DATES TO REMEMBER
Saturday 9 March  
Car Boot Sale
Sunday 10 March  
Blackbutt Fair
Wednesday 14 March  
Year 7 2014 Selective High School Test
Wednesday 20 March  
6:30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting – Block A
7:00pm P&C Meeting – Block A
Thursday 21 March  
Harmony Day
Friday 22 March  
Stage 2 Colonial Day Performance
Tuesday 26 March  
K-6 Assembly 2:30pm – School Hall – Parents Welcome
Wednesday 27 March  
Year 6 Kotara High School Visit
Thursday 28 March  
Easter Hat Parade 10am – Parents Welcome
Friday 29 March  
Good Friday
Monday 1 April  
Easter Monday
Wednesday 3 April  
Morning Tea with Principal – School Award Recipients
Thursday 4 April  
Whole School Photographs
Friday 5 April  
Lap-a-thon
Tuesday 9 April  
Zone Cross Country – Stevenson Park
Thursday 11 April  
Anzac Service 10am
Friday 12 April  
Last day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
RAIN RAIN GO AWAY!
The rain certainly had an impact on our school last week. Friday’s Clean Up Australia event had to be postponed – we will ensure this goes ahead soon. Also on Friday we watched for the possible flooding from the drain as the heavy rain coincided with high tide. Parents can be assured that the school is very aware of the dangers of flooding in this school and we do have plans in place to keep children safe. The efforts we made to keep them dry were hampered, however by the wind with the rain. Children were prevented from staying dry as the wind lashed them sideways as they moved under the walkways. Let’s hope we don’t get too many of those days!

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
Students in Year 6 are already preparing themselves for High School. Kotara High School is our zone high school. All students from our school who live in the Kotara High School zone are invited to attend the school on Wednesday 27th March for the “Experience High School” Day. Notes will go home this week to invite students to and remind parents about the day. Students must find their own way there and back on that day. Supervision will be provided by the High School. This is a great opportunity for students to feel what it is like to be at the school and for teachers to start to get to know our students.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL
Also this month Year 6 students who have already applied to the Selective Schools Unit for a place in a Selective High School (Merewether High is our local selective high school) will sit the entrance test. The test will be held on Thursday 14th March at Merewether High School from 9am – 1:15pm. Students must find their own way there and back to school on that day.

WELL DONE ZONE SWIMMERS – CONGRATULATIONS BRYN
Congratulations to Bryn Leonard England who will represent our school at the Regional Swimming Competition. Many of our students who went to zone did very well and proudly represented our school, but on this occasion, only Bryn made it to the Regional competition – Good Luck Bryn!
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TIMES
This week, our assembly will include a couple of performances which should be exciting. We have moved the time of assembly and other Tuesday afternoons (on weeks other than assembly weeks). The assembly hall is used every Tuesday after school so we need to be finished the assembly by 3:15pm so the roadies can pack up. **Assembly will be from 2:30 – 3:15pm** on the scheduled days. Parents are welcome to assist with pack up if you have time.

SCHOOL BANKING
The response to school banking was wonderful. The school will make $5 for every account opened and 5% of all deposits is matched by the bank as a donation to the school. The incentives for banking for children are huge and thank you to those parents who braved the elements to open accounts. You can open an account at any time at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank – just let them know the school you want to support. Banking starts this Wednesday. Children will bring their deposit books and money to school and give it to their teacher who places it in a Commonwealth Banking bag – it is banked by Mrs Yohanes (our volunteer parent) and the books and incentives returned to class. Easy!

SCHOOL WEBSITE
As you know the school website is up again. We are working on it continuously so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

BINLESS DAY
As you know each Tuesday is “Low Waste Tuesday” and students aim to make less garbage that is not recyclable. Tomorrow – **WEDNESDAY** – across the state schools are aiming for empty bins. Can you help? Parents need to be part of the solution – buy fewer packaged goods, pack food in re-usable containers. Think about our future!

CLOTHING POOL
We are in desperate need of good quality used uniforms in all sizes for our clothing pool. If you have any uniforms that your children have grown out of, please consider donating them to the school.

Have a great week.

