

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 6.

Last week I had the privilege of observing Stage 2 students being deeply engaged with outdoor learning, making connections to real-life maths and enjoying their maths tasks. Nothing makes me prouder than to see students consolidating new knowledge by collaborating, communicating and being creative and critical thinkers. This skill set is exactly what we mean when we talk about 'future focused learners'. Our students need skills that they can transfer and adapt to any workforce they go into. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that every child has engaging curriculum that inspires learning with innovative practices. I am pleased to say our school was actually rated higher than expected in our External Validation panel interview last week. We are strongly working in the 'sustaining and growing' domain of the School Excellence Framework. I am so pleased to say that our school is positioned well to be starting our next three year School Planning cycle.



We are currently looking at forming classes for 2018. If you know of any families who live in zone who are intending on enrolling their child into KPS, please urge them to contact the school as soon as possible. It is essential that we have all expected numbers so we can work out classes. Also, if you intend on moving schools in 2018, please let the school know as well.

As this newsletter goes to print, our children are enjoying wearing BLUE for the World Diabetes Day and also to support Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). This worthy cause raises much needed awareness and financial support that go towards improving the lives of children living with diabetes and finding a cure for juvenile diabetes. Thanks to the KSPS staff and family members who joined in the fun on the weekend to raise much needed funds for this cause close to our hearts.



This Thursday and Friday it is stage 2's turn to go to camp. It is stage 2's first ever camp away from school. Their camp is at Morisset Recreation Park and I know all children will be enjoying a host of fun activities. I can't wait to get amongst the kids and enjoy all that camp has to offer.



This Wednesday our year 6 children will be participating in their high school orientation day to Kotara High School. They will participate in a host of activities with all year 6 children from the other 5 primary feeder schools. A reminder that the Parent Orientation night is the same day - Wednesday 15 November at 6pm in the Library. Please see further details later on in the newsletter. Our schools are making strong partnerships with another combined event.

This Friday School Swimming finishes. I know that some children have benefited greatly from the experience and have improved dramatically. Swimming is a lifetime skill and I urge parents to continue lessons over the summer break, so children can consolidate the skills. Thank you to Mr John, Miss Martin and Mrs Foot for their work with all children in the pool.

This Thursday night our Kotara Community of Schools (CoS) is hosting the Combined P&C Dinner at KSPS. We have a guest speaker who will discuss the Healthy Canteen Strategy with us and collectively we will share our P&C tips for running a successful canteen. I'm looking forward to what Mrs Best cooks up for us. Thank you to Mr Sneddon at KHS for his work leading this combined P&C initiative across all our Kotara CoS.



The following excerpt is from the school attendance policy.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

Congratulations to our State Spelling Bee participant – Lucinda. Read her report further on in the newsletter.

Don't forget that our P&C are hosting an Interrelate night next Wednesday 22nd November. More details at the back of the newsletter. A big week, with lots of learning. We all are working hard to make #KSPSagreatplacetobe.

Susan Maxworthy – PRINCIPAL

School News

ICAS RESULTS SUMMARY 2017

Congratulations to all K.S.P.S. students who participated in ICAS testing this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. Well done!

ICAS is the most comprehensive educational assessment program available for schools. Every year thousands of schools participate in ICAS in over 20 countries, giving an international benchmark that can be relied upon.

Developed for students in primary and secondary school years, ICAS assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for success in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

General information about ICAS, including contact details of your local representative, is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

2017 ICAS Mathematics Results Summary

Yr Level	Students	HD	D	Credit	Merit	Participation
Year 3	9	0	1	5	1	2
Year 4	8	0	1	1	0	6
Year 5	15	0	1	1	2	11
Year 6	3	0	0	0	1	2

2017 ICAS Spelling Results Summary

Yr Level	Students	HD	D	Credit	Merit	Participation
Year 3	8	0	3	0	0	5
Year 4	8	0	1	4	2	1
Year 5	12	0	0	7	1	4
Year 6	3	0	0	0	0	3

2017 ICAS Writing Results Summary

Yr Level	Students	HD	D	Credit	Merit	Participation
Year 3	5	1	1	0	0	3
Year 4	3	0	0	2	0	1
Year 5	11	0	0	4	0	7
Year 6	4	0	0	0	0	4

John Eldridge – ICAS COORDINATOR

STATE SPELLING BEE

Last Wednesday, 8 Nov, I attended the State Spelling Bee representing our school and the whole of Newcastle. The finals were held at the ABC radio centre in Harris Street Ultimo Sydney. I was so proud to get from class rounds to school rounds and making it past Regionals. It is a phenomenal achievement to be able to make it this far. I wanted to push myself this year and at least get past class rounds I was completely stunned that I even got to Regionals. I won that and became 1 of 45 students to compete for the best speller in NSW 2017. It was so nerve racking sitting in the chair, as I felt like I was in a football stadium and one of the footballers. It was tough to stand up and spell a word, whilst looking at the big podium. But I think the best thing is that I had fun. To be honest though, my favourite thing was getting wireless headphones, a gigantic Macquarie dictionary the board game scrabble and another certificate and medallion as a prize.

