Week 6 – 6 March 2013

Sharing Our News

We hope everyone has survived the floods and are getting back to normal. I would like to especially acknowledge our wonderful school and vice captains who calmly went around classes last Friday afternoon to collect students whose parents we needed to notify following advice from the SES. Everything went very smoothly with regular updates from the SES, the bus company keeping us in the loop, our office staff manning the phones and our own parents and relatives making arrangements for those affected.

Please feel free to get an exemption form from the front office if your child was unable to attend school because of being flooded in. This means they are not recorded as absent on the roll. Also, in the event of a family holiday or medical appointments which require a day’s leave, exemption can also be applied for. The front office will then give me the form to approve. If I have any concerns I will contact you.

All classes are now settling in to their routine and I am very pleased with the concentration and engagement of the students as I visit classrooms. We have very hardworking teachers but I must also thank the parents who give their children a calm start to the day, healthy food and have them dressed in their uniform ready to go.

NB – I know the calm start is easier some days than others!

Cath Larkman

P&C - AGM

The King Street Public School P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Monday night, and the committee was able to reflect on a very successful 2012. Due to wonderful fundraising efforts, including a record Cracker Night profit of over $13,000, the P&C was able to donate a massive $29,557.85 worth of resources to the school. Some of the purchases were:

- Installation of two more smartboards
- Improvements to the clothing pool building
- Purchase of a new BBQ
- A drinks machine for the staff room
- A trolley for the baby grand piano
- Educational toys for all stages
- New signs for King Street and Sussex Street
- Year 6 interrelate.

The P&C acknowledges the hard work of all those in the school community who contribute in any way to our fundraising efforts. Particular thanks was expressed to all those who have had their last child move on to high school, especially Donna Williams who has coordinated our clothing pool so capably over the last few years and been a regular canteen helper. Throughout the meeting goals for 2013 were discussed, with a continuing technological focus being high on the priority list.

The 2013 P&C Office Bearers are as follows:

President: Kylie Nash
Vice Presidents: Sharee McLoughlin and Cheryl Holz
Secretary: Dawn Knight
Treasurer: Rebecca Monk
Assistant Treasurer: Cindy Judge

The 2013 Canteen Committee is as follows:

President: Nicky Jones
Vice President: Cheryl Holz
Secretary: Penny Stewart
Treasurer: Fiona Smith-Hughes
Committee: Karen Earnshaw, Belinda Richards, Kirsty Bates.

The 2013 Clothing Pool Coordinators:

Dawn Knight & Belinda Richards

Anybody interested in joining the canteen committee or adding their name to the canteen roster would be very welcome.
Meeting Time Change for P&C

At the P&C AGM it was decided to trial a change of meeting time for the P&C Association. Currently, the committee meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm. **As of the April meeting, this time will change to 5.30pm.** We hope that this may be more convenient for many parents and carers who are unable to make the later time.

Please note: Due to the Public holiday on Easter Monday, the next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 8th April at 5.30pm in the school library.

We wholeheartedly welcome all parents and community members. Office bearers have all been elected, so you will not get a job!

Cindy Judge
On behalf of King Street P&C Association

School Hats

King Street Public School endeavours to keep our kids safe at all times. As a result, we ask that all our students wear a brimmed hat to minimise their exposure to the sun. Over the last few weeks we have noticed an increasing number of students wearing caps. We ask that you encourage your children not to bring these items to school, as they are not school uniform, and without the proper headwear they will not be able to play in the playground.

Thank you for your continued support in teaching our children to be sunSAFE and PROUD to wear their school uniform.

School Assemblies

- **Infants Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall**
  - 14th March: 2I
  - 28th March: **No Assembly due to Easter Parade**
  - 11th April: 1T
- **Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall**
  - 7th March: 4B
  - 21st March: 4/5B
  - 4th April: 3/4G
- **Stage 3 Friday at 1.45pm-2.20pm in Hall**
  - 15th March: 6K
  - **Thursday 28th March in CAPA Room**
  - 12th April: 5G

School Council Nominations

Our School Council is a proactive group supporting our school executive. The council **AGM** will be held on Tuesday, 9th April in the school library.

Currently, there are 3 parent representative vacancies. We like to maintain a diverse range of members. The council consists of the Principal, 3 staff representatives, 2 invited wider community members, a P&C representative, and we would like to welcome 3 parents/carers.

Please leave any nominations at the school office in a sealed envelope, with your name and phone number on the front. Self nominations will be welcomed, and all nominations will be considered in confidence.

If you have any queries regarding the School Council, please contact the office and they will direct you to the appropriate council member.

School Banking Program

KSPS participates in the student school banking program offered by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This program allows students to open up a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account, and make regular deposits to it by bringing their banking into school each week. Information packs have been sent home with Kindergarten students. Any other families who would like to participate may open accounts via any Commonwealth Bank branch. Student banking will be collected each Thursday.

Canteen Roster

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Uniform Shop

| 15/3/13 | Dawn Knight, Alison Way |
Year 2 ‘Visit’ the Zoo!

