Week 8 – 20 March 2013

Sharing Our News

Happenings around the school

Many thanks to Kirsty Bates who kindly gave the majority of our staff Fluvax last week. Our staff attempt to stay well - but sometimes a little help is needed. I must report that all the staff were very brave - probably because Kirsty had rewards for those that were well behaved! Another thank you to Jason Gould who helped Linda to trim all the trees along Sussex Street to make the signs more visible last week. It was a huge job and we are most appreciative. Kim Rowe put together a successful nomination for our Rugby League boys for Singleton Sport awards on Friday night. Again - a big job. Our Sport Committee will be looking at ways to nominate our sport stars earlier next year.

You will have noticed the back of I Block has been cordoned off. We identified the back of this block to be the focus of our routine maintenance funds this year. Each year we receive an amount of money to focus on the areas most in need of work. This is done in collaboration with the Assets Department.

Farewells and Retirements

Last Friday we had a morning tea in the Uniform Shop for Donna Williams. Donna has worked long and hard for our school making sure students have the correct uniform at competitive prices. We wish Donna all the best.

We had a retirement lunch for Jenny Jolly on Sunday. Jenny has worked at KSPS as a relief from face to face (RFF) teacher for many years. We thank Jenny for her contribution to our school.

Sandra Hulyer is currently on leave and has now put in her retirement papers. We wish her all the best for life after KSPS.

Principal
Cath Larkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Term 2

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Students return to school on Tuesday 2nd April after the Easter break this year as Easter is not in the school holidays this year.

Staff Development Days Term 2

Students do not return to school until Wednesday the 1st May in Term 2. All schools have been given an extra day to prepare for the new National English Curriculum. We are aware that many parents will need to make arrangements to have their children cared for on Monday the 29th and Tuesday the 30th of April.
Pianos for Tender
King Street Public School has 2 older pianos in reasonable condition which we no longer use. We would also like to open up some space in 2/3U and 2I classrooms.
These pianos would be suitable for a learning student.
The cost of moving pianos would be the responsibility of the buyer.
Please put your offer in an envelope with your name and address on the front.
Tenders will be considered on April 10th.
If you would like to look at the pianos, please ring the front office 65722281 for a suitable time.
Thanks
Cath Larkman

School Assemblies
Infants Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall
28th March  No Assembly due to Easter Parade
11th April  1T

Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall
21st March  4/5B
4th April  3/4G

Stage 3 in Hall at 12noon
Wednesday 27th March  5G

Invoice 2013
An invoice was sent home last week with your child’s newsletter. This invoice includes School Contribution, Supercover and any outstanding items that require payment. A big thank you to all those families that have paid.

School Fees 2013
School Fees: The voluntary contribution for 2013 is $35.00 per child. This money goes towards buying extra equipment over and above what the Education Department provide to the school.

Supercovers 2013
Supercovers: Most visiting performances to the school are included in ‘Supercovers’. When families have paid the school fee they can choose to pay an extra $25.00 per child so that your child can attend five visiting shows without having to send permission notes and money to each event. A saving of $2.50 can be made if you choose to pay super cover.

ONLY TWO WEEKS left to pay supercover. The first visiting performance is on the 4th April so supercover will need to be paid by Wednesday the 3rd April 2013.

Supercovers 2013

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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UNIFORM SHOP

| 29/3/13                         | GOOD FRIDAY                 |

Canteen Promotional Offer

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Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, 28\textsuperscript{th} March @ 12 noon

The Easter Hat Parade will start at 12 noon followed by the Peddler’s Parade at 1pm. The Easter Parade will be held in the quad.

\textit{This year, we warmly welcome Singleton Pre-school to join us in the festivities.}

Children from Kindergarten to Year 2 are welcome to make their hat at home, although some classes will be making them at school.

At the conclusion of the Parade, Primary students will then take their Peddler’s Parade wares out to the sports COLA and set up at their allocated class spot.

