What's Coming Up

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Parent – teacher interviews will be held in Term 1, commencing Monday 23rd March. Formal written reports will be sent home at the end of Semester 1 (term 2). This year we are using the online booking site School Interviews, (www.schoolinterviews.com.au - please note our school code is 4D9A5) to arrange interview times. A detailed note was sent home last week with details on how to use the new system.

As per previous years, each teacher will be allocated a day to conduct their interviews. All teachers will also be available on selected mornings and afternoons during week 9 and 10. Our interview schedule is:

- Monday 23 March – 2G & 2MG
- Tuesday 24 March – KC & KF
- Wednesday 25 March – 5/6W & 5/6J
- Monday 30 March – 3E & 5/6P
- Tuesday 31 March – 1W & 1V
- Wednesday 1 April – 4E & 3P

Year 6 Parents - Moving Into Secondary school in 2016
All Year 6 students brought home an Information Guide and Expression of Interest form last week about moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016. The Expression of Interest form must be completed for your child to be enrolled at their local High School in 2016. The form needs to be returned to school on or before Friday 20 March, 2015. Please contact me if you have any problems or difficulties completing the form.

Silver Award Recipients
It was a pleasure to present Noah (3P), Cameron (2G), Evelyn (3P) and Charlie (3P) with a Silver Principal Award at Friday’s assembly. These awards recognise their efforts and excellent achievements in earning regular weekly Assembly Awards. Congratulations Noah, Cameron, Evelyn and Charlie.

Disco
The first school disco for 2015 will be held this Wednesday night at the school hall. K-2 disco is 6-7pm and Y3-6 disco is 7-8.30pm. The theme is Fluoro and the cost is $4.

KSPS Cross Country Carnival
The Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday – 20 March at Lugar Park. All parents are welcome to attend. Students are required to wear their sports uniform with joggers and hat and bring their lunch and water bottle.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Camp
By George
Last weekend I attended the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. I was chosen to attend the camp as a result of placing 22nd in the whole of the Newcastle/Hunter area in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Test late last year. The weekend involved mathematical and physical activities like putt putt golf and Pythagoras Theorem. The camp was a blast and I would highly recommend it for other students that qualify in the future.

P&C Report
The P&C AGM was held last Wednesday evening. Thank you to all our outgoing committee members who, over many years, have devoted so much time to the school and the P&C. I would like to also welcome the new committee members who were elected into the P&C Executive.

Working Bee
Thank you to Matt Playdon and the members of the Grounds and Garden Team for all their efforts at the working bee last Sunday. It was great to see so many families giving up their time to help out around the school.

CATHERINE WARD - RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Medications at school
If your child needs to take prescribed medications such as anti-biotics or apply prescribed ointments/creams you need to send these to the office with a written note detailing dosages and times. Students under no circumstances are allowed to have medication in their bags.

KSPS Student disco this Wednesday 18 March
Infants 6 - 7:00pm
Primary 7 - 8:30pm
Entry: $4.00
Dress theme: Fluoro
**Parent Maths Sessions**
During the K-2 disco (6 to 7pm) and 3-6 disco (7 to 8:30pm), Mr Englefield and Mrs Cox will be running a session on the new Maths Curriculum. Included in the session will be some hands on tasks and an insight into what a maths lesson looks like. Both sessions will run for approximately 30mins.

**Regional Basketball**
Congratulations to Chelsea and Campbell for their trial for the Hunter Region basketball team at Maitland last week. Chelsea made it to the reserve team squad and Campbell made the final cut of 20 players! Well done!

**ANZAC Day 2015**
On Friday 24th April KSPS will commemorate one hundred years since the Gallipoli campaign and the first ANZAC day. To mark this very special occasion we will hold a special ANZAC day service. Further information about this event will be provided closer to the occasion. As part of this event we would like to invite any retired ex-servicemen and servicewomen or current member of the armed forces to our ceremony. If you have a family member who would like to attend can you please fill in the slip below. We also hope to find a member of the armed forces who would be willing to speak about what ANZAC day means to them.

