Week 7 – 13 March 2013

Sharing Our News

I would like to welcome Mr Joshua Ingram as our new permanent staff member replacing Mrs Winsor. Mr Ingram gained his position through the merit selection process and I would like to thank Mrs Kylie Nash (P&C president), Mrs Fiona Burgess (teacher representative) and Mr Daniel Higgins (Aboriginal Education Representative SHS) for their involvement on our panel.

Mr Ingram is currently working on 2I and will remain in this position for the remainder of the year. Ms Adrianne Gay will stay with 3/4G until the end of Term 3 when we will have more information about our staff on long service leave.

I don't need to give you any more information about Mr Ingram as he was featured in last week’s newsletter - you may need to re-read it to catch his sense of humour!

We are also thrilled to keep Miss Gay for longer.

Wearing Our Uniform

As you know, 'Kind, Safe, Proud and Supportive' are our school rules and form the basis of our PBL (positive behaviour for learning) focus at King Street Public School. I spoke to the students on assembly this week about this behaviour being expected whenever they are wearing our uniform. This includes bus travel, walking to and from school and also showing support to those from other Singleton schools. We would like to acknowledge the students who abide by our rules at these times when they are not supervised by a teacher or a parent.

Please let a member of the staff or our school captains know if you have any good news stories about these times. I have heard a few from our senior students and I think it is something that should be shared.

Have a great week

Cath Larkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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
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
**Change of Learning and Support Teacher**

Angela Stretton is our Learning and Support Teacher 2013. Rachel Griffiths is working on K/1G this year.

If you have any concerns that you would have approached Rachel for last year, this job is now the role of Mrs Stretton. Mrs Stretton can be contacted after 1 o’clock each day if needed as she does Reading Recovery each morning.

Your class teacher is always the best 1st stop.

Thanks

Cath Larkman

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**Health Care Plans now due.**

As part of DEC regulations all schools are required to have Individual Health Care Plans completed. Students who have previously had plans in our school are now being sent home the relevant forms to update. The support of parents/carers in filling out these forms with all relevant medical information is appreciated.

If you believe your child needs to have such a plan in place and has not been sent home with a form, please contact the office immediately. We need to keep your children safe at school and these plans are essential for us to do so.

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**Cross Country this Friday**

King Street Public School will be conducting their Cross Country on Friday 15th March at Rose Point Park.

All students from Years 3-6 are expected to take part in the school cross-country. Year 2 students who turn 8yrs in 2013 are invited to the school cross country but only if they are prepared to complete the 2000m course.

Children will have an early recess and leave school by bus at 1:15pm, ready to walk the course at 1:30pm. Children are asked to pay $1 each to cover the bus cost.

All children MUST wear shoes and I suggest any suffering asthma should carry a ventilator with them. Children may also carry a water bottle.

The races will be run in the following ages: 8/9 years, 10 years, 11 years, 12/13 years in both boys and girls.

The distances are: Juniors (8/9yrs, 10yrs) - 2000m; Seniors (11yrs, 12/13yrs) - 3000m.

We’d appreciate any offers of parent assistance to help at checkpoints or finish of the course.

The Upper Hunter Zone Cross Country will be held in Muswellbrook on Friday 5th April.

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**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

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**Rugby League Representatives**

Last Friday 55 students from throughout the district attended trials for the Upper Hunter Zone Open Rugby league team. Of the 17 chosen, 5 are King Street students. Selectors said it was very tough on the day to reduce a talented group to only 17.

Congratulations to Harlan D, Dean S, Joshua J, Elliott E and Cooper T who made the team. Well done also to Tristan P and Liam H for their hard work and sportsmanship on the day.
**Invoice 2013**

An invoice has been sent home today with your child’s newsletter. This invoice will include School contribution, Supercover and any outstanding items that require payment. For Yrs 3 & 4 the cost of the Sydney excursion is included.

**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.

**Supercover 2013**

Supercover: Most visiting performances to the school are included in ‘Supercover’. **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.

The last opportunity to pay supercover will be Wednesday the 3rd April 2013 as the first visiting performance is on the 4th April.

**Supercover 2013**

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<td>Jollybops – Science Show</td>
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**2013 MAJOR COSTS**

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<td><strong>Year 6</strong> (5/6H, 6K, 6M)</td>
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Students off to State Swimming

King Street Public School was represented by 3 fantastic performances at the Regional Swimming carnival last Thursday.

Maddison B qualified for the State Carnival after coming second in the 50m Breaststroke. Not only did she qualify, but swam a time of 43.75 taking 1.77 seconds off her personal best! Maddy also swam in the 50m freestyle, coming second in her heat.

Oliver B also will be representing KSPS at State, coming 3rd in the 200m Individual Medley. He swam a time of 3.25.72, taking a huge 14.28 seconds off his previous best time. Oliver also competed in the 50m Backstroke, coming third in his heat.