\textit{Please be reminded, those students selling food items eg. baked goods, MUST have a list of all ingredients labelled on their wares.}

\textit{Most items for sale will be between 20 cents and fifty cents. Please provide your children with coins on the day if possible. Also, please ensure all trays, Tupperware and containers are labelled.}

\textit{All proceeds from the Peddler’s Parade are used to support Stewart House, which provides a home away from home for rural students across NSW.}

Rachel Griffiths and Cindy Judge
University of NSW (UNSW)

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

University of NSW competitions are now being advertised. They are a wonderful opportunity for your students to practise the skills required to sit an external test. We all know that exams can be very nerve-wracking and the more experience the kids get the better. Everyone receives a participation certificate. It would be valuable if students from Years 3-6 could sit at least an English and Mathematics competition. This will usually give them experience in their best and their most challenging subject!

Ride to School Day 2013

An Active School is a Healthy School

This Friday 22 March 2013 marks the seventh National Ride2School Day, 140,000 Australian students are expected to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.

Ride2School Day is about making active travel a normal part of the school day. There are many benefits to participating, here are just a few:

- Riding to school will reduce traffic around the school, making the school trip faster
- Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
- Riding helps develop important life skills, in addition to increasing confidence.

Be aware, there may be a few more ‘wheels’ on the road this Friday!

Easter Raffle

The P&C run an Easter raffle each year. Families are asked to donate Easter Eggs which are then divided into prizes.

Raffle tickets were sent home on Tuesday 12th March. If you didn’t receive tickets or require extra, they are available at the office. The money and tickets should be returned by Monday 25th March. The winners will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. The winners can collect their prizes on Wednesday and Thursday.

Each child who brings a donation will receive a free ticket to go into a draw for a prize. Collection will be in the quad each morning before the bell.

We are asking for donations of eggs, baskets and/or oven bags for packaging the prizes.

Infants Assembly Awards

Term 1 Week 7

Merit Cards:
KM: Harrison A, Tiahna W, Ella T.
KP: Katy L, Jack G.
K/1G: Lucy R, Eamon C, Stevie-Lee M.
1B: Zander W, Ava N, Chloe D.
1T: Charlie M, Cobie H, Naite H.
2I: Tamara S, Chelsea S, Isabelle G.
2R: Samantha S, Nell S, Charlotte H.
2/3U: Jade S, Ryan E.

Star Cards:
KM: Marshall B.
KP: Tahlia R.
K/1G: Jacob J.
1B: Thomas C.
1T: Zoe M.
2R: Tyler C.
2/3U: Emjae M.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the cross country last week despite the rain. We will have the results out in next weeks newsletter.
5 Minutes With......Trish Maher

1. Where were you born and raised? I was born in Newcastle, but have lived in Rutherford all my life except for two of the years I was at Uni. I must really love the place! I lived in Mayfield and East Maitland as well.

2. What is your role this year at KSPS? I am the classroom teacher of the best class - 6M.

3. Have you always wanted to teach and why? I had originally planned to be a High School Art teacher, but after doing 2 unit and 3 unit art for my HSC I was a bit sick of it. On a whim I put down Primary teaching as my first choice, not expecting to get into the course because the marks needed were much higher - and here I am!

4. What study have you undertaken and where? I went to Rutherford High then I got my diploma in teaching from Newcastle University. I have been teaching for 21 years and have taught every grade from preschool to year 6. I taught at Telarah School before I came to King Street. This will be my 6th year at KSPS.

5. What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS? I love to paint and sew or quilt! I enjoy anything crafty while watching a good movie! I enjoy catching up with friends and am a bit of a shop-aholic. I also seem to be a bit fond of the colour pink.

6. What is your favourite TV show/food/music? I love a baked lamb dinner, Thai food and Steak Diane. I often listen to country music like Toby Keith and Taylor Swift, but Pink is my favourite singer. I enjoy watching "The Range", "Can of Worms" and "Elementary".

7. Your football team? The Newcastle Knights - of course!!

8. What is something you are really proud of at KSPS? We have some really lovely children here. They are caring and funny. I am so proud of them when they try their very best.