MR ENGLEFIELD - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Star Struck**
Congratulations and a big thank you to our wonderful Year 5 students who successfully auditioned for Star Struck. Our team consists of Samantha, Milly, Joshua, Jessica, Jade, Abby, Anna-Rose, Mackenzie, Kaitlyn, Kate, Ava, Violet, Lachlan, Josie, Madeline, Mia and India.

The theme this year for Star Struck is “A MAZE ing and our dance will be based on the song “500 miles” by the Proclaimers.

Looking forward to a great show!

MISS GIBSON & MS GODDEN
STAR STRUCK CO-ORDINATORS

**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 this THURSDAY 19 MARCH.

Thank you for your support.

MRS SUE BRYANT (HARMONY DAY CO-ORDINATOR)

**Best Start Information**
Best Start information from assessment of Kindergarten students at the start of Term 1 will be given to parents during the Parent-Teacher meetings next week. Best Start data has provided general benchmarks to inform class programs and to track student learning. Our Kindergarten students have made significant progress since the initial Best Start assessment. Best Start is now called PLAN (Planning Literacy and Numeracy).

**Easter Activities**
Parents and carers are invited to attend our K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday April 2 commencing at 10:15am under the new cola (weather permitting). Parents/carers are asked to prepare an Easter Hat for your child to wear in the Easter Hat Parade.

K-6 students will participate in Egg Rolling and other fun activities throughout the day. All students will receive a note regarding the egg rolling activity. Year 5 students will hold an Easter Egg Guessing competition and Year 6 will hold an Egg Decorating Competition. All students will be encouraged to participate in these competitions.

MRS VIOLET COX - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Merit Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week's assembly.

KC  
Allira, Emma, Evelyn  

KF  
Sienna, Genevieve, Mathew  

1V  
Charli, Tegan, Jackson  

1W  
Zali, Isobel, William  

2G  
Phoebe, Darcy, Charlotte  

2MG  
Luke, Kai, Boyd  

3E  
Mitchell, Cade, Nate  

3P  
Kiera, Grace, Noah  

4E  
Archie, Annouk, Eve, Phoebe  

5/6J  
Milly, Ben, Charlie  

5/6P  
Jessica, Noah, India, Ethan  

5/6W  
Lily Grace, Hayley  

HSUB  
Phoenix  

LIBRARY  
Elodie, Jessica, Kate

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**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: ___________________
Canteen News
Hello from the canteen for another supa, fantastic week.
WOW how great was last weeks Eat Fresh Deal. It’s great, you parents are supporting our canteen healthy lunch choices. I select fresh bread every morning from Bakers Delight and Joslin Street bakery and hand slice whilst still warm, you cant get fresher than that!

EAT FRESH DEAL
Supa fresh salad sandwich, wrap or roll. $1.50

WEEKLY SPECIALS
Hot Diggity Dog $3.50
1 hot dog with tomato sauce & optional American mustard
1 pkt Deli Rocks
1 milk cup

Supa Chippy Burger $3.50
1 chicken chippy burger with lettuce and mayo
1 pkt hello panda
1 sour ice pop

NOT TO BE MISSED
I am now working on last day supa special, don’t miss it!

FIONA BEST - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

P&C News
P&C AGM
The P&C AGM was held last Wednesday night. Thank you to the outgoing 2014 committee. The new 2015 Executives are:
President: Glenda Bennett
Vice President: Michael O’Connor
Vice President: Jason Bowden
Treasurer: Andrew Grant
Secretary: Helena Taylor
Fund Raising Co-Ordinator: Leanne Smith
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator: Helena Taylor

Easter Raffle
Raffle tickets will be sent home this week for the P&C Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April. The P&C are looking for any donations to go towards the Easter raffle. Please leave donations at the office. Please ensure that all sold raffle tickets and money are returned to the office by no later than Tuesday 31st 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.au. Payment options available. Please contact Kate to discuss. Thank you.

