

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 10.

We made it, we're here, the final days of school for 2018!

What an amazing year of learning we have had at KSPS. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our year 6 students who are leaving KSPS tomorrow the best of luck in their future studies and beyond. Great things are ahead of you and we are all so proud of what you have achieved. Leaving primary school, you take with you the culmination of many different teachers and staff across the school who have had input into your primary education. This is one of the many reasons primary children go so confidently into high school. There are many families leaving us tomorrow and we wish the following families well as they say goodbye to KSPS for the last time: Bowden Family, Everitt Family, John Family, Cleare Family, Jones Family, Godfrey Family, Matthews Family, Rosier Family, Taylor Family, Waga Family, Wang Family, Cannon Family, Collins Family, Cook Family, Doughty Family, Johnston Family, Palmer Family, Peek Family, Perry Family, Skewes Family, Smith Family. Please stay in touch and drop in to KSPS in the years to come and let us know how you're going. We will miss you too. Please join with our school for the last time on Wednesday afternoon for a final whole school assembly to wish the students well and clap them out through a guard of honour. Assembly starting at 2:20pm, all welcome.

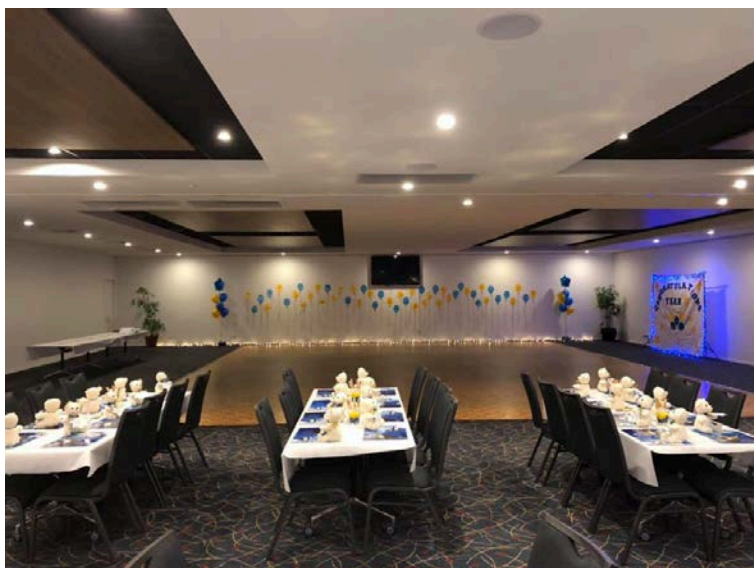
What a truly spectacular night we had for the Year 6 Farewell. The children all looked fabulous and very dressed up in their special clothing. The venue change proved very popular and the students were celebrated with the presentation of their Graduation Certificates, year 6 photos and a slideshow of photographs of each student. A very big thank you to Ms Payne, Mrs McClymont, Mr Eldridge, Mr Armstrong and Mrs Ward for putting on such a spectacular evening.



All throughout the year we stop to say thank you to various groups across our school who go above and beyond to make KSPS a great place to be. One final time I would like to say a very big thank you to all our executive teachers, class teachers, support teachers, admin staff, groundsman, SLSO's, our amazing Mrs Best in the canteen and the cleaners. Each and every one of you are a part of the bigger picture that makes the wheel turn and we all have our special parts to play. Enjoy your break... rest, relax and renew.

Thank you once again.





The room set up and table decorations form the Year 6 Farewell at Kahibah Sports Club.



Last week, I was notified that KSPS would be one of the NSW Public Schools open for the 'Share our Space' initiative over the summer period. Please see more information at: [Share Our Space at KSPS](#)

Last week at the final P&C meeting I discussed some small changes for 2019, these being our whole school assemblies and weekly newsletters. Assemblies: to avoid the term 2 changes due to PSSA, I am moving assembly to Friday morning at 9:00-9:30 am, this will allow parents to stay after drop off and have the students attentive and focussed. Along with this time change, I am breaking the assemblies into K-2 and 3-6. These fortnightly assemblies will give opportunity for more time across the week and have specific gatherings for those year levels. Different teachers/classes will have an opportunity to run the assemblies and there will be more opportunities for the K-2 children be connected to performing and develop their stage skills. K-2 will have assembly in the EVEN weeks of term and years 3-6 will hold assemblies on the ODD weeks of term. This will not affect the Bronze, Silver, Gold Assembly awards as there will be 6 students to receive awards from each class per fortnight. In regards to Newsletters, they will also be fortnightly on a Wednesday. The amount of hours this is taking to produce each week is becoming untenable and cannot be maintained long term. As we now have four different platforms to bring information to our community, we plan to provide a summary of 'What's on this Week' each Sunday evening/early Monday morning to parents on Skoolbag/Facebook as an overview of information, times and needs for students/parents. The purpose of the newsletter will be more of a summary of previous events and the focus on learning and achievement in our school There will still be a P & C section in the newsletter.

