

From the Principal

Welcome to week 3 term 4.

A big hello to all our KSPS community. With only approximately 35 days of school left for the year, we have a lot to fit in. Even though this has been a different type of year without major school events, we have managed to fill it with jam-packed learning and teaching everyday.



Thank You

This Friday 30 October is World Teachers' Day; a time to celebrate and thank your child's teacher. What a year it has been for teachers the world over. We have adapted, changed, innovated, redesigned and consistently looked for opportunities so that our students keep learning and growing during a global pandemic. Our KSPS teachers go above and beyond each day, it's what makes them so special and connected to our students and community. On our school Facebook page I have encouraged parents to find the thread with the World Teachers' Day picture (see to the left) and write a comment of support and thanks in the thread. I know they will really appreciate it.

Reporting to Parents: at the end of every semester, all schools report to parents on the achievement and effort of their child across the 6 key learning areas. This semester I am pleased to share that we are back to reporting on the A-E scale with the full complement of subjects taught. Years 1 -6 have the A-E scale, whilst Kindergarten students have the achievement qualifiers as: working towards, working at and working beyond stage expectations. Student reports are pushed out through the Sentral Parent Portal web platform at the end of week 9 this term. If you have a year 6 child or you are leaving the school, please ensure that you have saved or printed your child's report, as once they leave KSPS this portal is no longer available.

With the easing of restrictions in term 4, that has meant we are able to keep our camps happening for Stage 2 and 3! Exciting! With the change in location for Stage 3 to Dubbo, final preparations are in full swing. By the time the next newsletter comes to you we will be on Stage 3 camp. All information for both camps is being pushed through the Skoolbag app with permission note links to the Sentral Parent Portal web platform. In the coming days, Stage 3 parents will be asked to complete a linked Google form for all medical information. I understand completely the continual push of information and request that are coming through for camp, but as you know we are trying to turn these camps around in a quick time frame and ensure that all children attend. If you require financial support, please do not hesitate to contact me. No child needs to miss out on camp due to money.

This term we are also trying to secure excursions for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. These excursions will be day trips to local venues during school hours only. More information to come on these through Skoolbag soon.

With the continual easing of some restrictions in the school landscape it is mostly affecting what happens inside the gate. At present we have reintroduced having our Junior and Senior assembly in the hall. It has been just fabulous to see our happy smiling faces K-2 and 3-6 all together in the hall. I want to impress upon parents that all our students are doing very well with the independence of coming into school, being organised for the day, connecting with friends and being ok. We have an increased

presence of teachers at gates and on duty. This allows for those connections to be made. Our KSPS kids are doing so well with 'kids only past the gates'. This is certainly something that we look to continue in the future as it has really allowed each child to be independent, focussed and think for themselves, all things we encourage for their own personal growth and development. And there is no better place to practise this than in the safe environment of their school yard with people who know and care for them.

As reported at the P&C meeting last week, we are in full swing for preparations for the end of year celebrations. We have plans for the Year 6 Farewell, Presentation day and clap out. Of course all of them will be around meeting the restrictions of the day. I know the Dept of Education are working hard to be able to allow these events to go ahead, we just need to be creative and adapt normal formats to the COVID restrictions of the day. Thank you to all parents that understand this.

A reminder that each and every student needs a KSPS school hat and refillable water bottle every day for school.



Our KSPS Kids Playgroup is up and running each Friday. This is in an altered format and is being run outside. Big thank you to all the new Kinder parents who are making the drop off and pick up at gate 3 easy and hassle free. Your children are having a wonderful time meeting their possible teachers for 2021, meeting new friends and getting to know all about big school. This week we will also be hosting our first Kinder Orientation program. See the information below. Exciting.



KSPS Kinder Orientation 2020

Session 1 - Play Session

When: Thursday 29th October

10am - 11am

What kids wear: Comfortable clothes, covered shoes and a big smile.

What to do: Drop your child off at Gate 3 at 10am. Return to pick your child up from Gate 3 at 11am.

Session summary: Children engage in free-choice play activities with peers and Kindergarten teachers in the school hall.



Recently on our KSPS Facebook page I have been writing some brief articles about online safety. In the cyber world our students live in, I can't stress strongly enough the need for all parents to keep your child safe on line. It is a very unregulated world and young children can be exposed to things in your own lounge rooms sitting right beside you if you are not aware and have not activated security/child safe settings. I have made links to the eSafety commissioner website. This is an Australian Government site that has the most up to date and secure information for parents. Please take the time to read this



and update your knowledge about the online worlds. Remember once a child sees something, they can't unsee it. Be aware, know the apps they're using, make sure there is no 'chat function' embedded in the game, know their contacts. Train them early and keep them safe. See the link here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Information about the year 6 to 7 Transition program have been sent to our year 6 parents via Skoolbag, see later in this newsletter for reminders and further information.