Last Friday students from 2R and 2I were very fortunate to take part in a video conference with Taronga Park Zoo. The link-up was to take part in Taronga’s Clean up for Reptiles programme, to tie in with King Street’s involvement in Clean up Australia Day. The wonderful smartboard technology in our library allowed this exciting event to take place.

During the conference, children were able to see and talk to Taronga’s Vet nursing staff, who showed them first hand how animals such as marine turtles are suffering from the effects of plastic pollution. They then introduced the students to many live reptiles, including the world’s smallest reptile, all of who benefit greatly from a clean and healthy environment. The students then had the opportunity to talk to and ask questions of the nursing staff, not only about reptiles but any animal they chose.

This was an enjoyable educational experience for our children, and we hope the first of many for 2013.

5 Minutes With…….Josh Ingram

1. Where were you born and raised?
Western Suburbs Hospital, Waratah and raised in Raymond Terrace.
2. What class are you teaching this year at KSPS?
2I and my roles include Sports Committee member, Active After Schools Coordinator, and Boys Rugby League Coach.
3. When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher, and why?
When I started coaching Junior Rugby League. I enjoyed running around with the kids and teaching them new skills.
4. Where did you study?
University of Newcastle
5. What do you like doing when you are not teaching?
Spending time with my family and friends, going to watch the Knights play and playing touch football. The other time is spent preparing for school the next day.
6. What is your favourite food?
My wife’s cooking because if I don’t say that I will get in trouble.
7. Your football team?
Newcastle Knights
8. What are you most looking forward to this year at KSPS?
Teaching 2I, getting involved in the sporting activities eg: Coaching Rugby League, and seeing Mr Upcroft come to school with a decent haircut.
9. What is the best thing about being a teacher?
Encouraging children to reach their full potential both socially and academically.
10. If you could travel to one place in the World, where would it be?
The Greek Islands (especially Mykonos, Corfu and Santorini).

Infants Assembly Awards

Term 1 Week 5

Merit Cards:
KM: Abby B, Perry P, Billy S.
KP: Caleb T.
K/1G: Emmerson G, Allan N, Teisha M.
1B: Jessica F, Thomas C, Jude M.
1T: Aiden J, Charlie R, Shae G.
2I: Kamrann H, Samantha M, Grace K, Isabelle G, Alisha G, Tyanna L.
2R: Imogen M.
2/3U: Sophie W, Mikayla E.

Star Cards:
KM: James F.
KP: Misen N.
K/1G: Sheleigh T.
1B: Erica P.
1T: Jessica J.
2I: Morgan T.
2R: Noah P, William P, Jamon G.
2/3U: Chloe B.

PSSA TRIALS

If there are any children who would like to try out for the following PSSA rep teams. Could you please send a note with your child letting me know which sport they require permission notes for.
Rugby League Friday 8th March
Mrs Stretton
**5 Minutes With….**

**Judith Griffiths**

I was born and raised in Singleton. Mum and Dad had a farm at Stanhope, which is 8 kms from Branxton. I attended Singleton Public School, King Street Public School and Singleton High School. I married my husband who is also a local Singleton person and we have three beautiful children. We have two daughters and one son.

**What is your role this year at KSPS?**

I am a part-time School Administration Officer in the front office, 3 days a week. On Fridays I am the Library Assistant helping Mrs Hawkins with all the library administration tasks. I am very lucky as I enjoy all my work at KSPS and I am kept very busy with a variety of interesting tasks to perform each week.

**Did you always want to work in a school?**

No. I originally worked as a Bank Teller and Examiner counting all the money with the Rural Bank of NSW. This bank was then changed to the Colonial State Bank and then to the State Bank of NSW. I worked in the bank for many years before I was married. I married and had a family. I spent many hours volunteering at the school with my children. I then started at Rutherford High School as a casual. I have worked at several schools as a casual and then became permanent at KSPS.

**What study did you undertake and where?**

I went to Singleton Technical College (as it was called then) or TAFE, after finishing Yr 10 at Singleton High School. I finished my Secretarial Studies course before starting in the bank. Over the years I have undertaken several Administration courses at TAFE and within the DET of NSW.

**What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS?**

I enjoy looking after my family and supporting my children in the many sports they participate in. I also enjoy entertaining and the company of my family and friends. I also enjoy reading and watching movies when I get time for them. I love to travel with my husband and family.

**What is your favourite movie/ actor/ music?**

My favourite movies are musicals and anything with a good story line to it. I also enjoy a good comedy for a good laugh. My favourite movies are “Pretty Woman” and “Mama Mia”.

I love Richard Gere as an actor. I like Jimmy Barnes and Cold Chisel as a band and I also enjoy ABBA’s music.

**Your Football team?**

I follow the Singleton Greyhounds (The Red Dogs) in rugby league as my son plays fullback. I also follow the Newcastle Knights in the NRL.

**What is the best thing about working in a school environment?**

I love working at KSPS as everyone works together as a team. We are all working towards the same goals, to make KSPS the best school we can and to help the children to work to the best of their ability and to challenge themselves and to strive to be better people in our society. Most of all we all like to help the children to grow and enjoy their schooling years. I am lucky as I enjoy the people I work with. I also enjoy meeting new people and families as they come to KSPS.

