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24 February 2015

What’s Coming Up.....................

This Week
Wednesday: PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday: Clean Up Schools Day

Next Week
Monday: School photos
Wednesday: KPS K-6 Athletics Carnival

KSPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – 4 MARCH
From the pool to the track! Next Wednesday, 4th March sees the KSPS Athletics Carnival.
Parents and family are invited to cheer along our students at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.
Students will compete in age running events, field events and novelty events. Students are asked to wear their sport uniform and appropriate footwear.
While there is some shade at the venue, students are reminded to wear their hats and apply sunscreen and pack wet weather gear if the weather is inclement.
Parents are welcome to assist on the day - please see Mr John upon arrival.
When the number of contestants warrant heats, students will be placed in order according to recorded times.
There will be no ‘finals’.

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER - MONDAY 2 MARCH
Photo envelopes were sent home last week with each student. Please return completed envelope with your child on Monday. Family envelopes are available from the office. Students to please wear full school uniform.

PRINCIPAL AWARD
Congratulations to Emerson from Year 3 who received a Silver Award at Friday’s assembly recognising his excellent efforts and achievements in true KSPS style. Well done Emerson.
It is my pleasure to present these awards on the basis:
- Bronze Principal Award – for receiving 5 Assembly Awards
- Silver Principal Award – for achieving Bronze and a further 10 Assembly Awards
- Gold Principal Award – for achieving Silver and a further 15 Assembly Awards

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
The contribution made by volunteers makes an enormous difference for our students. Parents and guardians help in myriad ways including classroom and library support, school carnivals and functions, and through the P&C (e.g. meetings, committees, fundraising, socials, canteen, grounds and gardens and uniform shop). It is fantastic to have this support.
A special vote of thanks to volunteers who kept the canteen up and running while Mrs Best was on leave. Mrs Best was welcomed back yesterday – looking well rested and ready to continue our extraordinary canteen.

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER
Thanks again to families who have paid the 2015 school Fee. These are now due if you haven’t already paid or made arrangements with the school (through the office or with me directly). Your help is appreciated and helps KSPS provide quality programs for all students.

SCRIPTURE AND ETHICS SURVEY
Information and surveys were sent home last week with full details – the note is available on the KSPS website or on request through the office. As we look to complete collation of returns early next week, please act on this soon if you haven’t already done so. Your action is needed only if you wish to change your child’s current option.

DIXIE – YOUR HELP PLEASE
Parents are reminded that dogs, other than Blind or Assistance Dogs (such as Dixie), should not be on the school site. Dixie is a trained Assistance Dog for one of our students, Jake. She is handled by trained staff and Jake’s parents. Dixie enters and exits the school each day through the northern Rae Crescent gate (located near the Early Intervention Unit entrance). If you bring your dog within proximity to the school, please keep it away from this entrance as Dixie is easily frightened. Thanks for support re this matter.

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE
Many parents will be receiving a letter in the mail from school shortly asking for anaphylaxis, allergy, asthma or medical needs to be updated by your child’s treating doctor. We need medical information updated annually to be able to best care for your children. We also need parents to check medication supplied to the school for expiry dates as many ventolins and even some epipens are out of date. Can you please complete these forms as soon as possible and return them to the school office. If you receive a letter and your child no longer has a medical need, can you also please inform the office.

KSPS BASKETBALL TEAM
KSPS now has a school knockout basketball team for Year 5 and 6 boys. Training will take place every Thursday morning from 8:30am on the basketball court. Congratulations to the boys who are in the team and learning how to play the game; Campbell, Joey, Tom L, Ethan S, George, Toby, Brayden, Will, Zac, Bailey and Corey

LEE ENGLEFIELD – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MR FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL

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MUD MONSTER
On the weekend, Jarrod from (5/6W) competed in the Junior State Cup in Port Macquarie. He competed in the Under 12 Boys for Wallsend against 40 other teams in his age division. The competition saw in excess of 300 teams from around NSW converge in Port Macquarie. Unfortunately, due to Cyclone Marcie, NSW Touch had to abandon the Finals scheduled for Sunday. During the weekend Jarrod earned himself the nickname of the Mud Monster, as he seemed to love the extremely muddy conditions. His team, despite the conditions, did exceptionally well. Great achievement Jarrod!

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to the Zone Swimming team attending the Newcastle City Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, 25th February at Lambton Pool. We have a 22 member team ‘striving to achieve’ and we wish them all the very best in achieving their personal best at the carnival. Students attending the carnival must meet Mr John or Mr Warren at 8:30 am outside Lambton Pool.

STAGE 3 - BATHURST EXCUSION
This week will see a note sent home to parents of Stage 3 regarding the 3 night excursion. The note is an expression for students who wish to attend the Bathurst excursion. The excursion is a valuable learning experience out of the classroom and an extremely important social learning experience. The cost of the excursion is an approximate and is based on the number of students attending. By expressing interest in the excursion, numbers will be calculated and the cost can be finalised. The students will stay in Bathurst for two nights and the Jenolan Caves for one. The excursion is centred around the Human Society and Its Environment topic - Gold. The note will provide a general itinerary (jammed packed) and dates. Please return the expression on interest slip promptly to assist with the organisation of the excursion. If you have any questions regarding the excursion please speak to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

MR JOHN - SPORT & EXCURSION CO-ORDINATOR

LIBRARY NEWS
It was great meeting the students and staff of Kotara South last week and I look forward to working with everyone during the term. Last week we were learning about different aspects of using the Library. Years 5/6 discussed research skills are developing knowledge about social and political issues within Australia and Indonesia. Years 1 & 2 have been learning about how to find information in different sections of the library, book care and the working practice of fiction and non-fiction. Kindergarten is learning about book care, different types of books in the library and are now familiar with how to borrow and return books. I strongly encourage student borrowing and continued reading to develop strong literacy skills. Don’t forget to return books in your library bag.

