**Remind to Parents to Notify the School About Your Child’s Health**

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the office of any changes to your contact details or of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**Swimming Carnival Success**

Congratulations to students, staff and parent-carers who attended the KSPS Swimming Carnival for making it hugely successful. Special thanks to organiser, Mr John, for a huge job well done; and to all who assisted. Student participation was on display throughout and the school is looking to extend activities next year – hopefully booking the 25 metre pool as well (which was not an option this year).

House and student awards will be presented at Friday’s assembly commencing 10:25am. The PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Lambton pool next Wednesday 25 February. The KSPS squad will be selected on the basis of recorded times yesterday. Full details will be sent home this week with eligible students.

**AECG-LMG Agreement Ceremony**

Muloobinbah Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) brings together Aboriginal educators, principals, school staff and Departmental representatives to share ideas about Aboriginal Education and raise cultural knowledge. Muloobinbah AECG meets twice each term and is part of a state-wide organisation. Given last week’s Closing the Gap report to Federal Parliament, such groups are highly relevant.

Local schools and Muloobinbah recently finalised an AECG-schools agreement which will be signed and celebrated next Wednesday 25 February at Lambton Public School. While the families of all our Aboriginal students are welcome; a personal invitation will be extended to our Indigenous primary students and their families. Full details will be sent home this week. Our school captains will also be invited to represent KSPS students. Please contact me directly or through the school if you have any queries or suggestions.

The ceremony will include a performance by local primary students of the National Anthem in Awabakal and an Aboriginal dance by a high school troupe; followed by afternoon tea.

**Lunchtime Music Workshops**

Last week Mr Eldridge and I met with students interested in participating in lunchtime music workshops. These group sessions are open to guitarists (beginners or advanced), keyboard players and drummers. The first workshop will be held for more advanced players tomorrow from 11:15am. Beginner guitarists will commence at lunchtime on Thursday.

While each student needs to have an instrument at home for practice, they can attend lunchtime sessions with or without their instrument as we have several school guitars, keyboards and an electric drum kit.

Students who commence are expected to attend between now and the end of Term 1, and to practise at home most days. It is then open for them to decide whether or not to continue. The workshops provide students with an opportunity to learn the basics of their instrument and to have the experience of playing music with others. As Mr Eldridge and I are not qualified music teachers, it is recommended that continuing students undertake professional music lessons.

We may be able to offer advice if you are looking to purchase an instrument for your child. Please contact Mr Eldridge or me if you have any queries.

**Student Safety- School Driveway and Fixed Playground Equipment**

Further to information last week about council’s Park Safe Stay Safe program, parents and guardians are reminded that the school driveway off Rodway Parade is for staff and delivery vehicles only. This is to avoid the risk of mixing cars and students.

Please note that due to safety concerns, the fixed playground equipment is out of bounds except when a teacher is directly supervising. Your help here is appreciated.
P&C UPDATE
Thanks to parents who attended the February Meeting and ‘cuppa’ last week – it was excellent to have so many supportive attendees. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March and will include election of office bearers for the year ahead. Please pencil the date into your diary.

Following discussion at the P&C meeting, the school will trial a new approach for Presentation Day 2015. Separate Infants and Primary Presentation Assemblies will be held in the KSPS hall – at different times on the same day (tentatively Monday 14 December). We will aim to maintain some of the traditional formality while making the event more age appropriate and of shorter duration.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER
Thanks to families who have paid the 2015 School Fee. Details were sent home on a ‘blue’ note last week and are available online or through the school office. Special thanks to several families who have made an additional donation. These have been gratefully received and will be used to provide special resources to students.

Welcome to Mr Howell who will be relieving as teacher-librarian for the remainder of Term 1. Mr Howell brings considerable experience as a qualified librarian, and he has a special interest in history. We look forward to working with him as we develop KSPS programs for the new NSW National History curriculum.

MR FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN FINISHING TIMES
From Week 7 to Week 10 of Term 1 Kindergarten children may remain at school till 3:00pm. This is optional and if you would like your child to remain at school they will be participating in activities to develop their fine motor skills and their social skills. Students are to stay in their own classroom.

As of Term 2 all Kindergarten students will remain at school till 3:00pm each day.

I apologise for any confusion about the finishing times printed in notes you received in 2014.

DANCE PROGRAM
Students in Year One and Year Two will commence their dance program this Wednesday morning with Mrs Rhianne Crichton in preparation for our Stars on Stage concert in Term 3. Each Year Two class will also submit an audition video for the Hunter School’s Dance Festival later this term. Have fun dancing Year One and Year Two!

MRS COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STAR STRUCK 2015
It is that time of year again! Our Star Struck audition DVD is due next week to the Star Struck office. Well done to all the enthusiastic Year 5 students who have been learning the audition choreography.

DVD recording will be on Monday 23 March at lunchtime. Fingers crossed for a successful audition.

MS GIBSON & MS GODDEN

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY
On Friday 27 February it is “Clean Up Schools Day” at KSPS. Classes will be spending a small portion of their time cleaning the school grounds, removing rubbish and weeding.

Please ensure all children have gloves for our Friday clean up.

MS GIBSON & THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM

BOYS ONLY DANCE WORKSHOP
Do you have boys who would be excited to be involved in an amazing new dance opportunity? The Intensive aims to get boys interested in dance, physicality, strength, and creativity. These workshops create a masculine environment with male professional choreographers providing strong, positive role modelling to the participants. Using strong physicality, hard work, and strength these classes explore dance using the popular mediums of hip-hop, breakdance and the introduction of strong contemporary technique.

