

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 3.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Learning achievement correlates directly to good attendance. When your child is at school every day, they are able to connect, learn and achieve. Even if you are late 5 minutes each day, these minutes add up to months of school missed over 13 years of education.

Currently our teachers are working towards completing Student Reports for the end of year. It is important that your child is at school to complete final assessments during this time. At the end of the year, these reports will be uploaded to the Parent Portal for parents to view. Please remember, if your child is in Year 6 you will need to download and save or print previous reports, as once they leave KSPS, their reports are no longer available on our system. Please see Mrs McMahon in the front office if you need assistance with this.



As you read this, our Stage 2 students are on camp at Mowbray Farm. All our camps and school excursions aim to foster independence, self-confidence, learning and fun with friends outside of school. We will post some pics on our KSPS Facebook page during the camp. If your child is not at camp during this time, they are expected to be at school. In a fortnight, our Stage 3 students will go on camp to Bathurst, Jenolan Caves and Katoomba.

Our term 4 P&C meeting is coming up next week on Wednesday 13 November at 7pm. Please come along to stay informed on what is happening at KSPS. On Saturday 9 November, we have our Trivia Night. Please see further on in the newsletter for the link to purchase tickets to this fun adult event.

Another reminder to all our KSPS community about safe parking, drop off, pick up and walk to school safety practices. Again this last fortnight I have had reports of cars double parking and letting children out on the road, pulling up in the crossing zone, parking on the corners and parking in resident driveways. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.

The Child Safety handbook has been released for 2019. This is a very handy resource for parent and child information around all aspects of safety. See the handbook at the link. <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

Light the Night is coming. See further on in the newsletter for information.

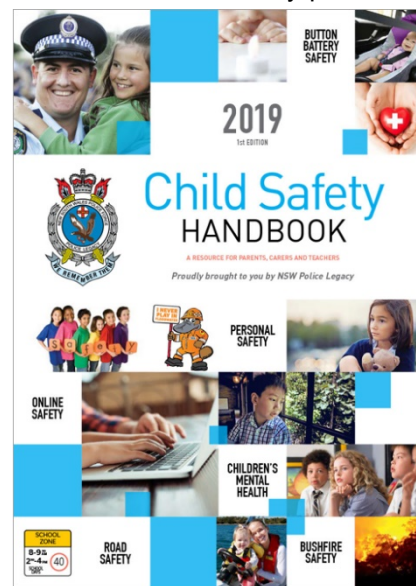
Our KSPS Kids playgroup and Kinder Orientation sessions are well underway. We are very excited to be welcoming our 51 Kinders for 2020. They have been enjoying meeting one another, playing and learning. Please let friends/neighbours know to enrol now if they intend on coming to KSPS next year. They need to call our office on 49575319.

It is with great pleasure I introduce to you our nominated Leadership team for 2020. These students have been nominated and shortlisted to be the possible 6 leaders (Captains girl and boy, Vice Captains girl and boy and Prefect girl and boy). In the coming weeks they will campaign and deliver their speeches. More information below. Congratulations everyone.

We are continuing the asset work again this fortnight with painting occurring externally in D block and finishing the OOSH building. New drains will be put across the walkway near the new concrete on entry to the admin building. Further painting to come inside the canteen area and senior toilets. Our black fence panels will also be replaced where needed and a new handrail put on the external stairs of A block. We are very excited about the continued support from Asset Management Hunter Central coast and we thank them for all their work.

I am so proud of our school and can't say it enough times... #KSPSagreatplacetobe

Susan Maxworthy – PRINCIPAL



School News

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

We are so pleased that Mrs Main organised for our school to be part of the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program because it meant that we received all of the maths equipment you can see in the photos below. Our Stage 2 representatives Seb, Thomas and Hayden organised how the equipment would be distributed amongst the stages and arranged the photos of the grateful recipients. We know the students are going to be delighted with the new hands on activities and we like to thank Mrs Main for making this happen for us.

Regina Fear – STAGE 2 AP (REL)



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION STUDENT SESSIONS

Our first Kindergarten Orientation student session on Wednesday last week was a great success! The teachers and children enjoyed getting to know each other with a fun play session in the hall.

Our second student orientation session will be held on Wednesday next week, November 6th, from 9.30am -11am. We will begin in the school hall where children will meet our current Year 4 students, who will become their buddies next year. They will visit the Kindergarten classrooms together to do some 'school work' before heading back to the hall to enjoy a Teddy Bear's Picnic provided by our wonderful P&C. Our new students and Year 4 students are welcome to bring a teddy in for the morning. Parents and carers are invited to stay for an information session in the school Library with Mrs Maxworthy and guest speakers. We can't wait to see you all next week!

