What's Coming Up........................

Congratulations for KSPS Carnival Athletes
Congratulations to all K-6 students for their outstanding participation at the Athletics Carnival last week. With the overnight light rain cleared, the day turned quite hot and humid. Students competed in track, field and novelty events with ‘personal bests’ the order of the day. Congratulations to all!

The Zone Athletic Carnival will be held in late term 2 and the KSPS Zone team will be named early next term.

Thanks to all the parents and community who attended the carnival. Without the fantastic parents who assisted, the carnival could not have been run so successfully. That numerous parents took leave from work so they could assist is appreciated. Special thanks to Mr Ben Fuller who provided expert guidance and invaluable assistance to ensure the carnival ran so smoothly.

The overall winning team of the carnival will be announced in the coming weeks as our juniors have to complete one event at school and Mr John is currently on leave. Once completed the winner and winners of the individual events will be announced and awarded their ribbons. We’ll give prior advice through the weekly newsletter.

Newcastle City Zone Trials
Over the past couple of weeks, numerous Stage 3 students attended sporting trials for various sports. Three students will attend Football (Soccer) trials on Wednesday.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the trials for giving their best. The following students were able to progress on to the Hunter Region Trials:
- Rugby League - Joe, Charlie and Ky
- Basketball - Chelsea and Campbell
- AFL - Charlie C, George, Charlie M

If selected for Region, students will participate in State Carnivals for their chosen sports. Well done to all our KSPS sports students.

KSPS Cross Country – Friday 20 March
Friday 20th March will see Kotara South hold their Cross Country Carnival. All students in K-6 will attend Lugar Park in the morning for the events. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The Zone Carnival will be held on Friday the 27th March at Stevenson Oval, Mayfield.

Your Help Please!
Please ensure that your contact details are up to date – including those delegated as ‘emergency contacts’. The school has been unable to contact parents on a number of recent occasions and this is of obvious concern. Happily, they have not been emergency events. To update or check details, please send a note in with your child, email (kotarasth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the office directly or by phone (49475319).

Lost Property
There are numerous jackets, hats and other items in the 'lost property' bins near the school foyer. Please feel free to come and check for any missing items. Where possible, labelled items will be circulated to owners.

MARTIN FROHLICH - PRINCIPAL

Harmony Day
To celebrate Harmony Day 2015 we are asking the children to come out of uniform. Children can either wear green for Getting Along or their National Costume.

There is no charge for this day.
The children will all write a message for the day and these will be displayed in the Hall or Library.
The date of this special event is THURSDAY, 19 MARCH.

Thank you for your support
MRS SUE BRYANT (HARMONY DAY CO-ORDINATOR)

Student disco next Wednesday 18 March
Infants   6 - 7:00pm
Primary  7 - 8:30pm
Entry: $4.00
Dress theme: Flouro

P&C AGM and General Meeting
Tomorrow, Wednesday 11 March 7pm – KSPS Library
All parents and community members are cordially invited to attend and have a say. Elections will be held for all P&C Positions. The meeting should conclude by 8:30pm.
University of NSW Competitions
This year 3-6 students will have the opportunity to participate in the university of NSW competitions for English, Maths and Science. The competitions are not compulsory but provide a good opportunity for your child to test their skills in these subjects. The cost of each competition will be $8.00. Details will be sent home in week 1, term 2.

Medical Information Update
Many parents will have received a letter in the mail from school 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 received a letter and your child no longer has a medical need, can you also please inform the office.

ANZAC Day 2015
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MR ENGLEFIELD - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

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Thubten, Phoebe, Joe

5/6J
Samantha, George, Jacob, Melissa

5/6P
Sophia, Anna-Rose, Harrison

5/6W
Jasmin, Josie, Rishi

HSUB
Lachlan

LIBRARY
Eddie, Allira, Charli

COMPUTER
William, Tysen, Cameron, Lucas

PDHPE
Grace

CANTEEN NEWS
Hello from the canteen for another great week. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for helping out in our awesome canteen. I am very proud to hand over $1,000.00 to the P & C. Wow job well done!