DARREN HOWELL - RELIEVING LIBRARIAN

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY
On this 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

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

KC
Archie, Sebastian, Imogen, Holly

KF
Joel, Violet, Leila

1V
Cooper, Lexie, Oscar, Matthew

1W
Elodie, Cooper, Toby

2G
Libby, Reggie, Curtis

2MG
Ahliyah, Bryson, Alexis

3E
Claire, Ruby, Ruby

3P
Tahlia, Kayla, Liam

4E
Hannah, Zac, Charli

5/6J
Jacob, Adelaide, Angel, Cooper, Ky, Samantha

5/6P
Corey, Holly, Ethan

5/6W
Will, Madeline, Jasmine, Lachlan

HSUB
Aissata

MISS SQUIRE

Joey

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello “Aloha” for a great start to the year. The canteen is now in full swing now I am back. A massive BIG thank you to everyone who rallied in my absence and did an extraordinary job. Well done I applaud you! Hello new helpers- I am in desperate need of your help, please call me on 0410 436 227, call at the office or just call at the canteen to add your name to the roster.

EAT FRESH DEAL $2.00
1 fresh roast BBQ chicken salad wrap with mayo Or
Fresh roast chicken or corn beef sandwich/wrap $1.50
Bread is fresh daily from Bakers Delight in white, wholemeal and multigrain.
WEEKLY SPECIAL $3.50
Jumpin Chip
6 chicken chippies
1 pkt chicken jumpys
1 ice mony

Fresh fruit is apples .80c includes slinking you can have your own apple slinked at a cost of .20c. We also have fresh frozen seedless grapes .50c a cup

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

P&C NEWS
Avon Fundraiser
This year we are running a new fundraiser through Avon. Each month we will have different offers available 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 bags. Special price $9.99 save $5.

Offer 2. Avons Natural Kids Detangling Spray. Helps detangle and tame unruly hair. This scented lightweight 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 Magnificent Mango. This offer comes with free detangling comb valued at $7.99. All for $6.99.

This offer ends Friday 27th February, with orders arriving following Thurs/Friday.

If you are interested in placing an order please fill in order form at the school front office with payment. Thankyou

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.

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 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.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 25 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.

Interrelate
The P&C have organised for Interrelate to attend KSPS on the evening of Wednesday 6 May 2015. There will be 2 sessions run on the night. Please see attached information. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks in relation to cost and time.

P&C Dates to remember
28 February 2015 – Kotara Bunnings BBQ (9am to 4pm)
11 March 2015 – P&C AGM
6 May 2015 – Interrelate (Year 3 to Year 6)
17 May 2015 – Kotara Bunnings BBQ (9am to 4pm)

KSPS GARDENS & GROUNDS
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 involved and some of the projects you may be able to help with. If you can assist in this colourful project please contact Susie Lewer at indigoblin@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 water, weed, compost and care for your grounds. The Gardens and Grounds Group has a PARENT HELPER ROSTER where you can help keep plants growing, compost composting and worms worming. So if you think you can help please contact Penny Duncan, penelope2k@live.com.au, to get your name on the list.

HELENA TAYLOR - P & C SECRETARY
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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Dear Parent/Carer,

You Can Do It! Education School-Home Note - Confidence #1

There are some very important things you can do at home to help your child achieve well at school this year and in the future. In school, we are teaching children all about the Foundation of Confidence. Confidence means not taking things too personally when you don't do as well as you would like or when others tease or hassle you.

**Be Confident**

This week, we would like you to discuss with your child an idea that helps develop Confidence: "No matter what happens to you, you are still a valuable and capable person." With your child, review their different positive and not-so-good qualities (e.g. school subjects, recreational activities, personal qualities). Then, remind your child that they don't lose their positive qualities or value as a person when something bad happens. Use an example of when something bad happened to you and you accepted yourself.

When you catch your child being confident, give lots of praise ("I like the way you learn from your mistakes," "I like the way you are not thinking negatively about yourself").
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Register NOW for Junior Baseball
U/8 & U/10 T-Ball, U/12, U/14 & U/16-17 Baseball
Rego & Training Sunday
1st, 8th & 15th March
9.30am Boomerang Field Industrial
Drive Mayfield West
Contact Wayne – 0420 928 557
Email – mayfieldboomerangs@gmail.com
For more information visit www.boomerangsbaseball.com.au

Kotara South Football Club Girls Soccer
We have some places available for our Girls U12 soccer team. Girls can be turning 10, 11 or 12 this year to be eligible to join. This is a great opportunity for your daughter to be involved in a great sport with other girls of a similar age enjoying fun, fitness and all the benefits of team sport. Please contact Penny Duncan penelope2k@live.com.au or text 0403 656072 or the club registrar gregbelindamoore@telstra.com.

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$75 (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
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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 OFFICE BEARERS

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