Sharing Our News

Welcome Back to King Street

I hope you have had an excellent holiday with your children. It was immediately obvious that they had all grown quite a bit when they got back to school. A combination of relaxing, playing and eating all that great summer food has obviously benefited them.

A special welcome to our new staff and students.

Miss Shari Merta is teaching in Early Stage 1.
Miss Abby-Lee Honeysett is teaching in Stage 3.
Mr Joshua Ingram will be relieving for the combined leave of Mrs Mills and Mrs Forrest (Terms 1-3) in Stage 1.
Miss Adrienne Gay is relieving during the period of our job advertisement (currently being advertised for Mrs Winsor’s position) in Stage 2.
Mrs Meg Bowman is relieving in Stage 2 during Mr Michael Beh’s leave.
Miss Tori McLackland is in a temporary position working on our Learning Support Team and as a part time RFF teacher. Ms Lisa Redmond has joined our Learning Support Officer team working in 6K.
Please make these people feel welcome. A full list of our classes is on page 2.

Our classes have hit the ground running. As I walked around on Friday all were starting their work enthusiastically.

Due to our enrolment numbers this year we have found it necessary to form composite classes. While these are not new to King Street, and are common in most schools I appreciate there is still anxiety from some parents regarding this class structure. Please be assured that these classes have the same ability range and, believe it or not, often a similar age range to other classes. All teachers are trained to cater for the needs of individual class needs and all teachers must teach from our state (soon to become national) curricula. If you would like to see what our teachers teach please log in to the NSW Board of Studies website and click the K-6 link on the right hand side. Age is just a convenient way to start off the grouping process. It is not the only way. As we all know students have different talents regardless of age group.

There has also been some concern regarding the topics of study undertaken by classes. ‘Topics’ can be a term that is confusing. They are just the vehicle we use to teach the outcomes and indicators in each stage group. This means that class teachers could be teaching different topics but still meeting the required stage outcomes.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLD-dwDsnPQ. Global transformation in education and future challenges facing teachers and the way students learn - this may interest you. Enjoy your year.

Cath Larkman
### School Assemblies

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**Stage 2** Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

- 21st February: 4B
- 7th March: 4/5B
- 4th April: 3/4G

**Stage 3** Friday at 1.45 - 2.20pm in Hall

- 15th February: 5/6H
- 1st March: 6M
- 15th March: 6K

**Thursday 28th March in CAPA Room** 5B

**12th April** 5G

### Classes for 2013

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### Auto injectors

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does **not** replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Cath Larkman

### Permission to Publish Photos

All students this week will receive a permission note to take home to parents regarding the publishing of photographs. Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for King Street Public School to showcase our students' work and achievements. This may come in the form of the school newsletter, the school website or local media such as the Singleton Argus. On these occasions it is common for the child’s photograph to be displayed.

If you give consent for us to use your child’s photograph, please sign the permission note and return it to your child’s teacher. This permission will then be valid for the 2013 school year. **If you do not give permission, please indicate this on the note or inform your child’s teacher as soon as possible.** We have many events coming up in the next few weeks where photographs will be taken. We thank you for your support in this matter. If your circumstances change throughout 2013, please do not hesitate to inform the office or your child’s teacher.

Cindy Judge
Community Liaison
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
The carnival will be on Wednesday 13th February 2013.

The carnival will be run in two sections.
- 9.00 – 12.30 Swimming Trials.
- 12.30 – 2.30 swimming novelty events.

**Swimming Trials**
The children who nominate to enter an event for the swimming carnival trials will leave at 9.00 and will stay there for the trials as well as the novelty events.

The swimming carnival trials section will give children the opportunity to swim 50m in the different strokes and try to reach the next level to represent the school at zone. The swimming trials will be for children who are turning 8 years or older this year and can competently swim 50m. Only children who will be participating in the races and house captains will be taken to the pool for the swimming carnival trials departing school at 9.00 a.m.

**Year 2 children only participate in swimming trials, NOT NOVELTIES. Year 2 children will be returning back to school after the trials.**

**Swimming novelty events**
The children (years 3 – 6) who do not nominate for a trial event will depart school for the novelty events at 12.30 p.m.

The swimming gala events (for years 3 – 6) will start at 1.00 p.m. Every child will rotate around fun activities in their house groups. These children will take their recess to the pool to eat there.

Students will come to school and then travel to the pool by bus. The cost is $5.50 each. This will cover the cost of the bus and pool entry. Children who are members of the Singleton Swim and Gym Fitness Centre pay $1.60 only. This is to cover bus costs; you will need to take your membership card on the day. Spectators cost is $1.95.

In the event of inclement weather conditions a decision will be made by 8.30 a.m. Wednesday as to whether the carnival will go ahead. Parent helpers will be notified on Tuesday of their role during the carnival.

Some rules to be aware of:

- **STROKE RULES**
  - Breaststroke/Butterfly
    - Both hands must touch simultaneously
  - Backstroke
    - Both hands must touch simultaneously
  - Freestyle
    - Remember to touch the wall

  **REMEMBER**
  - Don’t swap lanes that you are put in during the carnival, as this will make the chief timekeeper’s job difficult.
  - Bring all food and drinks as NO canteen facilities will be available.
  - **Do not** bring crepe paper streamers or balloons.
  - Wear house colours.
  - Bring hats, sunscreen and a T-shirt.

- If you take your child home early, please notify the teacher in the club house who will mark your child’s name off on their class roll. Thanks!

