Distinction
Hannah – Distinction
Grace – Distinction

Year 6
Luka – Merit

MR ENGLEFIELD – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
P&C NEWS
CHOCOLATES
Thank you to all the families who have returned money or unsold chocolates. Please return all outstanding money or unsold chocolates to the office by no later than Thursday 18 September 2014.

Friday Funday Update
Check out our Facebook page “Kotara South Public School Friday Funday”. This has now been linked to the school website - http://www.kotarasth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/. Like us and share with your friends to see all the updates and prizes thus far, with more to come.

Activities for the day are outlined below
2 – 3.30pm – class stalls
3 – 6pm – Megamania Rides
Other Activities running from 2 – 6pm
Steak and Sausage Sizzle, drinks, lollies and chips
Monster Raffle
Cake Stall and decorating competition
White Elephant Stall
Over 15 Market Stalls
Ten Pin Bowling
Entertainment
NSW Police
Fire Brigade
St Johns Ambulance
Tea, Coffee, Fairy Floss

FACE PAINTING STALL
Please contact Leanne urgently at: timeandleanne98@bigpond.com if you are able to assist with the P&C face painting stall. We are looking for parents/students who can do face painting at the Fete. P&C are providing equipment for the stall, all we need is your creativity for face painting.

MEGAMANIA WRISTBANDS
Please find attached to this newsletter the pre-order form for Megamania wristbands. To pre-order the bands will cost $20, with on the day sales costing $25. Megamania will provide rides from 3 to 6pm.

2nd HAND GOODS STALL
We are still accepting goods for the 2nd hand stall. Please place your donated items on the cupboard outside the P&C storeroom - adjacent to canteen. These items will then be put into the storeroom by P&C Members.

CAKE STALL
As part of the Friday Funday we will be holding a cake stall. We will send home to all families a tray to fill with yummy treats to be sold such as cupcakes, slices, toffees, cakes and biscuits. Further details will be provided closer to the fete, but please start thinking about what you might be able to contribute.

We will also be selling individual items so would love any keen bakers to provide some extras to sell.

A cupcake decorating activity will be on offer for the kids to show off their creativity (& the best part - they get to eat the result). For this we will need some un-iced cupcakes.

We will be running a cake (or cupcake) decorating competition with different age categories for children and adults. Entry will be by gold coin donation, with prizes on offer for best cakes in each category. You may choose to take your cakes home with you after the competition or donate them to the school to be sold at the fete.

So get your recipe books out ready!

FRIDAY FUNDAY MONSTER RAFFLE
As part of the Friday Funday festivities we will be holding a Monster Raffle. Tickets will be $2 each and were sent home last week, with additional tickets available for sale on the night. Please contact the office if you require additional ticket books. The raffle will be drawn at 5.30pm on Friday 17th October 2014. (We ask that you return any unwanted tickets please.)

Our Major Prizes will be:
1st Prize: Baccarat Hard Anodised 6 piece Cookware Set valued at $1000, donated by KSPS P&C.
2nd Prize: Panasonic 32L Stainless Steel Inverter Sensor Microwave Oven valued at $329, donated by Winning Appliances.
3rd Prize: $200 Travel Vouchers donated by Sarah Smith Mobile Travel Agent.
4th Prize: $200 Hair Care Pack. Prize includes a $99 style, cut & colour voucher and Moroccan Oil hair care products and Helmut finishing spray, donated by Just Liberated.
5th Prize: Your choice of Classic Party Pack valued at $239 OR Dinner Voucher to $150 at Megamania Charlestown.

These prizes are subject to change as we are constantly receiving new prizes for our raffle. All Minor prizes will be selected by the winner on the night. These include: a $40 dinner voucher at The Blackbutte Hotel; a $20 Voucher at Grinding Halt Cafe at Kotara Homemaker Centre; three $30 vouchers at Hooi’s Recipe; two $50 Westfield Gift Cards; a Free Minor Service from Chris and Larry Automotive Service Kotara; a Party Pack from Lombard; $20 Good Guys Voucher; Gift Packs from Pharmacy For Less Kotara; 4.5kg Toblerone valued at $110; Princess Pamper Pack and Mum Pamper Pack from Nail Call; Lizottes at Lambton have donated two gift certificates - each certificate is for Two show only tickets; a $50 voucher for Hunter Valley Chicken and Game at New Lambton; a car care pack from Super Cheap Auto; a $100 gift voucher to Go-Karts-Go at Hunter Stadium, Bobs Farm or Cameron Park 2-stroke track; fifteen $20 gift vouchers to Pandora’s Hair Witchery at Charlestown; two $50 vouchers from Heidi’s Social Fitness; a free Essential Service valued at $189 from NRMA Motorservice Kotara; a Navig8r Sports Camera valued at $54 from OfficeWorks; three $20 vouchers from KFC Kotara; a $25 voucher from Hunter Valley Pasta co. New Lambton and $10 voucher from Joslin Street Butcher. What great prizes.