GAIL CORNFORD
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Principal’s Award at today’s assembly.
Eva Hill – KS – Excellent effort and application
Hannah Jordan – KS – Excellent effort and application
Laura Talbot – KG – For her responsible attitude to all class work
Madalynn Fairey-Jones – KD – For being an excellent helper in the classroom and a lovely friend
Emma Kacev – 1H – Being a cooperative class member
Layla Guez – 1O – A progressive start to Year 1
Louise Hill – 1W – A settled class member who always works well
Lexi Vanzanden – 1/2M – Being a wonderful class member
Ella O’Brien – 2CN – Excellent application to all tasks
Elina Price – 2O – Excellent application to all tasks
Baiden Higgins – 3M – Excellent attitude to all classwork
Grace Jolly – 3/4E – Outstanding effort in all class activities
Claudia Gilmour – 4D – Outstanding creative ideas in class
Lillian Johns - 4T – Always trying her best
Ryley Jackson – 5/6C – A very settled attitude
Lily Macdonald – 5/6D – For being an independent and responsible student
Amelia-Rose Vial - 5/6S – For going above and beyond to achieve her goals
Ronack Jain – Library – Thoughtful well considered responses in Library blog
Liam Edwards – Band – Moving up into Senior Band after playing the alto sax for one term. Well done!
Jayden Ashbourne – Visual Arts 3-4 – Insects Drawing
Chanuka Perrera – Visual Arts 5-6 – “Henna” hand design
Jay Olney – Music Award – Excellent leadership and playing in Senior Band
Well done everyone!
HARMONY DAY
This year our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday, March 21st. The theme for Harmony Day this year is – One Australia – many stories. In Harmony day celebrations we recognise the cultural diversity that we have in the school and discuss issues such as racism and belonging. As part of this year’s celebrations we will be reading multicultural stories and completing activities based on these stories. If you or a family member would like to present some information or bring in something special (costume, photos etc) from your cultural background please let me know. Thank you.

LISA MAURER
ESL TEACHER

LAP-A-THON
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE LAP-A-THON.
IT IS NOW FRIDAY 5 APRIL 2013.
Sponsorship cards will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to help at this event, keep an eye out for a note which will appear in Newsflash soon.
Sorry if this change in date has caused any inconvenience.

CAR BOOT SALE
This weekend is our car boot sale. Stalls are still available if you wish to sell any of your unwanted goods. Stalls cost $25 and can be purchased through the school administration office.
Even if you don’t have anything to sell, come along and browse the stalls, buy a sausage sandwich from the BBQ, or purchase a coffee from the coffee van that will be available.
All proceeds go directly back into our in-school leadership programs, from which every student benefits!

TOY DOLL DONATIONS
We are expanding our play options in the 3-6 playground at lunchtimes. So far we have bought toy cars, soldiers, animals and picnic rugs for our senior students to sit on in a quiet area.
If you have any clean, pre-loved baby dolls you could donate to the school for lunchtime play activities, they would be gratefully received. Please send them to Mrs McCallum or drop them off at the school office.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the zone swimming carnival last Wednesday at Lambton Pool. Our team of swimmers were enthusiastic and energetic in their plight to achieve their best.
Many thanks to all the parents who assisted in transporting our students and also, for managing and supervising the team while I was busy doing recording.
Congratulations to Bryn Leonard England who qualified in the 9yr boys 50m freestyle and will represent the zone at regional swimming carnival at Maitland Pool.

MILK
Milk is a good source of calcium, which gives children healthy bones and teeth. It is recommended that children have three serves of calcium rich foods a day. A glass of milk, a slice of cheese or a small tub of yoghurt, are each considered one serve.
Due to the high energy needs of babies and toddlers, reduced-fat milk is not suitable for children aged less than two years. However, from the age of two years, drinking too much milk can reduce a child’s appetite and contribute to excess energy consumption. Therefore reduced-fat milk is recommended for children two years and over.

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KD NEWS
KD have now met all five puppets in the ‘You Can Do It’ program. They are: Gabby Get Along, Connie Confidence, Oscar Organised, Ricky Resilience and Pete Persistence. The students are encouraged to follow the ideas portrayed by the puppets when dealing with social and emotional issues. This week in phonics we are learning about the sound ‘a’. The students are learning the Jolly Phonic action for ‘a’, how to write the sound correctly and are identifying words beginning with ‘a’ or have that sound in it. In maths the students are practicing using 1-1 correspondence when counting groups of objects.

