Week 9 – 27 March 2013

Sharing Our News

Singleton Tidy Town Winners

Mrs Forrest and our school captains, Elliott and Liam got a pleasant surprise on Friday evening when they attended the Tidy Towns meeting. It turned out that, not only did King Street win the Community or Educational Facility Garden section, but they also won the Grand Champion Award for the whole town.

Congratulations to Linda, the other environmental team members (Mrs Forrest, Ms Pippen and Mrs Bowman) and the Environmental Workers of King Street (EWOKS). Thank you to our whole school community for taking such pride in our grounds.

Radio Star

The Tidy Towns win was historic as we are the first educational facility to be awarded this honour. As a result there has been more than a little media attention sent our way! Mrs Forrest was interviewed on Monday afternoon live on the 1233 ABC afternoon program with Paul Bevan. Despite preshow nerves she did a wonderful job. Perhaps a career after teaching beckons…

Staff Development Day

Our wonderful teaching staff spent Saturday working on Quality Reading and Spelling strategies to better meet the range of abilities in every classroom.

We swapped days with Friday the 20/12 (final SDD of the year) as we believed it made more sense to do this training at the beginning of the year!

Our thanks to Mrs Maher and Ms Garven who presented their induction package on Focus on Reading and who shared some great resources with our staff.

Thanks also to Mrs Richardson, Ms Pippen and Mrs Stretton who elaborated on our quality spelling program and shared many resources also.

We certainly have some talented teachers here.

Annual School Report (ASR)

Our Annual School Report for 2012 has now been uploaded on our school website. If you wish to download a copy please go to the school tab and it will be there for you to either read online or print off.

Have a great Easter break – I hope the weather is fine.

Cath Larkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Students return to school on Tuesday 2nd April after the Easter break 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
4th April 3/4G

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 6 DAYS 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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Thank You from Linda
Linda would like to thank all the students and staff for their help in weeding the gardens ready for another Tidy Towns Competition without their help we wouldn’t have been ready for the day.

Canteen Promotional Offer
Vanilla Paddlepops $1.30
Hurry Limited Time!!!
Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, 28th 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.

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.

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

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.

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

Hunter Primary GATs Camp 2013

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Gifted And Talented Students camp. KSPS teachers are currently putting forth their nominations for year 6 students. The elective categories are: Literacy (including Drama), Numeracy, Science – Physics, Science – Biology & Chemistry, Visual Arts and Movie Making.

The camp will be held at Active Education Experience, Morisset from 23rd July – 26th July.

Should you wish your year 6 child to be considered for camp selection and you feel that they are able to cope with being away from home for three nights (without their mobile phone or electronic games), please complete a PARENT NOMINATION FORM available from the school office and return it to the office or Mrs Maher by 5th April, 2013.

Students who wish to be considered for nomination in the Movie Making elective need to complete a design task to assist in the selection process.

Numbers are strictly limited so not all applications can be accepted. This is a wonderful experience for extension and enrichment activities, as well as providing socialisation with ‘like-minded’ students.

Trish Maher - GATS Co-ordinator

184 Prizes in the Easter Raffle!

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support of our Easter Raffle. The P&C was able to draw 184 prizes. Thank you to Mrs Larkman and the students who helped with the draw. The first 7 prizes will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, and the class draw will also take place. Prizes are able to be collected from the room next to Mr Upcroft’s on Wednesday afternoon, or at the Hat Parade. A list of winners is in this newsletter.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Stamp, Mrs Monk and Mrs McNamara and their wonderful group of helpers. Without these ladies the raffle would not have been such a success.

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!
World’s Greatest Shave

This year our student parliament decided that we would take part in the World’s Greatest Shave. This will raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation, an organisation that has a “Vision to Cure.”

Our school will be holding a “Crazy Hair Day” on Wednesday the 9th of May. On this day students will be able to contribute to this cause in a variety of ways. They can pay a donation to have their hair coloured or styled. They can simply make a donation on the day or they can register themselves as a part of our team and take donations online through our King Street Team page.

In addition to this, the incredibly brave (silly!) Mr Upcroft, Riley Stewart and (hopefully) other brave people will be registering, gaining sponsorship and having their heads and faces shaved. Your child can take part in this part of the event but must register online through the link below and return a permission slip from Mr Upcroft before the event:

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/kingstreet

This should be a great event for a worthwhile cause.

Antarctica Should Be Protected

(a piece of persuasive writing by Emily Slater, 5/6H)

Antarctica shouldn’t be protected. Goodness no! Of course, it should be protected! Who in their right mind would say such a thing? I am appalled anyone can agree with this. Antarctica shouldn’t be protected. Such rubbish! Now I shall tell you why.