9. What is the best thing about working in a school environment? I love how kids get my jokes - even the lame ones.

10. If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be? I am going on my first ever overseas trip to the islands in the next school holidays. I'm cruising with some great friends from Singleton and am so looking forward to it.

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Exciting New Partnership with Singleton Pre-school

We are very PROUD here at King Street of our leadership program which is now in its 4th year. We have seen many benefits to this program, including a decrease in playground incidents, a rise in students aspiring for leadership roles, and more participation and confidence in public speaking.

To expand on this program we have approached York Street Pre-school regarding a mentoring partnership with our year 5 students and their children. This will be an introduction into leadership roles for our year 5’s, and also begin the ‘big’ school transition for pre-schoolers. We hope to have 2 meetings a term, one where our students will visit the preschool, and the other will involve a visit to King Street by the little ones. At King Street their visits will consist of activities such as working in the vegetable garden and caring for our chickens, taking part in technology lessons using our smartboards, and perhaps taking part in our athletics carnival and book week celebrations.

This Thursday at 1.30pm will be our first meeting. Our year 5 will be joining the preschool classes in York Street to help them make Easter Bonnets. The following Thursday at 12.00pm we will host the preschool students at our Easter Hat Parade.

We are very excited about this new partnership, and our year 5 students especially cannot wait for it to start!

Cindy Judge

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Good Luck Mrs Jolly

On Sunday KSPS staff held a luncheon to thank and wish Mrs Jenny Jolly good luck on her recent retirement. Jenny has been associated with King Street School for over 20 years-first as a casual teacher then as a part time permanent staff member. She has taught many of our children the finer points of computers, arts and science. Jenny was also a King Street parent, with 2 of her children graduating from our school.

All staff and students wish to thank Jenny for the many years of dedication and hard work, and for her friendship. We wish her all the very best for her retirement.
Success at Awards Night

Congratulations to our Under 10s Rugby League Team who were awarded Singleton’s Junior Team of the Year at Friday night’s Sports Council Awards. This follows an outstanding year in 2012. The achievements of the team included:

- 1st at the Scones Schools Boys Championship
- 1st at the Peel Schools Boys Championship in Tamworth
- 1st at the Brian Kirkland Cup
- 2nd in the Knights Knockout Competition
- 9th in the state at the New South Wales Public Schools Sports Association all schools Competition.

Well done boys for your dedication and sportsmanship throughout the year. You have been wonderful representatives of our school.

5 Things About Me

By Tyson A

Mrs Hovey and 5/6H, I am here to tell you 5 special or unique things about me. My first claim to fame was being the first baby born in Singleton Hospital on the 3rd January 2003. With a proud mum and dad and 3 brothers I had this news published in the Singleton Argus for everyone to read!

Next is my passion for football as a proud Roosters supporter. I have played for the Singleton Greyhounds for 3 years and the school team for 2. I enjoy fitness, working as a team, meeting new friends and best of all scoring tries. Nothing better than coming off with a win, but also playing a good, fair game. To see your coach so proud, really makes you feel great.

Number 3 would be how lucky I have been to go on 3 overseas holidays with my family. We have been to Bali twice and Thailand once. To get to fly in a plane, holiday in such luxury and experience a third world country is just amazing. Also to see how lucky we have it in Australia, is a real eye opener as people in Bali and Thailand have so little, but are such happy, giving people. It makes you appreciate what we have and how lucky we really are.

Number 4 is my family. I think I am lucky to have a big but close family. I have 3 brothers. One lives in Queensland with his mum. Family gatherings are always fun. I get to see my cousins, aunts, uncles that I don’t see very often. Family means a lot to me and we are always there for each other.

Last but not least, are my hobbies. My hobbies mean a lot to me also. I love reading, puzzles, find a words, writing stories and playing my I Pod. These are a great way to entertain myself when I’m bored and just to fill in time.

Thank you for listening 5/6H.
In February it was my birthday. On my birthday I went to the shops. It was raining hard. It flooded in the shops. I never got to buy my present. The shops were evacuated. I went home.