STALL HOLDERS
We still have limited spots available for stallholders, so, if you or anyone you know would be interested in holding a stall at Friday Funday please contact Leanne Smith at timeandleanne98@bigpond.com for an application.
Corporate Sponsorships
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.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 17th September 8.30am to 9.00am.

FRIDAY FUNDAY MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October at 6.15pm, before the P&C meeting. This will be the last official meeting before the Fete.

P & C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October at 7.00pm in the school library.

GOLD SPONSORS

SILVER SPONSORS

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GARDEN AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Many thanks to all parents who helped out at last Saturday’s working bee. Matt Playdon and his team made great progress in creating a pathway to the water tank out of the remaining logs in the “keys” garden. It looks a lot neater and the kids can now obtain water from the tank to water their gardens. We made some progress on attaching some of the wonderfully coloured pickets on the bath tub gardens. Due to a tool malfunction we only got so far but as you can see they will look fantastic once complete. Thanks to the schools GA Ross Crawley for preparing the painted pickets for us. We noticed that some of the gardens have already been planted out by the children and look forward to seeing some great crops growing in the near future!

Penny Duncan penelope2k@live.com.au

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STARS ON STAGE CONCERT
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1.00PM
I wish to purchase _________ tickets at the cost of $2.00 each. Money enclosed $_______

CHILD NAME_________________________________ CLASS_______________________
SIGNATURE______________________________

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL NEWS
We will again be running in term 4 beginning in week 3 (October 21 and 22). If your child is interested in attending please complete the attached form and return to Mr Warren as soon as possible. I would like to inform students of their participation before the holidays.

MR WARREN - ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR
I would like for my child/ren to participate in the Active After School program for term 4, 2014.

Student Names: ___________________________________________________ Year ______
Parent Signature:_____________________________________________________

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another and last great week. I am in much need of one HELPER on this Friday, last day of term. I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone for your on going support in helping me and patronizing our awesome canteen. On Friday I will be having a LAST DAY CRAZY SPECIAL. Friday will be also a RED DAY.

This Friday’s SUPA special is:

Holiday Whoopa $4.00
6 chicken chippies
1 lolly bag
1 Whoopa Milk Cup (the milk cup is a layer of frozen choc, strawberry or caramel milk, homemade choc smmallow layer vanilla ice cream with a mix of smashed freckles topped with fresh whipped cream. One pascal marshmallow sprinkles and choc sauce).

YUM, YUM!

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

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HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter - Annual Expo

The Expo is to be held on Thursday 9 October 2014 to complement Carers Week. The aim of the Expo is to:

- Aid and Support Families and Carers in their caring roles
- Provide Professionals with information to assist in their roles of supporting Families and Carers
- Provide an opportunity to Network and promote Carer's Week Activities

Details of Expo as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 9 October 2014
**Time:** 9.30am – 3.00pm
**Venue:** Newcastle Panthers

Guest Speakers at the Expo include:

1. **10.00am – 11.00am:** Keynote Speakers: Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services
   - "Aged Care Reforms: ACAT Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care"
2. **12.00pm – 1.00pm:** Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
   - "Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Carers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Children’s Entertainment on the day will include: Face Painting, Balloon Art, Craft

If you have further enquiries, please feel free to contact Kathryn Jones, Carer Support Officer | HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter (formerly known as EDuCARE)
Tel 02 4921 4895 | Fax 02 4921 4865 | educare-admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
LEARN TO SURF NEWCASTLE
Operated/owned by Miles Niddrie, Level 2 Surf Coach, since 2004.

Vegemite Surf Groms is back again this September School Holidays.
All equipment supplied including winter wetsuits, softboards and rash shirts.
Surf safety education and local beach info taught each lesson.
Age groups are 5-12yrs (max 12 kids/3coaches)
School holiday 4 x 2hr $165pp (all prices inc GST) plus registration fee for the Surfgroms gift pack value $150.
13yrs-18yrs $165pp welcome too, over 18’s $175pp. Group size 13yrs to Adults are max 10 with 2 coaches.
Single 2hr lessons daily $45pp under 18yrs, $50pp over 18yrs
6 week programs at weekends and after school start 6th October. 1st lesson 2hrs, then 5 x 1.5hr lessons.
$195pp under 18, $215 over 18. Rego fee for surfgroms applies.
Advanced lessons also available, SUP lessons too.
For bookings and enquiries please call 4944 9585 or 0404 83 9585.
Email at miles@learntosurfnewcastle.com or www.learntosurfnewcastle.com

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