

## From the Principal

Welcome to week 9.

We are getting to the 'pointy end' of the year with less than 7 days of school left for the year. We have had such a huge year of learning and achievement right across our school. At our senior and junior Presentation Day yesterday, we witnessed some of the accomplishments of our students in English, Mathematics, Most Improved student and Citizenship in each class K-6. I would like to offer my personal congratulations to all the special year 6 award recipients presented during the senior assembly. To our Dux of 2018 Oliver Bourke, WOW! What an outstanding year, well done Oliver. A very big thank you to Mrs Ward and Miss Martin for their tireless efforts in ensuring these events are organised, flow smoothly and go off without a hitch. Please see the list attached on the following page for all award winners in the senior and junior awards.



Also, at our Presentation Day I had the pleasure of announcing the Student Leadership Team for 2019. A very big congratulations to:

Captains: Amber Watt and Cameron Oliver (centre)

Vice Captains: Emma Steele and Jackson McClymont

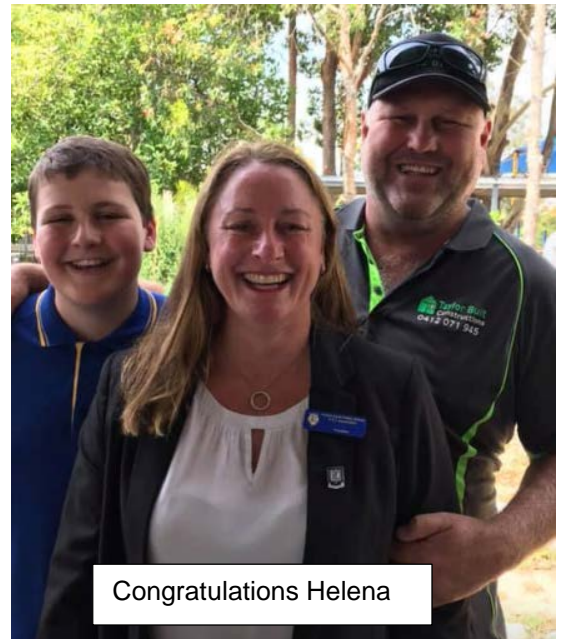
Prefects: Madeline Keats and Isaac Grant

At our Presentation day we also said thank you to our outgoing P&C President Ms Helena Hannan. Helena has given 10 years dedicated help to our school and in recognition of her service, she was presented with a P&C Life membership. I couldn't have been prouder to have shared this time with Helena, she has represented our parent community with integrity, honesty and pride. Thank you, Helena.

This week we have many different celebrations for our end of year. This Wednesday, we acknowledge and thank all our Volunteers with a special morning tea in the hall from 11:15am. If you've volunteered your time in our school digging holes, reading books with students, cutting up art items, driving students on an excursion or one of the many other items our Volunteers contribute to, we thank you so very much for all your help and assistance.

Also, on Wednesday evening our amazing P&C will hold the last meeting for 2018 and enjoy one another's company at the end of year Christmas Party. This meeting will be held at the Fernleigh Café in Adamstown.

This Thursday evening, our stage 3 students will be enjoying the year 6 Farewell. We have had a last-minute venue change, with the event now taking place at the Kahibah Sports Club. We thank parents for their flexibility



Congratulations Helena

in this change. I can't wait to be part of this special night and see our Year 6 students receive their Graduation Certificates.

Last Thursday night our school took part in our first ever Light the Night family performance evening. The positive feedback has been overwhelming, and many parents have reported how much they enjoyed the informal evening of family fun and the performance by the children. I would ask all parents to take a moment to answer the 4-question survey about Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) see links below. At KSPS we value and are known for our excellence in CAPA and we pride ourselves in providing an array of opportunities for students. The information from this survey form community, students and staff will help us gain an insight to the priorities of our entire school community.

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/yPCQ9B6xYPLeuj632>

On Friday stage 1 will attend Event Cinemas for their end of year class parties. An exciting day for them all.

In 2019, we are holding steady on 14 with HSUB, K, K, K/1, 1, 1/2, 2, 2, 3/4, 3/4, 3/4, 5/6, 5/6, 5/6. The only change being a Year 1/2 composite class due to smaller numbers in that year level. I know you will agree with me in saying that all teachers in our school are quality educators and all classes in 2019 will be a place of learning and achievement.