Makayla Ridling

On the Christmas Holidays I went to my grandmas. At grandmas I feed the dogs then I had lunch at my grandma’s house. After the big day I went to bed.

Samantha Sturch

One day my cousin Cody came to my house. We swam in the pool and then mum said we should go to the dam with some friends. We had a great time. Then we went home.

Imogen McLoughlin

Last year I went to Sydney. I went to the beach. I also went to the shops and bought a fan. It was really good fun.
On Wednesday Grace and I went to the Empire Dance School. Grace and I went to dance. First of all we did ballet, next we did jazz. Our jazz song was ‘Gold’. After dance was over we were supposed to go home but we stayed to help out. First we did some stretchers. The other girl could not do what I could do. The next day when I tried to get out of bed I could not move.

Charlotte Hornfeldt

**SCONE REPORT**

The Under 11’s Rugby League team went to Scone on Sunday 17th March to compete in the Group 21 school knockout competition. The first game we played was with Scone P.S. and we came out on top winning 16 – 6. This took us straight to the grand final taking on our great rivals Aberdeen P.S.

The game was tight for the first 10 minutes but we managed to get a try and convert. Shortly after another try to the scoreboard with a great win 10 – 0.

Congratulations to Nic H who was named Man of the match. Thanks to Mr Ingram, Mr Rose and Mr Woods for all their help on the day.

By Jack R and Lleyton R.

**Headlice**

Headlice is an ongoing problem in all schools. Children who have headlice are not able to be excluded from school so we rely on parents treating their children straight away so the headlice don’t spread to the whole class. Unfortunately some children seem to get headlice more often than others and it becomes very expensive for these parents to keep treatments up.

Please check your children’s heads.
April School Holidays at Singleton Council Out Of School Hours SCOOSH

Looking for safe, stimulating and fun care for your child during the April 2013 school holidays? SCOOSH offers lots of exciting holiday fun catering for children of families living or working in Singleton.

SCOOSH is open 6.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays.

Enrolment forms, Programs and Booking forms can be found on the Singleton Council Web site/Children Services/Out Of School Hours or by phoning 0265715780.

Bookings open Monday 25th March and Close Wednesday 10th April 2013.

All booked children must be enrolled with Singleton Council Out Of School Hours.

To be eligible children must be attending Kindergarten or primary school in 2013.

Children are ineligible once they finish Primary school or attain their 13th Birthday.

For more information please contact
Singleton Council Out Of School Hours
02 65715780
oosh@singleton.nsw.gov.au

King Street is a Nut & Fish Free School

This is a reminder for all families that some of our students have serious reactions to products containing nuts and fish.

We ask families to carefully consider the danger that others could face if they touch or eat these products.

Please do not send foods or containers to school that contain nut or fish products.
Teaching Someone to drive can be a Happy Experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop. The next workshop in your area will be held:

**Time & Date:** Tuesday 26 March 2013 6pm – 8pm  
**Venue:** Singleton Community College  
83-87 York St  
**Book Now On:** 4925 4200  
or enrolments@weahunter.com.au  
Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

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**Singleton Junior Rugby**  
**Come along and Try Rugby**

- **Home Grounds:** Allan Ball Reserve  
- **Contact:** Jackie Vaughan, singletonjuniorrugby@hotmail.com  
- **Age Groups:** U7's, U9's, U11's, U13's, 14's  
- **Registration:** Please contact via the email address above.

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**YOUTH OFF THE STREETS**

**Fr. Riley’s Op Shop Singleton**

- **251 John Street Singleton**
- **Shop hours:**  
  - Mon – Fri: 9am – 4pm  
  - Sat: 8am – 1pm

Fr. Riley’s enables us to continue his work with the youth that find themselves in trouble and on the streets with the money we raise.

**Volunteers needed**  
If you can spare any time to help us out at all please drop in to our shop or call us on 6572 1789 or call Barbara on 6572 2344.