Year 2 children turning 8 this year are quite welcome to come to the first section, the swimming carnival trials if they can swim 50m competently. **These children will then return back to their class at 12.30 to continue with their usual learning program.**

All children will receive a note on Thursday, if they miss out, please come and see the office.

If there are any concerns please ring the school.

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**BUS PASSES 2013(STSS)**
Parents are reminded that ALL students in Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2 are entitled to free bus travel. If your child is starting Yr 3 you need to reapply for a bus pass. All other students with a current bus pass need not apply, unless the student’s address has changed. Students who live outside that 1.6km radius will continue to receive free travel as long as they continue to attend school. Any students inside this radius will need to pay for travel.

**Year 3 students need to reapply for a bus pass if they are eligible, i.e. they live outside the 1.6km radius from school.**

If your child is going to use free travel in 2013, please contact the office for an application form.
During 2013 King Tidings will be profiling some new (and some not so new!) faces you might see at King Street Public School. This week we introduce our two new teachers, Abby-Lee Honeysett and Shari Merta.

Abby-Lee Honeysett

1. Where were you born and raised? I was born in Dubbo, NSW and raised in God’s Country - also known as the small country town of Gulgong, NSW.
2. What class are you teaching this year at KSPS? I am teaching a wonderful year 5.
3. When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher, and why?
   During years 8 & 9 in high school I lost interest and was heading in the wrong direction. My decisions and attitudes were showing in my work and in my reports. While I was in year 10, Gulgong High School received a new deputy principal Mrs Smith. I was very hesitant and fiery about this new lady who was trying to change my attitude and point me in the right direction. Mrs Smith would take every opportunity to talk with me during the day, she provided me with support, guidance, opportunities and many cups of tea throughout the hard times. Lunch and recess often included sitting on the grass talking about music, school work, sports, acrylic nails and books. During this time she showed me how to look at the positive sides in life.
   It wasn’t until I was in year 12 and Mrs Smith had left the school that I realized how much difference a dedicated teacher can make to the life of a student. It was then I decided that I wanted to be a teacher and positively influence the life of others.
   During one of our many talks Mrs Smith gave me a piece of paper - on this was a quote, one that I still hold very close to me and one I wish to share: "My Choice, My Responsibility: Win Lose, Only I Hold The Key To My Destiny"
   The children of my class will hear this many times throughout the year. To put it simply, everyone has a choice and a responsibility, you just need to make the responsible choice where possible and apply your best always to achieve the outcome you desire.
4. Where did you study? I studied at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus.
5. What do you like to do when you are not teaching? During my free time, which is usually the weekend I work in the family business. My parents along with my two siblings run The Gulgong Commercial Hotel.
6. What is your favourite food? Chicken Schnitzel topped with heaps of gravy.
7. Your football team? Only the best team in the comp... St George Dragons.
8. What are you most looking forward to this year at KSPS? The sports carnivals, I love sports and cheering really loud.
9. What is the best thing about being a teacher? Seeing children thrive and develop based on my guidance and knowledge.
10. If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be? I have just returned from Vietnam, which was my first overseas trip. The next trip is still in the planning stages but the destination is unknown.
1. Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Mildura Victoria, then I travelled around Australia in a bus for about 3 years until we decided to stop at Cunnamulla which is in outback Queensland. I lived there for about 7 years. Next was the Hunter Valley, and I have been here ever since.

2. What class are you teaching this year at KSPS?
I am very excited to be teaching kindergarten this year. I am very lucky to see lots of happy faces who are very eager to learn.

3. When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher, and why?
While working as a Teachers Aide at Kings Hawford school in Worcester, England. I had so much fun and loved working with the students. I knew it was what I wanted to do.

4. Where did you study?
I studied my degree at Deakin University in Geelong Victoria for four years and came out smiling with a Bachelor of Education (Primary).

5. What do you like to do when you are not teaching?
I love travelling. Since I have seen a fair bit of Australia I’m saving the rest until I’m older and would really like to get overseas a fair bit, maybe an Asian country next. I LOVE FOOD, I love cooking it and I love eating it, so this occupies a lot of my spare time.

6. What is your favourite food?
I honestly could not think of a kind of food I like the most because I love it all. I haven’t yet found a type of food or ingredient that I don’t like.

7. Your football team?
Well I am sure there are going to be lots of people who will not like this answer at all, but my footy team is the Broncos and, yes, I am sorry but I do go for Queensland in the State of Origin.

8. What are you most looking forward to this year at KSPS?
I am really looking forward to getting to know everything that makes KSPS-the students, the staff and the community.

9. What is the best thing about being a teacher?
Spending time with so many different people in one day.

10. If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be?
I have always wanted to go to Croatia after seeing a picture in a travelling magazine, it looks like such a beautiful place.
Canteen Volunteers

New Volunteers!!!

Name: ________________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________

Mobile: _______________________________________

Work on: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(Please Circle)

How Often: Weekly Fortnightly Monthly
(Please Circle)

Shift: Breakfast Lunch Recess
(Please Circle)

As little or as often as you like will be greatly appreciated, we need volunteers to keep the doors open. The canteen opens for breakfast from 8.45 with lunch finishing at around 11.45am. Recess is finished by 1.20pm.

All proceeds from the canteen directly benefit the children of KSPS. The canteen is currently funding the computers in the library. Please drop completed form to the canteen.

Regards,
Brook Harris and Lorraine Evans
Canteen Supervisors

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A.E.C.G
General Meeting
Thursday 14th February 2013
Ka-Wul Centre
Singleton High School
3.30pm - 5pm
RSVP: Monday 11th February
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