Student Reports are due home this Thursday. This will be the last paper copy of Reports, as of 2019 all student reports will be available through our Parent Portal.

With only 7 days to go, I urge you to join in the final festivities for the year. On the final day of school, Wednesday 19 December, we will host our final assembly from 2:20pm, acknowledge our year 6's for the final time and take part in the traditional 'clap out'.

Have a great week learning and thanks for making #KSPSagreatplacetobe



*Susan Maxworthy* – **PRINCIPAL**

Light the night



# School News

## SMARTY CLASS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to K'OR for being the first class to return all their library books for 2018. Well Done! The primary class will be decided tomorrow. Hope all books will be returned.

Mrs Harvey – LIBRARIAN



## 2018 AWARD WINNERS

Class	Excellence in English	Excellence in Maths	Most Improved	Class Citizenship	Consistent Effort in all Areas
K'OR	Riley Cross	Boston Watters	Jed Alexander	Sophia Askew	
KR	Ivy Owens	Austin Spencer	Harry Willis	Blake Mitchison	
K1/P	Finn O'Brien	Maverick Wood	Lucy Kearns	Holly Brock	
1G	Hannah Simpson	Rory Fenwick-Mulcahy	Jasmine Breen	Mia McIvor	
1M	Aiden Luks	Peter Jago	Lennox McDermott	Eloise Postol	
2C	Rhys Hirneth	Archer Freeman	Sonny Hulsman	Orla Crowe	
2J	Liam Sharpe	Jai Donnelly	Alexander Maytom	Phoebe Cannon	
3/4F	Cooper Holmes	Tysen Wang	Madden Willott	Sophia Hall	
3/4W	Matilda Sharkey	Cooper Main	Tom Barfield	Mitchell Jago	
3/4G	Josie-May McMahon	Arabella Bourke	Adam Cowie	Zali Smith	
5/6E	Harry Martin	Bodie Fenwick-Mulcahy	Elissa O'Connor	Jasper Toyne	
5/6P	Tahlia Ottery	Daniel Rosier	Curtis Williams	Patrick Dunne	
5/6M	Noah Ellis	Eli Wang	Madeleine Keats	Luke Jennison	
HSUB					Leo Albanese & Aissata Diaw

## Canteen

Hello from the canteen for another awesome week. What an extraordinary effort with last Friday's special, putting out around 80 chicken fillet burgers and around 48 serves of chicken chippies along with all the other great food that we serve up.

A huge thank you to everyone for all your ongoing support of our canteen. As the year comes to a close I want to wish our amazing Year 6 all the best for the future and I am looking forward to welcoming new families in 2019 to our awesome, fabulous KSPS. The canteen will be open right up until the last day of school, Wednesday 19 Dec.

Fiona Best – CANTEEN SUPERVISOR



### This Week's Special

#### Party On \$4.00

- 1 party pie OR 1 sausage roll
- 1 pkt chips
- 1 moosie
- 1 free sauce tomato or BBQ

# Assembly Awards

## WEEK 8

KO'R	Noah Turner Rio Cristaudo Elka Harrison	2C	Archer Freeman Luciana Gentle Torres Orla Crowe	5/6E	Cameron McCallum Declan Smith Lawson Lonergan
KR	Eva Moylan Angus Playdon Xanthe Vickerman Blake Mitchison	2J	Ryley Hayes Bella Vaughan Tom Forrester Lani Lane	5/6P	Ruby Cannon Claire Hall Lawson Cook Jackson McClymont
K/1P	Hugo Evans Maverick Wood Holly Brock	3/4F	Yulanda Thompson Clare Gascoine Nate Ward	5/6M	Luke Fuller Connor John Noah Ellis Layne Smith
1G	Chloe Maddern- Richards Spencer Toole Josie Farrow	3/4G	Eli Rawe Sophie Oliver Holly McAlister	HSUB	Kiele Lane
1M	Cienna Perry Tobias Taylor Lucy Holmes	3/4W	Chelsea Drysdale William West-Sooby Sebastian Smith		



## MERIT AWARDS

Gold	No recipients
Silver	No recipients
Bronze	No recipients

## EXECUTIVE AWARDS

Rory Fenwick-Mulcahy  
Lucinda Powell



# Important Dates

### This Week

- 12 Dec ▪ Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
- 12 Dec ▪ P&C Meeting 7-8.30pm
- 13 Dec ▪ Year 6 Farewell

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

### This Month

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



### 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
- 19 Feb ▪ Meet the teacher BBQ

# P&C Association

## THANK YOU – A WRAP UP OF 2018

It is now time for our P&C committee to have a break and recharge our batteries for 2019. **Thank you to all the committee and KSPS community for all your support throughout 2018.** It has been one very busy year, however we as a P&C are very proud to be able to support KSPS with education equipment for our children.