Have a great week learning, Stay safe and well.

#KSPSisagreatplacetobe
Susan Maxworthy – **PRINCIPAL**

School News

COUNSELLOR CORNER

New Ways November

COVID is restricting our lives, but we can find new ways to keep making progress. Trying out new things can actually boost our wellbeing. When we open up to new ideas, it helps us stay curious and engaged. It can also bring a sense of accomplishment and help to boost our self-confidence and resilience. There are so many ways to learn new things and this month we're encouraging everyone to find new and creative ways to overcome our frustrating situations.

[Source: <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november>]

Belinda Robinson – SCHOOL COUNSELLOR




ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Find out something new about someone you care about	9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach	13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel	27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own Christmas cards!	30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times	 <p>"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis</p> 				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS







www.actionforhappiness.org

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november

Yr 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2022

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One such strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

If you currently have a child in Year 5 and intend for your child to apply for selective high school placement in 2022 you must complete an application form online. Our local selective school is Merewether High School.

Online applications have opened and must be completed by **16 November 2019**. Detailed instructions on how to apply online is available at [https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7). Further information has been sent to all Year 5 parents through Skoolbag. Please see Mrs ward if you have any questions.

Yr 6 KHS ORIENTATION DAY

REMINDER: All Year 6 students attending Kotara High School in 2021 will attend an Orientation Day on Monday 16th November (week 6). Students from our local schools will also be attending on this day. This will provide an opportunity for our students to meet their peer support leaders and make new friends as they transition into high school. Mrs Ward and Mr John will accompany our students on this day. KHS will be providing a bus to transport our Year 6 students (who are attending KHS in 2021) to and from the high school. A link to give permission will be sent home via Skoolbag later this week.

YEAR 6 INTO 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - CHANGES

Due to DET COVID restrictions, KHS will be unable to hold their Year 6 to 7 Parent Information Evening on Monday 16th November as previously communicated. At this stage, the high school is working towards arranging an evening for each individual primary school. We will inform parents of this date via Skoolbag once we have been informed by the high school.

STAGE 3 CAMP - DUBBO

We are all very excited about our upcoming overnight excursion to Dubbo. Thank you for the prompt response to our permission link on Skoolbag as this has enabled us to work out accommodation and bus details quickly. Please keep an eye on Skoolbag as more notices will be sent out this week – a link to complete medical/dietary requirements as well as a note outlining what to bring.

Catherine Ward – INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER/STAGE 3 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Assembly Awards

WEEK 1 & 2

K'OR	Alexandra Dwyer Bryce Gundry Nixon Hac Gretta Horscroft-Smith Sophia Layzell Brandon Moyle	1/2A	Alexander Bruton Elke Hirneth Leonardo Stormon Elin Zentner Lachlan Egan Olive Rabbit	3/4G	Sebastian Castagna Joseph Forrester Ava Russell Emilyne Creamer Reed Hoskins Liam Sharpe	5/6J	Jackson Maytom Sophia Hall Nate Ward Jessica Kokkin Elodie Playdon Archie Wilson
KG	Ava Ryan Rosie Nikolic Aiden Everson Edison Hornby-Howell Theo Beeton Chokden Thinley	1/2C	Chilli Rippon Natalie Henderson Bobby McKee Sophia Askew Sofia Konjarski Caius Pendlebury	3/4M	Jesse Rabbitt Luca Bridges Elsie Wood Annie Kocon Spencer Toole Eloise Postol	5/6M	Tobias Thiem Jess Kelly Will West Sooby Madden Willott Christyana McLean Mitchell Jago
K1/P	Aiden Bland Charlie Robinson Aliyah Palmer-Lange Eva Bencke Max Castagna Elle Crispin	1/2E	Finn O'Brien Natalia O'Donnell Isabella Rice Coby Sheldon Jakson Simpson Maverick Wood	3/4B	Eli Lewis Joseph Kyle-Whitson Koen Martyn Rory Fenwick-Mulcahy Imogen Hall Agatha Joya	5/6P	Angelina Ottery Milliana Bourke Max Vincent Matthew Butler Cooper Holmes Leo Albanese
	1/2MC	Marcus Ottery Alani Restall Saxon Tyrie Elka Harrison Danielle Creamer Christopher Outram	3/4W	Alex Vincent Phoebe Cannon Dylan Googe Jai Donnelly Hugo Bourke Shelley Price	HSU	Kian Thompson Jack O'Madden	

MERIT AWARDS

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Matilda Sharp	Juliette Creamer	Oliver Ellis



Keep track of school events by signing up for notifications on the [Skoolbag](#) app. 'What's On' reminders are posted each Sunday evening. Or, please check the [Events page](#) of the [KSPS Website](#) for upcoming dates and details.