Brooke Partridge – KINDERGARTEN CO-ORDINATOR



YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to our shortlisted nominees for the 2020 KSPS leadership team. From left to right,

Clare Gascoine, Ben Belcher, Chelsea Drysdale, Nate Ward, Matilda Sharkey, Madden Willott, Stela Vyslysel, Oliver Ellis, Elodie Playdon, Adam Cowie, Zali Smith and Eli Rawe.

The students will begin their campaign in the coming weeks and work with Ms Payne in creating their leader profile. They will deliver their speeches on Thursday 21st November at a special assembly, where parents are invited to attend. After the speech process, KSPS students will vote for their prospective leaders, casting their ballots.

Well done leaders. You all make KSPS a great place to be.

Ms Payne – 5/6 TEACHER



SWIM SCHOOL TERM 4

The School Swimming Scheme was once again a great success this year. This intensive program provided students with the opportunity to improve their swimming stroke, gain greater confidence in the water, and learn essential water safety skills. Congratulations to all Year 2 students who received their Swim School Certificate of Achievement.

Mr Eldridge - SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME COORDINATOR



Yr 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2021

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 2021 you must complete an application form online. Our local selective school is Merewether High School.

Online applications have opened and must be completed by **11 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>. Further information has been uploaded on the Parent Portal. Please see Mrs Ward if you have any questions.

Yr 6 KHS ORIENTATION DAY

All Year 6 students attending Kotara High School in 2020 will attend an Orientation Day on Tuesday 19th November (week 6). All 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 2020) to and from the high school. Students will participate in tabloid sports and initiative games and will also be provided with a BBQ lunch. A permission note has been sent home and must be returned to school as soon as possible.

YEAR 6 INTO 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

KHS are holding their Year 6 to 7 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 19th November at 6pm. This event will take place in the MPC building at KHS and will provide information to parents about starting Year 7 in 2020. It is strongly recommended that Year 6 parents attend this information evening.

Catherine Ward – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RFF

Hi everyone, my name is Gabriella Marchant and I will be your RFF Teacher for this upcoming term. I'm very excited and grateful to have been given the opportunity to be part of your child's learning journey. I have been a teacher for a year now and have previously taught casually here at KSPS, it is the best school by far. I'm really looking forward to spending time with all the students and will ensure I engage in quality teaching with all. Thank you.

Miss Marchant – RFF TEACHER (REL)





Activities

KSPS BIKE DAY

Bring your bike or scooter to school on
Friday 8th November 2019
During primary sport
Years 3 – 6 only
Wear your sport uniform



This activity is for students only. It is not mandatory to bring a bike or a scooter. There will be activities for students who do not have a bike on the day.

Park your bike or scooter in the bike rack area or the area at the back of the toilets. The grassed area near the [play](#) equipment may also be used.

Jack and Curtis – KSPS TRANSPORT MINISTERS

COUNSELLOR CORNER

Feeling angry?

When children have emotional outbursts, it's usually a symptom of distress. Understanding what's triggering the child's behaviour is important and this checklist can help you to help them manage their emotions.

<https://www.facebook.com/KidsXpressAustralia/photos/a.853184468061150/2577696802276566/?type=3&theater>

Belinda Robinson – SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



NSW STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Flynn Ward (3/4W) who was presented with a bronze state medal last week. His Hunter Team finished in third place at the State Cross Country Carnival which was held last term. A fantastic achievement!