Firstly, Antarctica is one of the only places us humans have not spoiled. If we suddenly decide to go building cities all over Antarctica, the sea levels will rise because of the pollution we would put in the air. We would make the air warmer and melt all the ice, meaning higher sea levels. Would you want that? Think about it fellow humans, do you want our town to go under the sea for billions of years?

Secondly, lots of animals live in Antarctica. Think about all the little penguins and seals that will die if we don’t protect them. Many animals are taken from Antarctica for testing. I can agree we need to find out more about Antarctica and how it is a big part of our ecosystem. But maybe people need to think a bit more. This whole testing thing may be helping people discover the secrets of the world. But it is definitely not saving animals from extinction.

Lastly, Antarctica is the most important part of our ecosystem. It helps regulate the world’s climate. Without Antarctica the world would be lost. The thing about the ice on Antarctica is that it reflects radiation back out of the atmosphere. If it were to be just water, more energy would be absorbed into the atmosphere. This would have a dramatic effect on the Earth’s climate.

This is why Antarctica should be protected; the ice, the animals, the ecosystem. Always remember, if the ice goes we go!

Stage 2 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 8

Merit Cards:

2/3U: Jackson M, Denzel S.
3FM: James B, Declan S.
3/4G: Kye P, Dianna P.
4B: Ashlee C, Naomi P.
4/5B: Gracie R, Brandon M.

K.S.P.S. – P.B.L:

2/3U: Archie D.
3FM: Ainslie H, Demi F.
3/4G: Brodie F, Grace H.
4B: Alexina R, Julia S.
4/5B: Jack H, Catherine B.


Star Cards: Heath R, Rhyley S, Jayden O, Demi F.

Environment Award: Isabel S, Macy B.

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.
Connected Classroom Learning

4B was lucky enough yesterday to be involved in a connected classroom learning session. They were able to come face-to-face with the Sydney Opera House in this live, interactive excursion. With a tour guide they got to roam the Opera House, learn many historical and scientific facts about Bennelong Point, and ask questions. This was a wonderful opportunity provided by the fantastic technology at KSPS!

Debating Workshop

Yesterday ten students from KSPS went to Singleton Heights Public School for a training day for debating.

We learnt lots of different techniques and skills to improve our debating. Although we learnt a lot, our highlight was the instructor- he was loud and enthusiastic! The debating experts were also very helpful. We played many fun games- our favourite was parachute which King Street was able to win. Thanks must go to Dylan who represented King Street as our celebrity Usain Bolt!

We all had a lot of laughs and a great time. Many thanks to Ms Garven, if not for her we wouldn’t have been able to go.

Jude M and Josie B

Harmony Day Celebrations

Stage 3 students were fortunate to attend Singleton’s Harmony Day Celebrations last Tuesday at the Singleton Library. ‘Many Stories One Australia’ was the theme, and our students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity.

Last week on Tuesday the 18th March year 5 and 6 walked down to the town library to learn about Harmony Day. We heard some stories about how people came to live here in Singleton. After that we went to a little room and had a parade of different clothes from different countries. They told us a little bit about their clothing. We had a fantastic afternoon.

Phoebe S and Bella J

On the 18th March, year 5 and 6 went to the town library for the Harmony Day celebrations. They split us into 3 groups; white, blue and yellow. There were people from different cultures including Kenya, Phillipines, Russia, Scotland, South Korea and many other parts of Asia. It was great to experience different cultures and walks of life.

Luke J, Liam H, Alex H

On the 18th March we went to the library for Harmony Day. First we listened to some stories about people that have travelled from different places in the world. After that we went and watched people talk about their cultural outfits. Then the Harmony Day choir sang some songs, we also got to join in. The captain and vice captains thanked them for having us. Then we walked back to school.

Tia S, Kaelyn A, Taylar H

Hunter Sports High School

Anyone interested in applying for their child to enrol in the Hunter Sports High in 2014 could you please see Mrs Hovey for more information and forms.

Jan Hovey
5 Minutes with..... Lyn Price

Where were you born and raised? I was born in Ryde in Sydney and grew up in the northern outskirts of Sydney in a suburb called Berowra. I met my husband who also came from this area and we moved to the Central Coast after we were married then in the early 80’s we moved up to the Hunter Valley for his work.

What is your role this year at KSPS? I am a full time School Admin Officer and work in the front office as part of the admin team handling all the day to day running of the school.

What occupations have you had besides working at King Street? When I finished school I started working for the ANZ Bank in Sydney. I worked in their administration building in Martin Place in the city working in the accounts section for many years then worked in the audit office of the bank. Then when I had children I was a stay at home mum for many years before starting casually with the Dept of Education. In the late 90’s I was lucky enough to score a permanent position with the Dept and I worked full time between Singleton P.S. and Singleton Heights P.S.