Elliott E also had a fantastic swim, coming 4th in the 12 years 50m Breaststroke, only missing out by one place in qualifying for the State Carnival.

What an outstanding effort from 3 dedicated King Street Kids.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Are due back to the school office by Wednesday 21st March 2013 by 9am.

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 on each morning before the bell.

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

Stage 2 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 6

Merit Cards:
2/3U: Ella T, Shane B.
3FM: Cally H, Sam R.
3/4G: Olivia M, Samuel H.
4B: Christopher F, Kirsten R.
4/5B: Nicholas H, Catherine B.

K.S.P.S. – P.B.L:
2/3U: Emily M.
3FM: Emilee P, Jacelyn M.
3/4G: Kiram T, Kyra R.
4B: Mackenzie H, Lara P.
4/5B: Gracie R, Marshall T.

Sports Awards:
2/3U: Jackson M.
3FM: Dylan P, Jacelyn M.
3/4G: Sam H, Jarred A.
4B: Cameron M, Kipp H.
4/5B: Marshall T.

Star Awards: Josie 3FM, Kye 2/3U,
Tomeeka 3/4G

Green Awards: Emma 3FM

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.
5 Minutes With………
Donna Clout

1. Where were you born and raised?
   I was born and raised in Singleton.

2. What is your role this year at KSPS?
   I am a SLSO this year and I am also helping in the Library, assisting the Assistant!

3. Where have you worked before joining us at King Street?
   When I left school, I got a job at Singleton Newsagency/Collins Booksellers where I worked for 9.5 years up to the birth of my daughter. When Grace was about 6 months old I started work at Bennetts Fruit and Veg, I stayed there for 7 years.

4. What study have you undertaken and where?
   Over the years I have done a few Tafe courses, but more recently I studied a Certificate III in Education Support - Teachers Aide Special, with other lovely SLSO’s and last year I completed my Certificate IV in WHS.

5. What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS?
   I like to relax, but it rarely happens!

6. What is your favourite TV show/food/music?
   My favourite TV show at the moment is MKR, which is funny because I don’t really enjoy cooking!! I do love to eat food though and I love to eat out with friends! Nigel, Grace & I have a passion for concerts, we love all different music but the best concert in the last 12 months would be Coldplay. We are off to P!NK in July so I am looking forward to that!

7. Your football team?
   The Cronulla Sharks!

8. What is something you are proud of at KSPS?
   Last year I had the opportunity to do the Year 6 Yearbook, and I was very proud of the finished product, the kids were all involved and it was a great buzz to see their faces on their farewell night when they were presented with it.

9. What is the best thing about working in a school environment?
   Learning from all the wonderful teachers we have here at King Street, past and present. I love working with kids and seeing them grow. The first year I worked at King Street I was with Year2, which was last year’s Year 6. That was really pleasing to see them grow into great bright young people heading off to High School.

10. If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be?
    Funny you should ask that, I am thinking as this goes to print I will be in the one place I have always wanted to travel to – New York City! I hope I am enjoying myself!!!

5 Things About Me

Good morning fellow students and Mrs Hovey. I’m going to tell you 5 things about me that makes me special and unique.

My teddy. This is my teddy. I named her Princess. My dad gave me this teddy when I was 8 years old. That’s why I love my teddy and I always take care of and clean my teddy.

My I Pad. My dad and my mum gave me an I Pad last Christmas. I have a lot of games that I installed in my I Pad. So, especially when I’m bored, I play a game on my I Pad.

Sports. Tae Kwon Do is my favourite sport. That’s why I asked my dad to enrol me in the Tae Kwon Do Club in Singleton high School. Tae Kwon Do is not only a martial art, it’s a good exercise too.

My hobbies. I’m not a good artist, but my favourite hobby is drawing. I like to sketch, draw cartoon characters and landscapes. Last year I won third place in a drawing contest.

My family. My dad, my mum and my brother Justin. I love my family so much. They are always on my side to take care of me. My dad and my mum taught me to respect and to do good things to other people. I’m proud and happy that they are my family.

By Nicole del R (5/6H)
Once upon a time there was a little girl who lived in a castle.

One day she fought fifteen purple dragons. She won. The prize for beating the fifteen dragons was a horse. She put a rose in the horse's hair, she loved to ride horses.

Then along came a witch riding on a motorbike. The wicked witch put a spell on the horse. The spell made the horse walk backwards, so he couldn't see where he was going. The horse bumped into a tree. The little girl fell off the horse and hit her head. As she was lying on the ground with a sore head, a prince came along.

The prince took the little girl to the doctors. The doctor fixed her head. When she was feeling better, the prince bought her a flower.

Just then, the wicked witch came back. She put a spell on the prince. This made the prince try to hurt the little girl, but the spell didn't work. The fifteen purple dragons took the wicked witch to the castle. They made witch soup for dinner.

The little girl and the prince got married and they lived happily ever after. The dragons lived at the castle with them as their pets.
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

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