Lucinda – 4G



Canteen

Hello from the canteen for another awesome week. A BIG thank you to everyone for helping in our amazing canteen and supporting our school. I hope most of you have seen the Facebook posts. Our food is outstanding, salads have increased in sales - at \$3 you can't beat it! You can get a fresh meat salad or a fresh salad bowl for only \$2.50. This week we have fresh beetroot oven roasted and will go with the salad which includes – Australian feta cheese, baby spinach, avocado and homemade cooked cornmeal, leg ham, fresh roast BBQ chicken or red salmon. Paddle pops are available in chocolate, banana, rainbow, vanilla and bubblegum \$1 each.

Fiona Best – CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

This Week's Specials

Poppin Burger \$4.50

- 1 chicken burger with lettuce, mayo & cheese - optional
- 1 paddle pop
- 1 pkt chips (any)

Pizza Rio \$3.50

- 1 pizza bread roll with pizza sauce, ham, cheese & olives - optional
- 1 sour pop
- 1 pkt cookies



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add fruit and veg to a barbecue.

There are plenty of ways to add fruit and veg to your backyard barbecue menu.

Kebabs – add capsicum, zucchini, eggplant and mushrooms to pork, chicken or lamb.

Grilled fruit – grill some pineapple pieces or nectarine halves. Enjoy on their own or add to a salad.

Chips – slice potato or sweet potato and grill on the hotplate.

Salad – grab some green leaves and toss in tomato, cucumber, carrot, beans, capsicum or whatever takes your fancy! For a fruity twist add one of these – sliced mango, strawberries, apples or grapes.



For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to stop junk food advertisers in their tracks.

Cancer Council NSW recently launched the **Our Kids, Our Call** campaign – to increase awareness and build community support for tougher junk food advertising regulations.

Did you know kids pester their parents on average 15 times in every supermarket trip and they are successful in half of these attempts? Marketers target your child with memorable slogans, logos, jingles, characters and highly appealing packaging designed to encourage your kids to pester.

Visit ourkidsourcall.com.au and get behind this campaign – let's stop junk food advertisers targeting our kids.



For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Assembly Awards

WEEK 5

KC	Aiden Luks Alex Vincent Jacob Gundry Juliette Creamer Samuel Hurley Maya O'Brien	2M		4/5JE	Jackson McClymont Mia-Jade Johnston Liam Holland
KP	Jada Capriotti Thomas McClymont Joseph Forrester Willow Toomey Lennox McDermott Chloe Maddern-Richards	2J	Holly McAllister Lily O'Brien Archie Wilson Oliver Grant	5P	Jacinda Coleman Emerson Wilson Mitchell Butler
KG/S	Hannah Simpson Tygah Green Mathew Hopton Rory Fenwick-Mulcahy Mia McIvor Kaylee Taylor	3F	Madden Willott Poppy Martyn Lexie Morrison	6W	Charli Russell Austin Taaffe Cameron Phillips
1G	Koen Martyn Bella Vaughan Sam Cross	3/4W	Angelina Ottery Jay Garcia D'Errico Lawson Lonergan	HSUB	Deacon Harty
1O'R	Dylan Googe Molly Hamence Shelley Price	4G	Darcy Breen Oscar Foster Lucinda Powell-Betts		

MERIT AWARDS

Gold	No recipients
Silver	No recipients
Bronze	Holly Brock Cooper Hill Alex Vincent

EXECUTIVE AWARDS

Sophie Willis Oliver Ellis



Important Dates

This Week

- 6 Nov – 17 Nov ▪ Swim School
- 15 Nov ▪ KHS Orientation Day Year 6
- 15 Nov ▪ Year 7 2018 Parent Orientation Meeting 6.30pm
- 16 Nov – 17 Nov ▪ St 2 Camp – Morrisset

For more details and events visit
<http://www.kotarasth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>.

This Month

- 19 Nov ▪ Grounds & Garden Volunteer Day and BBQ
- 22 Nov ▪ Kindy 2018 Orientation – Class Session
- 22 Nov ▪ Interrelate Family Session 1 6-7pm Session 2 7.15-8.15pm



This Term

- 4 Dec ▪ Presentation Day
- 4 Dec ▪ Book Fair
- 5 Dec ▪ Scripture Concert
- 7 Dec ▪ Year 6 Farewell Kotara Bowling Club
- 12 Dec ▪ Volunteer Morning Tea
- 13 Dec ▪ P&C Meeting - Christmas Party
- 15 Dec ▪ Last day of term – students

P&C Association

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE STARTS MONDAY

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle will be sent home this Monday, 20th Nov. Tickets are \$1 each.