As mentioned in my speech at Presentation Day, **our P&C raised \$29,078** this year. Our P&C ran the following events:

Kinder Parents Tea & Tissue morning tea	Entertainment Books
School Banking	Mother's/Father's Day stalls
Meet the Teacher BBQ	2 x Book Fairs
Disco Canteens including hot food	Trivia Night
Cross Country Day Canteen	Kinder Teddy Bear's Picnic morning tea
Bunnings BBQ	Friday Funday Fete
Easter Raffle	Garden and Ground Volunteer Days
Athletics Carnival Canteen & BBQ	Light the Night Canteen

This year our P&C have supported the school financially with:

- \$1,850 towards the purchase of 5 shade shelters (1 for each Sports House and 1 School colours)
- \$700 for PSSA state levies for 9 students
- Set up of credit card payments for the uniform shop (Organised by our Secretary, Emily Harland)
- \$1,213 for the purchase and installation of one bike rack and 2 scooter racks
- \$7,000 contribution towards the stage 1 library furniture
- \$9,000 annual school contribution towards curriculum and library items.

**Therefore, our P&C has given \$19,063.00 to KSPS this year.**

On a personal note, this is my last year at Kotara South Public School. I would like to thank you all for your support. I have had a wonderful 10 years with KSPS P&C and feel absolutely honoured to have been given life membership.

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

*Helena Hannan* - **PRESIDENT**

## P&C LIFE MEMBERSHIP – CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

At the Senior Presentation Day assembly on Monday, the P&C Executive awarded our President, Helena Hannan, with Life Membership of the KSPS P&C Association. This is the highest award the P&C can bestow, and is an acknowledgement of Helena's ten years of dedicated service to the P&C and to our school. Congratulations Helena on this well-deserved recognition of your unwavering support of our school, and thank you for all you have done for the P&C and for the students of KSPS.

*Emily Harland* - **SECRETARY**

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open one more time in 2018, **this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 8.45am to 9.15am.** We will be opening during the holidays, particularly towards the end of January. Please check the P&C Facebook page for opening dates and times.

During the Presentation Day assembly you may have heard that **we are now able to accept card payments at the uniform shop!** We will be using the Square card reader that accepts PayWave, chipped and swipe Visa or Mastercards, as well as chipped EFTPOS cards. This is very exciting and will make life a little easier for both parents and uniform shop volunteers. Please note that there is a small cost associated with using the card payment system, and a fee of 1.9% will be added to the total of any purchase made by card. This equates to 38 cents for a \$20 purchase or \$1.90 for a \$100 purchase. Cash payments will still be accepted if you would prefer not to pay the surcharge.

## PRESENTATION DAY BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who supported the Scholastic Book Fair on Monday. We hope you go a few Christmas presents ticked off your list.



**Next Meeting: 12 December**  
Xmas Dinner @ Fernleigh Cafe

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## SCHOOL BANKING

A big thank you to our School Banking Co-ordinator, Casey Outram and all the parents who have helped run our school banking program during 2018. The program has finished for 2018. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for when the school banking will return in 2019.



## 2019 P&C Meeting Dates

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

<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>14 Aug</b>
<b>13 Mar</b> (AGM)	<b>11 Sep</b>
<b>10 Apr</b>	<b>13 Nov</b>
<b>8 May</b>	<b>11 Dec</b>
<b>12 Jun</b>	

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

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## Gardens & Grounds

What a great year from the Gardens & Grounds group! We had an average of 20 families on each of the days. At \$25.00 an hour we value added over \$20,000 to the school grounds in labour.

We maintained the Primary Quad with over 100 plants, move the tub gardens to the OOSH area for an after-school activity.

Maintained the Primary Vegetable Gardens, front entrance and swale gardens. Began work on natural restoration of the boundary on Bender Pde.

2019 projects include a collaborative art space with Kotara High School and the creation of new gardens near the playground.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year and hopefully some new faces as well!

**Matt Playdon – P&C GARDENS & GROUNDS COORDINATOR**

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