Did you enjoy school and have you done any further study? I started school when I was four and a half because the school was low in student numbers and they were going to lose a teacher. I took a while to settle in to school life and I screamed each morning I was dropped off. Since leaving school I’ve completed a number of courses at TAFE and also done many courses within the Dept of Education.

What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS? When I’m not working I love to spend time with family & friends. I have three gorgeous grandchildren that I love babysitting. I also love walking and do a lot of bushwalking with a club in Newcastle. At present we are hiking from Sydney to Newcastle on the Great North Walk which is about 250kms.

What is your favourite TV show/food/music? I don’t watch much TV but when I do I don’t mind watching the travel shows as I love holidaying. I love all kinds of food especially when I don’t have to cook. I do dine out a lot in the vineyards just because I am so lazy to cook and we live so close to the restaurant area. I don’t mind listening to any music from the 70’s.

Your football team? I don’t really follow football that closely but if I did I would have to say the Balmain Tigers. The reason being as a child I remember my father being a strong supporter of that team as he was born and raised in the Balmain area.

What is something you are really proud of at KSPS? I am proud to work at King Street as we have a great staff that all work together as a team and our students are all fantastic and friendly. We also have a lovely big school grounds that we should be very proud of as it always looks neat and tidy. When I’m out with friends I often hear lovely comments about our school.

What is the best thing about working in a school environment? I could say the holidays as I’m always planning trips but I must say I enjoy working with such great staff and students. I love helping the children to enjoy their years at King Street and it is great to see them grow into mature students and be ready to move on to high school.

If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be? There are lots of places on my list I would love to do. One would be to sail to Antarctica but I’m not sure how I’d go if it’s rough and I don’t know how I’d handle the cold as I’m a cold frog and love to laze on the beach in the tropics.

Soccer Success

Congratulations to Zac, Harlan, Elliot, Lachlan and Ewan who were selected into the Zone Soccer Team last Thursday at Muswellbrook. There were 26 students that tried out with 14 selected, and our King Street boys played with much skill and sportsmanship.

The boys will now represent the Zone in Newcastle on April 12th where they will be vying for positions on the PSSA Regional team.

Well done boys.

Cricket Selection for Lynsey

King Street was well represented by year 6 student Lynsey H at the Upper Hunter PSSA trials for cricket on 28th February at Denman. Lynsey played very well and was selected to participate in the upcoming regional trials. Well done Lynsey and good luck with the next round of selections!
Year 5 Pre School Visit

Last Thursday was the first of what we hope will be many visits to Singleton Pre School. Our year 5 students thoroughly enjoyed helping the children make Easter Bonnets ready for our hat parade this week. Reports from the Pre School were that the little ones were very sad to see the King Street Kids go!

Congratulations to all of year 5 for your patience, friendliness and excellent leadership skills with your new friends.
Singleton Library April School Holiday program

All events other than Ananse Stories are free

Tues 16 Apr 2pm – 4pm  Boardgame Afternoon
Wed 17 Apr 2pm – 4pm  Wii Afternoon
Thurs 18 Apr 1.30pm – 3pm Craft with the CWA
Fri 19 Apr 1.30pm – 2.30pm Make your own Piggy Bank

Mon 22 Apr 1.30pm  Ananse Stories

Bookings Essential. $5/head. $15/Family

Tues 23 Apr 1pm – 3pm  Piggy Bank Stage 2
Tues 23 Apr 2pm – 4pm  Wii Afternoon
Wed 24 Apr  Jewellery Making
Wed 24 Apr 2pm – 4pm  Wii Afternoon
Fri 26 Apr 2pm – 4pm  Wii Afternoon and end of holidays pizza

To book for events or find out more about what’s happening at the library, visit
www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 6578 7500.

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King Street Public School sincerely thanks the following local businesses for their support of our 009 Leadership Program:

- Wynyard Street General Store
- One-O-One Coffee House and Homewares
- Subway Singleton
- Topshot Tenpin and Indoor Sports

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Singleton Junior Rugby
Come along and Try Rugby

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YOUTH OFF THE STREETS

Fr. Riley’s Op Shop Singleton

251 John Street Singleton

Shop hours 9am – 4pm  Monday – Friday
8am – 1pm  Saturdays

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.
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
ooosh@singleton.nsw.gov.au

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DRUM BEATS

Every Child Plays a Drum

Rhythms of the World Show

Thursday 4th April 2013

Featuring rhythms from around the globe including Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific.

Cost is $5.00 per student (This performance is covered by Super Cover)

Please return payment/notes to front office.

Thursday 4th April 2013

I give permission for my child/children to attend the performance

Name: _________________________ Class: ___ Name: _________________________ Class: ___
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I enclose payment of $_______ for my children

I have subscribed to Super Cover  YES / NO  Signed: ______________________________