Paul John – SPORT COORDINATOR



Assembly Awards

WEEK 1 & 2

K'OR	Lexi Clarke Jaxon Coleman Skylor Crowe Josephine Horvath Willow Langi Saxon Tyrie	1/2G	Finn O'Brien Angus Playdon Rio Cristaudo Christian Moyle Nylea Green Jacob Gundry	3/4M	Alex Maytom Cameron Belcher Joseph Kyle-Whitson Lani Lane Evie Hutchinson Phoebe Cannon Oscar Toole	5/6P	Emma Steel Luke Jennison Toby See Lochlan Clenton Elodie Playdon Madeleine Keats
KR	Alexander Bruton Caius Pendlebury Elin Zentner Isla Simpson Natalie Henderson Leonardo Stormon	2C	Connor Dwyer Kaylee Taylor Jasmine Breen Lucius Pendlebury Tygah Green Lucy Holmes	3/4W	Wesley Martin Violet Main Emilyne Creamer Zoe Cutro Koen Martyn Milliana Bourke	HSUB	Aissata Diaw Edie Kavanagh Jack Engelman
K1/P	Elke Hirneth Sage Roberts Noah Turner Sophia Askew Siara Lange Lachlan Egan	2E	Jada Capriotti Aiden Luks Rory Abel Lia Sheldon Kylara Wech Ava Buchanan	5/6J	Charli Hodgson Eli Rawe Jeremiah Lonergan Jay Garcia Clare Gascoine Brandon Mundine	<div> MERIT AWARDS  </div> <div> Gold </div> <div> Silver </div> <div> Bronze </div>	
1A	Xanthe Vickerman Pippa O'Brien Callan Regan Natalia O'Donnell Sophie Bland Patrick Steel	3/4F	Thomas Hayward Dylan Gooze Reed Hoskins Kira See Hayden Aebi Sebastian Smith	5/6M	Charlotte Jackson Jennifer Phan Isaac Grant Lawson Lonergan Jasper Toyne Matthew Butler	<div> Bronze </div>	



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



TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale and selling fast!

The trivia night is on Saturday 9 November, with the theme "At the Movies". Come dressed up as your favourite movie characters or bring some decorations to theme your team's table.

You can buy tickets individually, or one person can buy a table - up to 8 people per table. The cost is \$20 per ticket or \$160 for a table (a small booking fee applies for

online orders). Tickets are available online via trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BFUOT>

You may also purchase tickets with cash in an envelope to the school office, with details of who the tickets are for, an email address to send the tickets to, and who else you would like to be seated with. BYO food and refreshments and have a fantastic night with friends at this child-free event!

We welcome prize donations for the trivia night, including bottles of wine/champagne/spirits, vouchers or products – please leave at the school office. It's also not too late to sponsor the event, or sponsor a round if you have a business you'd like to promote. Contact the P&C for more details.

CASEY'S TOYS CHARLESTOWN FUNDRAISER

Please see the attached flyer for details of the **Christmas Fundraising Shopping Night on Wednesday 6th November, 6pm-8pm**. Come and take advantage of the store open exclusively to us, with champagne and chocolates while you browse for **Christmas gifts at 10% off**. **Don't forget to RSVP to the KSPS P&C Facebook Event** or by email to the P&C if you are coming. Friends and family are also welcome!



UPDATED CANTEEN MENU

Our canteen menu has been approved and we are now officially a Healthy School Canteen! **Our new menu is attached to the newsletter and is also available through the school website**. If you have any questions about this menu change process, please email the P&C. Thank you to Mrs Best and all the people behind the scenes who have worked hard to ensure we are compliant with Department of Education Guidelines.

Mrs Best is always on the lookout for helpers in the canteen. Volunteers help from around 8.45am until approximately 12pm. Mrs Best will send you home with a delicious lunch as a small token of thanks for your support. [Online Canteen Roster Term 4](#)

FETE PLANNING 2020

Next year, the P&C will be holding a Fete, early in Term 4. We are interested to know what day and time the school community would prefer the fete to be held. **Please take the time to answer this one question online survey** so that we can plan our fete around the time that suits the majority of people. Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/UvB6nM9Sy7EvVwD6>.

Thank you.

GARDENS AND GROUNDS WORKING BEE

This Sunday 3 November is the last working bee for the year. Please come along between 9 – 11am and help beautify our school grounds. Kids are very welcome!



Next Meeting: 13 November
7pm in the Library



kspspandc@gmail.com

Find us on 

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



SENTRAL
Parent Portal



CASEY'S EST. 1974 **TOYS**



Casey's Toys Charlestown
& Kotara South Public School
P&C Association
invite you to our

Christmas Fundraising **SHOPPING NIGHT**

Wednesday 6th November 6pm - 8pm at Casey's Toys Charlestown
Charlestown Square (near Target)

- **10% off all purchases on the night!**
- **Do your Christmas shopping at this child free event!**
 - **Enjoy champagne & chocolate.**
- **School receives 10% of total spend back in voucher form.**
 - **Friends & family welcome.**

Hobby purchases 5% off and 5% back.

Please RSVP to the P&C Facebook Event Page or email
kspspandc@gmail.com by 4th November 2019

We look forward to seeing you there!