The draw will be on 4th December with winners contacted by phone. Details included with the ticket packs.

Prizes

First	2 x \$50 Coles/ Myer Gift Card & \$50 Gamble & Brown Voucher (\$150 value)
Second	\$50 Coles/ Myer Gift Card & \$50 Gamble & Brown voucher (\$100 value)
Third	1 x \$50 Coles Myer Gift Card (\$50 value)
Fourth	Giant Block of Toblerone (4.5kg)



Next Meeting: 13 December
7pm in the Library

✉ kspspandc@gmail.com

Find us on 

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

Skoolbag 

PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS BAUBLES FUNDRAISER



Looking for that special gift this Christmas? One of our KSPS parents makes gorgeous personalized baubles and is running a fundraiser for the P&C this year.

Amanda Konjarski will place a name or a name and year on a beautiful sparkly coloured bauble (the glitter is on the inside of the bauble, so no mess! And, they are shatterproof plastic) for \$10 each. Amanda is giving 20% of total sales to the P&C!

Use the attached order form to order as many as you like. Replace the one that got broken last Christmas! **Orders must be received in the office by 5th Dec. Completed orders will be delivered to school on 8th Dec** to be sent home with your child.

SILVER COIN CHALLENGE ON NOW!

A big thank you to all the families who have supported our Silver Coin Challenge. The buckets will be collected and weighed this Friday from 3pm. Good luck everyone.

INTERRELATE FAMILY EVENING SESSION

Don't forget to return your completed form with payment to office by tomorrow, **15 November 2017**, if your family is interested in attending either of the sessions **being held on Wed, 22nd November**. The cost is \$30.00 per family for one session of \$35.00 per family for both sessions. See the attached form for more details.

Silver Coin Challenge

- 5c, 10c, 20c and 50c pieces -

Starts: 8.35am, Monday 6 November 2017

Finishes: 3pm, Friday 17 November 2017

Each class collects as many 5c, 10c, 20c, & 50c coins (**Australian coins only please!**) as they can during the challenge period. At the end of the challenge, the coins from each classroom will be weighed and the total weight will be divided by the number of students in the class. The class with the highest weight per child wins a pizza party!
Money raised will go towards exciting new library furniture!



Gardens & Grounds

A reminder that the P&C Gardens and Grounds Group are holding the final volunteer day for the year. Come along to help get the grounds looking great for the final weeks of the school year. Students are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Weather updates and more are posted on the FaceBook page - KSPS P&C Gardens and Grounds Group Sunday 19th November - 9am to 11am.

Matt Playdon – P&C GARDENS & GROUNDS COORDINATOR

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When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school!

With over 90 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 40,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. *We know how to help break the ice.* Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session - Year 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.

Interrelate School Services presents
a special evening program

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family | 2 sessions \$35 per family
Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Where: KOTARA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Wednesday, 22nd November 2017
Time: Where did I come from? 6:00 pm SHARP Preparing for puberty 7:15pm
 Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

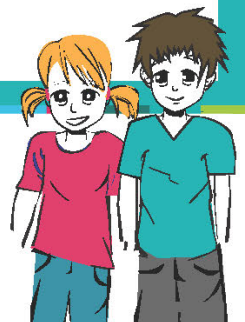
----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class -----

a special evening program

Name of family: _____
 No. attending: Session 1: Where did I come from? Session 2: Preparing for puberty
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 I have made an online payment to my school. My receipt no. _____
 OR Eftpos Cash Cheque (payable to the school) Credit card (if accepted by school)
 Credit card number: _____/_____/_____/_____ Expiry date: _____
 CCV (3 digits on the reverse of the card): _____ Amount: _____
 Name on card: _____
 Signature: _____



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Personalised Christmas Baubles Order Form



Christmas is coming and it's time to start organising. Get your personalised Christmas baubles by Amanda Konjarski for an amazing price of \$10. With 20% of all sales going back to the school P&C.

No more messy glitter getting everywhere as it's on the inside of the bauble. Baubles are shatterproof (plastic) so will not break. Either have a first name, or first name and year for the same price.

Order forms should be returned to the school office by 5th December and the baubles will be back at school on 8th December to be sent home with your child.

Correct Payment is required with order form.

Colours available are: dark pink, light pink, dark purple, light purple, dark blue, light aqua, dark aqua, gold, silver, green, white, red

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Total Payment: _\$ _____

Name on Bauble	Colour Bauble	Year (if required)