Reports were sent home last Thursday afternoon. In the reports was a paper slip reminding parents that as of next year all reports will only be available through the Parent Portal and no printed copies will go home. I encourage all year 6 parents to print their children's reports if they have misplaced them, as once children leave the school they come off our parent portal system. Please contact the front office you need assistance with accessing the parent portal through the KSPS website.

At this time of year, we review and reflect on what is working well in our school, items that need adjusting and things that need an overhaul. We would like all our parent community to take the opportunity to complete the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Survey in the link. Your feedback will help shape the future of CAPA programs in our school. Our staff and students will also complete the same survey. The CAPA survey link: <https://goo.gl/forms/yPCQ9B6xYPIeuj632>

Have a happy and safe holiday, spend time being active and enjoying our great city of Newcastle. Continue to develop the 5 Keys to success: confidence, resilience, persistence, organisation and getting along by engaging in new opportunities with your children. Thank you for making 2018 an amazing year of consolidation and growth. I can't wait for 2019 and all the learning it will bring for our KSPS students.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our KSPS families and community and thanks for making #KSPSagreatplacetobe

Susan Maxworthy – PRINCIPAL



School News

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read widely and to develop habits for lifelong reading. Students who participate in the Challenge are fostering a love of reading and improving their literacy. As a community effort, the Challenge builds connections between students, their families and the school. Gold Awards for the Challenge were presented to Clara Hodge, Jackson Maytom, Lily O'Brien, Milliana Bourke, Sebastian Smith. Well Done!



SMARTY CLASS OF THE YEAR


Congratulations to 3/4W for being the first primary class to return all their library books for 2018. Well Done!

Mrs Harvey – LIBRARIAN



Assembly Awards

WEEK 9

KO'R	Noah Hamence Bronte Rippon River Siswoyo	2C	Emilyne Creamer Sam Cross Haylee Kokkin	5/6E	Alissa O'Connor Lochlan Clenton Lawson Lonergan
KR	Cooper Betts Marcus Ottery Austin Spencer	2J	Alex O'Donnell James Seivl Flynn Ward Daniel West-Sooby	5/6P	Rosie Long Jack Blissett Bryson Gallagher
K/1P	Callan Regan Quinn Freeman Isabella Rice	3/4F	Oliver Ellis Xavier Cowie Archie Wilson	5/6M	Kyran Dormand Alexis Vickerman Cooper Donnelly Lucinda Powell
1G	Lia Sheldon Cohen Capriotti Cooper Hill	3/4G	Mathew Zerndt Zali Smith Clara Hodge	HSUB	Deacon Harty
1M	Matthew Hopton Imogen Hall Eloise Postol	3/4W	Lily O'Brien Mitchell Jago Sean Pua-Bowen		

MERIT AWARDS

Gold	Noah Ellis Lawson Cook Claire Hall Isaac Grant
Silver	No recipients
Bronze	No recipients

EXECUTIVE AWARDS

No recipients



Important Dates

This Week

- 19 Dec ▪ End of term
- 19 Dec ▪ Final Assembly & Year 6 clap out

For more details and events visit
<https://kotarasth-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>.

This Month



Next Year 2019

- 29 Jan ▪ Staff Development Day
- 30 Jan ▪ Yrs 1-6 start of school year
- 30 Jan-1 Feb ▪ Best Start Testing Kindy
- 4 Feb ▪ Kindy's start day
- 14 Feb ▪ Swimming Carnival
- 19 Feb ▪ Meet the teacher BBQ



P&C Association

Thank you, KSPS community, for your support in 2018. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

See you all in 2019.



CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK

Please note the meeting date for May next year changed from what it was in last week's newsletter.



Next Meeting: 13 February
7pm in the Library

✉ kspspandc@gmail.com

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Skoolbag 



2019 P&C Meeting Dates

P&C Meetings are usually held in the Library on the 2nd Wed of the Month (School Terms) at 7pm

13 Feb **14 Aug**

13 Mar (AGM) **11 Sep**

10 Apr **13 Nov**

15 May **11 Dec**

12 Jun

Please note meeting dates are subject to change.
Please check the school website calendar for changes.

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