To order from the Canteen: On a paper or reusable lunch bag, write the student's name, class and food order, including prices, on the front of the bag and place the money inside. Hand in orders to the Canteen by 9:00 a.m.

- See Facebook & Sentral for Canteen Specials -



SANDWICHES, WRAPS & BOWLS

BREADS (Bakers Delight): Wholemeal, Grain or White

WRAPS: Wholemeal or White **ROLLS:** White
or choose a **SALAD BOWL**

- School Salad \$2.50
w/ Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber & Cheese
- Leg Ham Salad \$3.00
w/ Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber & Cheese
- Roast Beef Salad \$3.00 
w/ Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber & Cheese
- Free Range Egg/Curried Egg \$2.20 
w/ Lettuce
- Roast BBQ Chicken \$2.20
- Cheese & Tomato \$1.80
- Cheese \$1.50
- Corned Beef \$2.20 
- Leg Ham \$2.20
- Pink Salmon \$2.20
- Tomato \$1.50
- Tuna \$2.20
- Vegemite \$1.50

EXTRAS

- Baby Spinach / Avocado / Cheese
Lettuce / Tomato / Carrot / Cucumber 30c
- Red Onion / Beetroot
- Sliced Black or Pitted Kalamata Olives 20c
- Tomato or BBQ Sauce (packets) 30c

SNACKS

- Frozen Watermelon Wedges 50c
- Piece of Fruit - Apple, Orange/Mandarin 80c
- Muffins - Chocolate / Blueberry \$1.50
- Popcorn "Scoop" 20c
- Milo Bites "Scoop" 20c
- Smith's Deli Rock Chips - Sea Salt \$1.00
- SunBites Grainwaves - Sour Cream & Chives \$1.00
- Mamee Rice Sticks - Cheese \$1.00

DRINKS

- Bottled Water (600ml) \$2.00
- Flavoured Milk (200ml) - Chocolate / Strawberry \$2.00
- Juice Popper(200ml) - Assorted \$2.00


PAPER LUNCH BAG 5c

REUSABLE LUNCH BAG \$10.00

HOT FOOD

WARM ROLLS

- Garlic \$1.50 
- Cheese \$1.50 
- Cheese & Garlic \$1.50 
- Cheese & Tomato \$2.00 
- Ham & Cheese \$2.00 
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$2.20 
- Ham, Cheese & Pineapple \$2.20 
- Pizza \$2.20 
w/ Ham, Cheese, Pizza Sauce, Olive (opt)

Pasta Bolognese \$3.50 
w/ Cheese (optional)

Pasta Napolitana \$3.00 
w/ Cheese (optional)

Fried Rice \$3.00 

Chicken Breast Wedge Wrap \$2.50
w/ Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo

Chicken Wedge Salad Wrap \$3.00
w/ Cheese, Tomato, Carrot, Lettuce & Mayo

Fish Finger Salad Wrap \$3.00
w/ Cheese, Tomato, Carrot, Lettuce & Mayo

Chicken Fillet Burger \$2.50
w/ Lettuce & Mayo

Fish Finger Burger \$2.50
w/ Lettuce & Mayo


Chicken Chippies (Breast) \$2.50


Sausage Roll 120g (Lean) \$2.20

Meat Pie 180g (Lean) \$2.50

FROZEN TREATS

Frozen Fruit Juice Cup- Assorted 50c 

Frozen Milk Cup - Assorted \$1.00 

Frozen Fruit Smoothie (Seasonal) \$1.00 
-Juice, Lite Milk, Yoghurt

Ice Mony - Assorted \$1.00

Sour Pop - Assorted \$1.00

Bulla Lite Ice Cream Cup - Vanilla \$1.20

Mini Frozen Yoghurt Sticks 50c



EVERYDAY



OCCASIONAL



HOMEMADE



Veg-tastic lunchboxes!

Your child doesn't need to wait until dinner to eat their vegetables?

Swapping out sometimes foods for vegetables can help your child reach their daily vegetable needs.

Try:

- Corn on the cob
- Zucchini fritters
- Pumpkin scones



For more veg-tastic lunchbox ideas visit:

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-to-increase-vegetables/>



Good for kids
good for life



Stress-free fussy eating ideas

Fussy eating is common, but that still doesn't make it easy.

Does your child dislike foods because of their colour, texture or the way they are prepared?

Don't despair, SWAP IT will help with ideas on how to pack an everyday lunchbox for your fussy eater.

Try the 3:1 lunchbox rule everyday:

- Three items your child likes
- One new everyday item



For more ideas on fussy eating visit

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