The Boys Intensive will be divided into a Junior Group (9 – 12) and a Senior Group (13 – 18). The groups will work with two choreographers: Hip Hop artists Pep-C and contemporary break dancer Joshua Thomson. Students will work with professional male Hip Hop, Break & Contemporary choreographers from Chunky Move, Shaun Parker & Buzz Dance Theatre as they develop an original dance work. Works choreographed will be performed at Hunter Dance Festival and other performance opportunities throughout NSW.

DATES: Wednesday April 22nd, Friday April 24th Thursday April 23rd, Friday April 24th, Friday May 1st

TIME: 9am – 3pm daily

Cost: $100 for registration and costume

COST: $100 including all costs and costume for the performance.

Nominate NOW: (30 places only) nominations close 20th February. If interested please see Ms Gibson.

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

KC
Eloise, Tom, Ben

KF
Thomas, Hannah, Oscar

1V
Max, Molly, Imogen

1W
Jennifer, Angelina, Ben

2G
Lucinda, Cameron, Luke

2MG
Eddie, Tom, Rosie, Emma

3E
Phoenix, Ruby, Holly

3P
Jacinda, Kyra, Emerson

4E
Niri, Eddie, Olivia

MS GIBSON & MS GODDEN
5/6J
Milly, Nick, Bridie
5/6P
Jordie, Ava, Toby
5/6W
Hannah, Lachlan, Bryce
HSUB
Leo
PDHPE
Finn for showing resilience in class

P&C NEWS
Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 28 February 2015

URGENT HELPERS REQUIRED !!!!!!!!

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 0412549924 to
advise what time slot would suit you.

P&C 2015 Membership
The Kotara South Public School P&C Association
Membership form is available on the school website.
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 and all communication
sent out via email. If anyone has any questions
please do not hesitate to contact Helena on hatay-
lor@bigpond.net.au or 0412549924.

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 / Treasurer / Secret-
ary / 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 Fundraiser
This year we are running a new fundraiser through
Avon. Each month we will have different offers availa-
able where the P&C are guaranteed to receive 20% of
all sales.

Offer 1. Skin-so-soft Bug Guard plus SPF 30 Lotion.
Deet free formula, this is a gentle, moisturising lotion
offering protection from sunburn and biting insects
(sand flies, mosquitoes, black flies, midges and ticks).
100ml bottle. Perfect size for school bags and hand

Offer 2. Avons Natural Kids Detangling Spray. Helps
detangle and tame unruly hair. This scented light-
weight leave in formula helps leave hair silky soft and
manageable. Can be used on wet or dry hair. 250ml
bottle. Two amazing scents. Amazing Apple or Magnif-
icent Mango. This offer comes with free detangling comb valued at $7.99. All for $6.99.

This offer ends Friday 27th February, with orders arriv-
ing following Thurs/Friday.

If you are interested in placing an order please fill
in order form at the school front office with pay-
ment.

GROUND GARDENS GARDEN & COMMITTEE
A big shout out to Michael Morrison who last week,
was able to lend a hand mowing around the school.
Michael completed mowing of the oval which the Gar-
dens and Grounds Group top-dressed last year, as
well as in front of the school office and nature strip.
Thanks Michael.
We hope to have a website link to the Yarn Bombing
Project on the schools website in the near future.
This will have information on how you can get in-
volved and some of the projects you may be able to
help with. If you can assist in this colourful project
please contact Susie Lever at indigolin@gmail.com
Sunday March 15th will be the first Working Bee for
the year. There is always a heap to help out with and
it is a great way for the children to be involved in the
school environment. So put the date in your diary and
come and lend a hand. Further information will be in
the newsletter closer to the date.

If you can spare a few minutes each week before or
after pick-up then we are calling on you. Help us wa-
ter, weed, compost and care for your grounds. The
Gardens and Grounds Group has a PARENT HELP-
ER ROSTER where you can help keep plants grow-
ing, compost composting and worms worming. So if
you think you can help please contact Penny Dun-
can, penelope2k@live.com.au, to get your name on
the list. An outline of duties appears on following
page, along with volunteer roster.

Kotara Bunnings BBQ Roster Saturday 28 February

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**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be opened on the following days:
Wednesday 18 February – 8.30am to 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 Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 7.00pm in the school library.

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

HELENA TAYLOR - P & C SECRETARY

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### Garden and Grounds Helpers Roster

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**Primary Worm Farms** : Check the worms have food, add water if necessary, bottle up worm juice using recycled plastic bottles, consult with teachers who looking after them.

**Primary Vege Gardens** : Water the gardens, weeding if necessary, check if any pest control is needed, fertilise with worm juice, harvest produce.

**Compost Area** : Check worm farms as above, empty food scraps into worm farms and/or compost, add other ingredients such as shredded paper to compost, ensure correct signage.

**Infants Bathtub Gardens** : Ensure reservoir of water in bottom of bath is full, add water through pipe if needed using hose from water tank, water from top if needed, weed.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HSF**
Heidi’s Social Fitness
Outdoor Group Training 0417 456 083

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Looking for Confidence?
Looking for Speed?

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For Men Women & Children
(From 5 yrs+)

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**CARDIFF**
John Young Community Hall
Thomas Street
Mon: 5.30 – 6.30pm

**DUDLEY**
Dudley Village Hall
16 Ocean Street
Tues: 5.30 – 6.30pm

**THE JUNCTION**
St Joseph’s School Hall
L12 & Kenrick St
Tue: 5.45 – 6.45pm

**BROADMEADOW**
Merebweer High School
Chatham Rd
Thurs: 5.45 – 6.45pm

**WALLSEND**
Callaghan College
Cnr Minmi & Macquarie St
Mon: 5.30 – 6.30pm

From $10 for 1 hour class - $100 for 10 visit card - Casual visit $12
Call or text Heidi on 0417 456 083
Heidi’s Social Fitness is On!

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