**If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be?**

I would really like to travel to Canada and Alaska. I have always liked the Canadians accent and the many stories they tell and I would like to experience their country. I have many places on my bucket list. One day in the near future I hope to be able to tick off a lot of different places.

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**Stage 3 Assembly Awards**

**Term 1 Week 5**

**Achievement:**

6K: Kaelyn A, Phoebe S, Liam H.
6M: Hannah B, Jai N, Lana R.
5/6H: Erin C, Riley W, Amy P.
5H: Tori N, Piper F, Cooper M.
5G: Elena B, Darcy R, Oskar R, Ella S.
4/5B: Emily K, Logan P.

**PBL:**

6K: Taylar H, Tia S.
6M: Nathan A, Dylan O.
5/6H: Zac H.
4/5B: Elijah S, Hayley G.

**Star/Green Cards:** Caleb S, Corey H.

**Sports Awards:** Tom S, Sophie F, Lachlan P
5/6H

5/6H have been compiling and delivering speeches in class. Our first topic was to introduce ourselves to our class by telling us 5 things about ourselves that make us unique. I have included, in this week’s newsletter, a copy of Zac’s written speech and a part of Connor’s speech – a poem he and his brother wrote last year, called “Hope”. Both these boys are in year 6.

Good morning my name is Zac as you know and I am here to talk to you about 5 things about me.

Firstly, I like to go bushwalking. Bushwalking gets me into the bush and I can learn more about nature. I like to go bushwalking because there’s usually a good view when you finish.

I also like animals. I like to play with them. I also like the way they feel. We live on a farm and have 2 dogs, 4 cats, 2 fish, a lizard, lots of chooks and sheep. I feed the animals every day and collect the eggs from the chooks.

Thirdly, I like to go fishing with my dad because we’re the only ones that know how to catch fish! We usually go fishing at Swansea, Woy Woy, Lake St Clair and the ocean. I like catching fish because I like winding the fish in. I also like waking up early in the morning to go fishing. I also like eating fish. My favourite fish to eat is barramundi.

Fourthly, I like tubing. It’s lots of fun. We have our own boat and my dad drives. When I go tubing at the start I’m not used to it but I get used to it after a while.

Last, but not least, we have my Lego. I like to build and collect Lego. Some sets take a long time and some are really quick.

So there you have it, 5 things about me: bushwalking, animals, fishing, water and Lego. That’s what makes me, me! Thank you.

( Zac had some great photos of all these activities on a slideshow on the Smartboard as well.)

HOPE

He stares into the night sometimes
He wonders when the lies subside
It seems that hope does not exist
He dreams of moments that he’s missed

Can he learn to love again
Will he ever be the same
He turns to God to save his life
But only clouds inhabit the skies

Substance helps him hold his own
But allows the darkness to take its throne
It eats at him from the inside out
Screaming someone save me now

But no one hears his silent cries
He refuses to let the darkness rise
He crawls inside his own mind
He’s sure surprised at what he finds

He finds the truth in a world full of lies
His demons will lead him to demise
Escaping from that surely will kill him
But it won’t it shall only will him

He finds his saviour in the mirror
Truly it could not be any clearer
See light exists in the darkest of days
His strength will pull him through the pain
You won’t find hope if you look above
For hope lies within all of us!

By Connor W and his brother
2/3U Writing Fun

This week 2/3U have been learning to write using descriptive adjectives. In the colour version of this the children have coded their writing. See if you can work out how they have coded their work??

The unstoppable Monster walked on the flimsy silver house. The beautiful lady jumped on the very silly door. By Chloe.B.

**THE SCARY CRAB WALKED ON THE SCARY WOBBLY STRING. BY ARCHIE**

The unstoppable enormous monster fell under the big hot sun.
The killer able big man ran under the cursed hunted rainforest.
By Denzel S

The ugly camel disappeared on the dirty bumpy road. By Ebony R

The unfortunate creaky shark lived under the wavy aqua sea. By ELLA

The cranky dog bit on the old fence. By Hayley P

The very angry alien sat next to the useful Kid. By Jack R

ON SATURDAY THE RIVER WAS ON THE FOOTY OVAL AND NETBALL COURT. BY JACK TULL

THE MASSIVE CAT SAT ON THE WOBBLY GREY HAT. THE BEAUTIFUL LOVELY CAT SAT ON THE LOVE HEART PILLOW. BY JACKSON.M

Chloe ran to the green house and then jumped across the blue lake. By Jade M.

The smiley dog sat on the wobbly heroic cat. by Jade

The furious, fiercely, terrifying, suspicious, scary, horrible, powerful, fierce bunny rabbit eats on the green grass. By Kye C

The small cat chased the tiny mice. The long snake chased the small frog.
The big giant chased a big house. By Lachlan

THE UNSTOPPABLE MAN RAN ON THE FIERCELY TERRIFYING MONSTER. BY LIANA.C.

The psycho man threw the flat alien. By Ryan
The hot snake bit the best man. By Ryan

THE VERY ANGRY MONSENUNO SAT NEXT TO HIS CORE. BY SHANE
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.

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