Thompson Pie Drive – Orders need to be in by this Friday – 20 March 2014!!!!!!!!!
The P&C are running a Thompson Pie Drive. Please see attached order form. 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.
The P&C will be running a stall at the State Election voting day at the school. We are looking for families who would be able to assist in helping run the stall (selling drinks, cakes, lollies etc), if you can help out please advise Helena on 0412549924 or via email at hataylor@bigpond.net.au

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KSPS Gardens and Grounds
WOW! Talk about a turn out. We had 15 families come along to mulch, weed, prune and whipper snip. An absolutely awesome effort from the KSPS community.
A big dent was made in the mulch pile with garden beds near the primary playground and Care Chair completed as well as a load of mulch to the Bender Parade entry/OOSH gardens also mulched.
Weeding around these garden beds as well as the main entry on Rae Crescent and the path next to the library also weeded.
Sticks, weeds, pruning and tree branches were picked up and the school grounds look a treat. With three of our great KSPS Dads getting stuck in to some grass trimming around the school perimeter. The vegetable gardens got a load of compost and sugar cane mulch to give them a last boost before the cool season kicks in.
We managed to get everything wrapped up just before the big storm came through and had a great time talking about our achievements in the canteen area whilst the rain and hail pelted down.
Well done everyone.
We hope to see you all back again at the next working bee on Sunday the 25th of May.
Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be opened on **Wednesday 18 March** – 8.30am to 9.00am and **Thursday 19 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.
- 6.00pm to 7.00pm - Years 3 to 6
- 7.15pm to 8pm – Years 5 to 6
Cost: $25.00 per family for 1 session or $30.00 per family for 2 sessions
If you are interested in attending one or both sessions, please complete the attached form and return it to the office by no later than **Friday 1 May 2015**

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on **13 May 2015** at 7pm in the school library.

P&C Dates to remember
- 28 March 2015 – Thompson Pie Drive and State Election
- 2nd April 2015 – Easter raffle
- 6 May 2015 – Interrelate (Year 3 to Year 6)
- 13 May 2015 – P&C Meeting
- 17 May 2015 – Kotara Bunnings BBQ (9am to 4pm)
- 25th May – Working Bee

HELENA TAYLOR - P & C SECRETARY

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**Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)**
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent's discretion)**
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

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**Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program**

*Family cost*: 1 session $25 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
*GST exclusive – GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

**Where:**

**When:**

**Time:** Where did I come from? – **6:00pm sharp** | Preparing for puberty – **7:15pm sharp**

*Speciality books are available for purchase on the night*

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class

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**A Special Evening Program**

Name of family: ________________________________________________________________

No. attending: [ ] Session 1: Where did I come from? [ ] Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $ _______ [ ] Cash [ ] Cheque (payable to school)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 | Fax: (02) 8882 7890
schoolservices@interrelate.org.au
www.interrelate.org.au
Dear Parent/Carer

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 being afraid of making mistakes and being willing to try things that you might not at first be very good at doing.

Be Confident

This week, we would like you to discuss with your child an idea that helps develop Confidence: “Do not be afraid to make mistakes.” Explain that making mistakes, such as giving the wrong answer to a teacher’s question in class or not getting a problem correct in maths, is a normal part of learning. Refer to the lives of famous people to illustrate the point (e.g. in his early career as an England player, David Beckham was once sent off the field for rough play; the media and supporters were very angry with him, but he had confidence in his abilities and is now a champion).

Good for Kids good for life

Reminder about Crunch&Sip®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip program. To ensure that your child takes part in Crunch&Sip you need to pack a piece of fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water every day.

Allowed for Crunch&Sip®
All fresh fruit and vegetables
Tinned fruit in water or juice
Dried fruit in small amounts and on limited occasions
Plain water

Not allowed for Crunch&Sip®
Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups, fruit straps)
Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
Tinned fruit in syrup
Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips
Olives
Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
Baked vegetable breads
Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
Popcorn
Flavoured/carbonated water, cordial, Fruit or vegetable juices
Any drink other than plain water

If your family is having difficulties providing a piece of fruit or vegetable every day please let us know and we will assist you in addressing this.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Entertain the kids these school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

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