Nutrition Snippet

FOOD WASTE.

Aussies throw away over \$2 billion of fresh food every year!



Time to get food smart and start reducing your food waste.

Why not throw your mushy tomatoes into a past
sauce, your floppy zucchini into a fritter and soft
carrots into fried rice.

For these recipes and more visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Sunsmart Snippet

Slop on sunscreen

Apply SPF 30 or higher
sunscreen generously,
re-apply every two
hours.

Apply 20 minutes before
going outside.

Adults use about a
teaspoon for the
face, neck and ears; a
teaspoon for each arm
and leg; and a teaspoon
each for the front and
back of the body.



www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Kotara South Public School Fun Run

On Friday 6th of November, Kotara South Public will be hosting a school colour run for all students K-6. The purpose for the fun run is to raise money for Year 6 end of year farewell and year 6 gift to the school. Students will run a course depending on their age while a rainbow of coloured powder is thrown at them below the neck. The coloured powder is biodegradable, environmentally friendly, non-toxic, gluten-free and does not stain. The total cost for each participant is \$10. This includes the admission for the fun run, a colourful headband, a wrist band, a zooper dooper, a juice popper, a packet of chips and a whole lot of fun. We ask students to come to school in their sport uniform but bring a change of clothes, white would be preferable so the colours will show up nice and bright. After the run, students will have a chance to change back into their sport uniform. Money is to be brought on the day and collect by the year 6 students.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL

P&C Association

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

Join us in celebrating the wonderful teachers of KSPS this Friday on World Teacher's Day! Please take a moment to post a message of support or thanks to our teachers on the school's main Facebook page. Their dedication and care is so appreciated, more so than ever in this crazy year. The P&C will be "shouting a cuppa" from the Letter Q café for all KSPS teachers as a small token of appreciation for everything they do for our children. **THANK YOU, TEACHERS!!**



Next Meeting: 11 November
7pm on Zoom

✉ kspspandc@gmail.com

Find us on 

[Kotara South Public School P&C](#)

Skoolbag 

CANTEEN

The BEST school canteen managed by the fantastic Mrs Fiona Best is open five days a week, but this can only happen with the help of volunteers. If you are available to help, please sign up on the online roster or call the school office to pass a message to Mrs Best. You can find the online roster here: [Online Canteen Roster](#). Each shift is from school drop off (around 8.45am) until approximately midday. Fiona will send you home with a delicious lunch as a thank you for your assistance. Thank you so much for supporting the BEST canteen, and don't forget to download the Qkr! app for easy online lunch ordering, if you haven't already done so. **Qkr! orders close at 8.50am each day.**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Did you know that the Entertainment Book is now Digital Only? This means that no matter when you purchase your membership, it is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Offers and vouchers are updated regularly via the Entertainment app on your phone. Thinking about the lead up to Christmas, you could purchase eGift cards for Woolworths (4% discount), Dan Murphy's (5% discount) or Big W (5% discount) – it all adds up! For every Entertainment Membership purchased, our school receives 20% of the purchase price. Please use this link to make your purchase while supporting KSPS, thank you! <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/346s62>

UNIFORM SHOP

Our online store is at: <https://kotara-south-public-school-pc-association.square.site/>.

All orders are filled on Tuesday mornings – if you would like to receive your order that day, we need to receive it prior to 8.30am. Please write your child's name and class in the "Notes to Seller" during the checkout process so we can send your order home with your child. Thank you for supporting KSPS P&C!

For new kindergarten parents, we have placed a sample rack of uniforms in the kindy playgroup room, with sizes available from 3 to 8 for you to have a look at and try on your child if needed. You can then order what you need online and we will leave it at the school office for you to pick up (Just write "2021 Kinde" in the Notes to Seller when you order). If you have any questions about uniforms, please email Steph, our uniform shop coordinator, at kspsuniforms@gmail.com.