KG NEWS
KG have been very busy learning about the letter “s” and counting objects that are seen and hidden. We have really enjoyed making graphs. KG created a graph about our birthdays and found out that December was the most popular month. January, May, June and
November were the least popular months with no birthdays at all. This week we are learning about the letter 'a' so be sure to ask your child about words that start with the 'a' sound.

**KS NEWS**
This week KS have been learning how to recognise and write the numbers from 1 to 10.
Our sound of the week for Jolly Phonics is “a”.

**1H NEWS**
Well it was a very wet week at New Lambton South last week but that didn't stop 1H from working hard. Literacy groups are going well with students focusing on fluency and self-correcting when reading. In maths we have been looking at the strand of Data and conducted class surveys about pets and eye colour. I was amazed at the many different types of pets the students have, such as turtles, snakes, horses, lizards and of course puppies. We also learnt about doubles and played many different dice games involving doubling numbers. Just a reminder that students can change their home readers daily, or as needed, but all readers and homework folders should be brought in on Friday along with the week's worksheet for marking.

**1W NEWS**
We have been learning about graphs and we made a graph called “1W Birthdays”. We found some interesting information.
1. The month with the most birthdays is March.
2. October and December have no birthdays.
3. January, February, May, September and November all have 2 birthdays.

**1O NEWS**
Last week 1O made were practising hopping and we made our own hopscotch. We started our Monster Unit in art based on the book *Where the Wild Things Are*. We have been measuring lots of things this week. Looking at metres and centimetres, we measured our arms, legs, heads and bodies.

Zac, Bella, Jade and Layla at their hopscotch
1/2M NEWS
In 1/2M this week we have been learning how to play lots of new maths games. Some of the games we have been playing are dice cricket, circle of champions, the number is right, dice battle and the line game. These games have been helping us to learn our numbers, teaching us how to double numbers and helping us to add numbers together.
We made vowel puppets. Vowels are the letters a, e, i, o and u. We learnt a song that helps us to remember the vowels and the sounds that they make.

2CN & 2O NEWS
Wow!! How wonderful do our rooms look now they are painted. We have been busy reorganising the rooms since they have been painted. We are now well underway with reading groups and are grateful for all the parent helpers each morning. If you have a spare 30 minutes any morning (Monday to Thursday) feel free to come along. 2O and 2CN had a wonderful time singing at assembly today. We sounded great!

3/4E NEWS
Over the last week we have been focusing on writing skills and learning the importance of self-editing our work. Some students have been kindly offering their writing samples to be displayed on the Smartboard, so we can edit them together. Already we are making improvements in our editing skills. In Maths recently we have continued practising strategies with addition and subtraction using addition wheels and number lines. We’ve also been enjoying singing Paradise by Cold Play during our weekly CAPA session. A reminder that homework is due this Friday.

3M NEWS
Last week 3M had a wonderful time responding to the novel, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, in a variety of ways. We saw wonderful commercials for JuicyO acted out, wrote letters to Judy Blume (which have been sent to New York), created a quiz for the class (well done Mitchell!) and graphed the students' favourite fruits. I am very proud of how independently the students worked and the quality of the results. 3M are also now running their own class meetings. They write messages for the class or myself which either raise concerns they'd like addressed or they write nice things about their classmates. Everyone likes hearing compliments and the students are learning to give and receive them. Saying nice things about each other is also creating a warm and happy feeling in our classroom.

4D NEWS
We have been busy learning about historical facts about mapping and the beginnings of exploration around the world including Australia. Also we have been learning the 5 steps on how to solve a mathematical problem. A reminder to all students need to bring in their own memory stick for classroom use.
Homework and the Colonial Show money and note are both due in this Friday March 8.

