**What’s Coming Up...............**

**This Week**

Monday: Parent Info Night Yrs 1-6  6pm-7.15pm
Wednesday: Ship of Fools--Water Wise Sessions
P&C Meeting 7pm cuppa 6.40pm

**Next Week**

Monday: Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6
Advanced notice: KPS K-6 Athletic Carnival
Wednesday 4 March 2015

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**STUDENTS SETTLING INTO CLASS ROUTINES**

It is wonderful to see our students so well engaged in their learning and all areas of school life. They are conscientiously taking care to follow the Organisation and Getting Along themes which are our You Can Do It! keys to success this term. These are attributes you may wish to discuss with your child and apply at home to mutual advantage.

A big thank you to parents and carers who attended the Kindergarten Information Evening last Monday and / or the Year 1 – 6 event last night. It is a welcome opportunity to provide details about the school and your child’s class. Teachers very much appreciate the chance to get to know you better and to answer any questions. Strong partnerships between home and school make a significant impact on your child’s learning. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any additional queries or if you were unable to attend and would like to arrange a meeting.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS AND STUDENT PARLIAMENT MINISTERS**

Congratulations to our house sport captains and parliamentary ministers who were awarded their badges at Friday’s assembly:

- **Acacia Captains:** Pia, Ethan
- **Vice Captains:** Chelsea, Cooper
- **Junior Captains:** Lawson, Kyra
- **Banksia Captains:** Jasmin, Charlie
- **Vice Captains:** Jasmine, Joe
- **Junior Captains:** Kira, Connor
- **Geebung Captains:** Emily, Ky
- **Vice Captains:** Bridie, Jack
- **Junior Captains:** Emerson, Jake
- **Hakea Captains:** Elise, Charlie
- **Vice Captains:** Sabine, Liam
- **Junior Captains:** Sophie, Lawson
- **Prime Ministers:** Grace, George
- **Executive Assistants:** Paris, Rishi, Hannah, Campbell
- **Treasurer:** Corey
- **Secretary:** Bailey
- **Minister for Communication:** Finn
- **Minister for Education:** Brayden
- **Ministers for Environment:** Talitha, Holly, Mirabelle, Patricia
- **Ministers for Information Technology:** Ryan, Cameron
- **Minister for Health:** Bryce

**Minister for Safety:** Lucinda
**Minister for Transport:** Jayden
**Ministers for Sport & Recreation:** Ben, Sophia
**Ministers for Welfare:** Lilly, Ashleigh
**Sergeant at Arms:** Prefects-Term 1
**Parliament Assistants:** Vice Captains - Term 1

Well done to our student executive (Grace, Paris, Hannah, George, Rishi and Campbell) who successfully ran their first K-6 Assembly on Friday.

**K-6 STUDENT PHOTOS – Now MONDAY 2 MARCH**

Student photos will now be on Monday 2 March (tentatively) – please note the change of date. A booking was made last year with Newcastle School Portraits for student photos to be taken on Wednesday 25 February and the school has now learnt that this will clash with the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival so contacted the photographer. We will keep you posted when the date if confirmed.

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**P&C Update**

A special thank-you to parent volunteers who have been running and helping in the canteen while Mrs Best is on leave.

**P&C MONTHLY MEETING**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 11 February 7pm in library

A warm invitation is extended to ‘new KPS Parents’. Please join us for a cuppa from 6:40pm.
SCHOOL FEES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
A note will be sent home later this week with details of School Fees and Voluntary Contributions.

MUSIC WORKSHOP – STUDENT MEETING TOMORROW, Wed 11 February
Mr Eldridge and I will meet with students interested in joining lunchtime or before school music groups. As last year, a weekly beginner guitarist session will be held for students (generally Year 3 or older). The music ensemble for more advanced guitarists, keyboard players and drummers will also be further developed. All interested students are encouraged to attend this meeting at 11:15am (start of lunch) in the school hall for information and to raise any questions.

Professional keyboard and guitar lessons are also provided at the school through Geri Rea (mob. 0404 905 401) and Newcastle Music Academy (Gianni: mob. 0434 827 058). Ukulele lessons commenced before school this morning with Jane Jelbart (email: jane@ukestra.com mob. 047 862 4883). All lessons are held outside of class times.

SCRIPTURE AND ETHICS IN 2015
As in past years, a non-denomination Scripture program will run: the commencement date is still being finalised. Thanks to Mrs Valerie Main and several parent volunteers an Ethics program will also be an option as an alternative, likely to commence in Term 2.

Both the special religious program (SRE) and the ethics will be run by authorised and trained volunteers with students attending under teacher supervision. The details are still under discussion.

Further information will be sent home to ask your intentions in Term 2 for your child to attend either: SRE, Ethics or neither program.

In the meantime, students in Years 1-6 who attended SRE in 2014, will resume SRE (unless the school is notified otherwise by parents); and Kindergarten students will attend SRE on the basis of parental choice nominated in their child’s enrolment form.

SHIP OF FOOLS - WATER WISE
Thanks to Hunter Water, Ship of Fools will present their Waterwise Performance at separate infants and primary student sessions tomorrow. The quality performance uses clowning to pass on the important message of using water thoughtfully. It May provide a springboard to raise the theme at home: turning off taps and 3 minute showers! The performance is free.

MR FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another great week. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that have been working in the canteen and doing a fantastic job in my absence!