EAT FRESH DEAL
Ham sandwich, wrap or roll. $1.50
Ham and salad sandwich, wrap or roll. $2.00
Ham, cheese and tomato sandwich, wrap or roll. $1.50
Ham, pickles or relish sandwich, wrap or roll. $1.50

WEEKLY SPECIAL
Zombie Monster Chippy $3.50
6 chicken chippys
1 ice mony OR milk cup
1 zombie monster crisps

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

P&C NEWS
Thompson Pie Drive
The P&C are running a Thompson Pie Drive. Please see attached order form. (Additional order forms can be found on the website attached to last week’s newsletter). Collection will be at the School on Saturday 28 March (State Election voting day). Unfortunately we cannot advise of a collection time yet, so please ensure you put your mobile number on the order form. We anticipate it to be in the morning. Ensure you place your order and correct money to the office by no later than 9am on Friday 20 March 2015.

KSPS Gardens and Grounds Working Bee
Next Sunday the 15th of March is the first Working Bee for the year. The school grounds are always in need of some love!

KSPS ANZAC SERVICE 24 APRIL 2015
__________________________________ would like to attend the KSPS ANZAC day service on Friday 24th April as a retired ex-serviceman/woman OR a serving member of the armed forces.
Yes I would be willing to speak at the ceremony about what ANZAC means to me. ☐

Name: __________________________________________ Contact Number: __________________________
of assistance no matter what time of year and no more so than after the Christmas Break. The students at KSPS need your help to keep the grounds looking good, the plants healthy and the weeds at bay. Join us for as little or as long as you wish and the kids are more than welcome, after all it is their school. If you have a passion for gardening, mulching, weeding or just getting involved to help your school then please join the Gardens and Grounds Group this Sunday.

Time - Commencing at 9am till 12pm. We hope to make a small dent in the upkeep of the grounds.

What to Bring – Gloves, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, trowel, bucket, wheelbarrow and shovel if you have one and a willingness to have a good time. If you are a keen Bush Regenerator please contact Matt Playdon at miplaydon@gmail.com to discuss opportunities to enhance the schools remnant bushland.

Yarnbombing
Sending a big thank you to Olivia’s Nan and Josie’s Nanna whose fabulous knitting has helped start the canteen area ‘make-over’. It has brought smiles to the children (and staff) already. Everyone is welcome to join the fun - see KSPS Website > Info for Parents > Yarnbombing Project for details and contact.

Easter Raffle
Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home next week. We have books of 10 tickets for $1 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April. We would appreciate donations of Easter Eggs, however, we ask that you do not bring them in until Monday 17th March.

Avon Fundraiser
This month we have 3 new specials. Again the P&C are guaranteed to receive 20% of all sales made.

Offer 3. Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard Collection. This special includes Picardin Insect Repellent aerosol, Gentle breeze lotion SPF30 plus Soothing Spray. All 3 for $20. Save over $14. This offer ends Friday 20th March, with orders arriving following Thurs/Friday.

Orders and payment can be made through the K.S.P.S office OR with Kate on PH: 0410 086 556 or email gr8k8mack@yahoo.com. Payment options available. Please contact Kate to discuss. Thankyou.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on Wednesday 11 March – 8.30am to 9.00am and Thursday 12 March – 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.

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 2015 Membership
The Kotara South Public School P&C Association Membership form is located 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 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 Meeting AGM – Tomorrow Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7pm in School Library

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
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Nominations are called for all positions. If you wish to nominate for a position please complete the form located on the school website 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 Dates to remember
11 March 2015 – P&C AGM
15 March 2015 – KSPS working bee
28 March 2015 – Thompson Pie Drive and State Election
2nd April 2015 – Easter raffle
6 May 2015 – Interrelate (Year 3 to Year 6)
17 May 2015 – Kotara Bunnings BBQ (9am to 4pm)

HELENA TAYLOR - P & C SECRETARY
Kotara South Tigers are calling on players for their Under 9’s teams. Please contact Nadene Collins on 0431880235 for more information on a great club.