4T NEWS
Last week 4T enjoyed experimenting with literary devices to produce advertisements for Mr Yarby’s juicy'O drink. Some snippets of their great work.
Juicy O, Juicy o has been tested and proven, it’s mouth-watering, enjoyable and simply divine to drink. You can take it in the car, you can buy it at the bar, you can drink it on the run, you can have it anywhere!
Angel
Scientists recommend Juicy'o because it is a remarkable, jaw dropping, healthy drink, mixed with mind-blowing mangoes, scrumptious strawberries, perfect pineapples, amazing apples and mouth-watering watermelons. Lilli

5/6S NEWS
This week, 5/6S have all become poets, writing poignant pieces about the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Titled “Atomic Memories", we responded to many touching photographs of the bombings, through poetry.

During the dark of the night,          As dark as a yawning grave,
The United States stood up to fight.   The Japanese try to be brave,
The bomb itself, full of radiation,    For those who survived the devastation,
Ended up an absolute devastation.      Are soon to arrive at complete depravation.

The town became lifeless, they cried,
Left those who survived, mortified.
This bomb has ruined the lives,        Of the ones who wished to stay alive.

By Shelby McNaughton and Amelia-Rose Vial

5/6C NEWS
This week in 5/6C we have been learning about how to find the average of a set of numbers in Maths. We are also learning about the agencies governed by the United Nations, such as WHO – The World Health Organisation, UNICEF- United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund.
We have also worked hard to ‘put meat on the bones’ of our sentences in order to create more complex sentences. We have been able to come up with some amazing sentences.

We have also started our “You Be The Teacher” lessons. Yumiko taught us all how to make paper cranes, while Lara taught us how to make bon bons. Both were very interesting and practical lessons.

5/6D NEWS
In 5/6D this week we have been learning about perimeter. People have been making a 1 kilometre course, some people succeeded and some people didn’t make it. We also did a perimeter menu... that’s where you get to choose an activity which is really fun. Our favourite choices were make a garden and make your name in boxes. Also we’ve been doing a PD/H/PE unit that’s all about rules and we have to make up a new game and teach it to the class. We hope the rain will go away so we can learn more games.

By Bailey and Hamish - Class Captains

5/6G NEWS
This week 5/6G has had lots of fun doing various amounts of things. This week 5/6G had done a science experiment on drops of water, the kids had to find out how many drops could fit on either a 5 cent piece, 10 cent piece, 20 cent piece or a teaspoon. Answers from the students were extremely varied with someone even reaching a max of 154 drops and their teaspoon wasn’t even filled!!!

Ronack Jain

P&C NEWS
This week we recognise P&C Day and I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the parents and members of our community who contribute to our wonderful school.

In New South Wales alone, P&C Associations now raise over $54 million annually – and this figure does not include voluntary hours donated by caring and committed parents.

So, I take this opportunity to thank every member of the school community who contributes in any way - and reflect on the good that has been achieved through these contributions, big and small. Thank you one and all.

And just a reminder that the P&C is here to represent your interests. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please feel free to contact or approach me or any other member of the committee and we will be happy to raise any items at an upcoming meeting on your behalf.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
BLACKBUTT FAIR
Sunday 10th March
Fiona O’Connor has kindly provided some plastic disposable containers for biscuits/slices/toffees etc. for the cake stall on Sunday. They will be available from the office.

NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING
Wednesday 20th March
Connected Classroom, BLOCK A
6.30pm

NEXT P&C MEETING
Wednesday 20th March
Connected Classroom, BLOCK A
7.00pm

Natasha Andrei
P&C President
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Please note: * denotes a vacancy – please drop by the canteen if you are able to assist. Canteen phone no. 0417 571168

**Canteen News**

Our first Red Day this year will be for **St Patricks Day** to be held on **Friday 15th of March**. The canteen will be selling lollies, cakes and other goodies at lunch time and prices will range from 20c to $2.

On **Thursday 21st of March** the school will be celebrating **Harmony Day** with a range of activities for the students. On this day the canteen will be selling a variety of different hot foods which will be available by **pre-order only**. Order forms will be distributed this week to all students.

**Reusable Lunch Bags are now available** to purchase from the canteen. The regular bags are $8 and the insulated bags are $12. Each bag has a zipped compartment to hold the students’ money, are extremely easy to wipe clean and most importantly they reduce paper waste.