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

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

KC
Lexie, Lucas, Isaac

KF
Rose, Oliver, Xavier

1V
Jackson, Tysen, Lineea

1W
Clara, Stela, Freya

2G
Luke, Maddie, Lilly

2MG
Josh, Emma, Isaac

3E
Adam, Hugo, Jackson

3P
Eli, Charlie, Blake

4E
Georgia, Kade, Molly

5/6J
Samantha, Ky, James

5/6P
Emily, Ethan, Cooper

5/6W
Ben, Jack, Elise

HSUB
Kian

PARK SAFE, STAY SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS
Community safety is always one of Council’s top priorities, and this certainly includes the safety of children relating to parking and road safety in school zones. Our parking officers have identified a number of areas of concern in this regard including:

- drivers picking up/dropping off on or too close to school pedestrian crossings
- drivers picking up/dropping off in no stopping and bus zones
- drivers stopping for long periods of time in no parking zones, and
- drivers parking for too long in drop-off and pickup zones.

The park safe, stay safe program has been designed to partner with schools, principals, parents, students and the community to improve road safety around schools. We have developed a range of materials to help educate everyone about how to park safe, stay safe.

Parking officers will also be active around schools in the coming weeks to make sure that safety rules are understood and are being observed. Please keep these tips in mind when dropping off and picking up your students:

1. Kids look to you to keep them safe, so make sure you park safe so our kids can stay safe.
2. Most schools have kiss and ride zones for drop-offs and pick-ups, these work best if you: only stop for two minutes, stay close to your car and stop as close to the head of the zone as possible to allow easy access for everyone.
3. Parking officers will be out and about at schools to inform drivers, parents and teachers.
4. Talk to our officers - for more info ph 4274 2000
See more at:www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

P&C NEWS

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 28 February 2015
As previously mentioned, our first major fundraiser for the year is a Bunnings BBQ held at Kotara Bunnings on Saturday 28 February from 9am to 4pm.

As you can see we are still looking for volunteers. If you are able to assist, could you please email Helena at hataylor@bigpond.net.au or call on 0412 549 924 to advise what time slot would suit you.

P&C 2015 Membership
Attached is the Kotara South Public School P&C Association Membership form. If you wish to be a member of the P&C for 2015 please return the completed form, together with $2.00 to the office. If you are unable to make the meetings but would still like to be involved in the P&C, please complete the form and pay your $2.00. You will then receive the P&C Minutes as well as all communication sent out via email.

If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact Helena on hataylor@bigpond.net.au or 0412549924.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on the following days: Wednesday 11 February – 8.30am to 9.00am
Friday 13 February – 8.30am – 9.00am
If you are unable to attend the uniform shop when it is open, please leave your order and money at the office and it will be given to your child to take home.

P&C AGM – Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7pm
Just a reminder that our official AGM will be held on 11 March 2015. Positions available at the AGM will be:-
President
Vice President x 2
Treasure
Secretary
Fund Raising Co-Ordinator and Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.
Nominations are called for all positions. If you wish to nominate for a position please complete the attached form and return it to the returning officer prior to the meeting, although nominations will be accepted at the meeting. You will find information on P&C roles at the following website http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 February at 7.00pm in the school library. Supper will be provided from 6.40pm.

P&C Dates to remember
11 February 2015 – P&C meeting
28 February 2015 – Kotara Bunnings BBQ (9am to 4pm)
11 March 2015 – P&C AGM
17 May 2015 – Kotara Bunnings BBQ (9am to 4pm)

GROUND & GARDEN COMMITTEE - YARN BOMBING
There are a few new colourful knitted creations decorating the school grounds already this term, and still more to come. Parents, relatives and students interested in the Yarn Bombing Project are encouraged to see the school website for photos, details, and contacts. Donations of yarn or equipment can be left at the school office.

If you are interested in joining the Gardens and Grounds group, please contact Matt via email at mjplaydon@gmail.com.

HELENA TAYLOR - P & C SECRETARY

Kotara Bunnings BBQ Roster for Saturday 28 February 2015

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to let you know that students at our school will be participating in a program called You Can Do It! Education (YCDI!). The goal of YCDI! is to provide today’s children with the Foundations for achievement in school, work and the world of tomorrow. We shall be focusing on five important Foundations that will help your child do the best he or she can on homework and in coursework:

- **Organisation**
- **Persistence**
- **Getting Along**
- **Emotional Resilience**
- **Confidence**

In You Can Do It! Education, teachers and parents work together to help children learn these important Foundations. We will be sending home notes asking you to talk to your child about a topic or idea that can help him/her develop these Foundations.
I hereby apply for membership of the Kotara South Public School Parents & Citizens Association for 2015.

Name:..............................................................................................................

Address:..............................................................................................................

Phone Number:....................................................................................................

Email Address:.....................................................................................................

Are you willing for your contact details to be distributed to P&C Members? Yes / No

Your $2.00 per person membership fee entitles you to vote in all P&C Meetings and also
to stand for office.

Amount Enclosed:- $..........................

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NOMINATION FOR 2015 OFFICEBEARERS

I, ................................................................., being a financial member of the Kotara South
Public School Parents & Citizens Association in 2015, do hereby nominate

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Nominee’s Name

(Please tick applicable position)

☐ President  ☐ Vice President 1  ☐ Vice President 11

☐ Secretary  ☐ Treasurer  ☐ Fundraising Co-ordinator

☐ Uniform Co-ordinator

________________________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Nominee  Endorsing Financial Member Name

Date: __________________  Date: __________________

This form must be returned to:  Private & Confidential

The President

Kotara South Public School P&C Association

150 Rae Crescent

Kotara South NSW 2289

Nominations must be received by 7pm Wednesday 11 March 2015