Week 5 - 27 February 2013
Sharing Our News

Parent Involvement

We would like to thank the many parents who assist us in the day to day education and support of our students in so many ways. There are lots of positive people helping with our grounds, organisation, canteen, sporting teams and just being interested in the day to day successes in our classrooms. Thank you for this. These opportunities will increase as the year moves on. We will soon look at excursions, interest groups and parent support at major fundraisers such as Cracker Night.

One of my favourite sayings is that ‘It takes a community to raise a child” and we certainly have that at King Street.

P & C Annual General Meeting Next Monday

King Street is a welcoming and friendly school who enjoys a cooperative partnership with parents and the local community. Our school is lucky to have an active parent body that aids in enhancing our students learning experience and environment. At all times we encourage you as parents or carers to be active participants in school activities and value your input into your child’s education and all aspects of school life.

KSPS has a proactive Parent and Citizens’ Association which has a fine tradition of representing the needs of our parent body, fund raising and promoting our wonderful school. The P&C support the Principal in achieving goals and advise on policy issues. Through extraordinary fundraising initiatives the committee is able to purchase much needed classroom resources and capital equipment to benefit your child’s school experience. They host an annual ‘Cracker Night’ which has become a much anticipated event enjoyed by the whole Singleton community.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be taking place next Monday, 4th March at 7pm in the School Library. Our P&C are always happy to have new members, and welcome and encourage parents to attend.

Nominations for School Council

The School Council is a representative body that plays an active role in the strategic planning, management and development of the school. This body consists of staff, parent and P&C representatives. Community members who do not have a direct involvement with the school are also invited to join. This brings together a diverse range of expertise and ideas which is extremely beneficial in supporting our school executive.

You are invited to nominate yourself or another community member to be a part of this team. Please leave your written nomination in an envelope at the office, with your name and phone number on the front by next Monday, 4th March. All nominations will be considered at the Annual General Meeting on Monday evening, and notification will be made as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Stage 3 Friday at 1.45pm-2.20pm in Hall

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**Book Prize Vouchers**

It has come to my attention that many of our Presentation Day prize winners have been unable to redeem their vouchers at McDonald Brothers.

I have been in contact with the store and they are able to extend the period where vouchers can be redeemed until the end of June. They are in High Street Mall, Maitland and their contact number is 49335118 if you want to check on opening hours. John is very helpful with book selection.

**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.

**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.

Girls Cricket Thursday 28th February
Rugby League Friday 8th March

Mrs Stretton

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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**Clean Up Australia Day**

This week on Friday 1st March at 1.30pm our school will be doing their part in ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ by cleaning their designated areas in our school grounds. All children will be helping to look after our school environment by picking up rubbish. If you want your child to wear gloves please send in a pair with them on this day.

We can also help our community of Singleton!!

Sunday 3rd March is the actual ‘Clean Up Australia Day’. Getting involved is easy – simply turn up at 8am at Rose Point Park near the sundial and register as a volunteer. Volunteers will be treated to a free barbecue cooked by the Lions Club of Singleton. All participants should wear gloves, sturdy enclosed shoes, hat and use sun protection.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The Canteen Committee will be meeting this Friday, 1st March at 1.30pm in the canteen. If you are interested, we would love to welcome new faces. Not only does the committee provide a wonderful service to the school, it is a great way to meet other KSPS families.

**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.
School Fees 2013 & Supercover 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 provides to the school.

**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 they 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.

Supercover will cover the following five visiting performances to the school in 2013:

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Total: **$27.50**

2013 MAJOR COSTS

**KINDY (KM, KP, K/1G)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Handwriting Book - $12
- Hunter Valley Gardens / Hunter Valley Zoo
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**Year 1 (1B, 1T, K/1G)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Handwriting Book - $12
- Personal Word Dictionary - $5
- Taronga Park Zoo
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**Year 2 (2I, 2R)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Handwriting Book - $12
- Personal Word Dictionary - $5
- Wetlands Excursion
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Intensive Swimming School
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**2/3U**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Handwriting Book - $12
- Personal Word Dictionary - $5
- School Magazine - $9
- Year 2 students
  - Wetlands Excursion
    - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Year 2 students
  - Intensive Swimming School
    - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Year 3 students
  - Sydney “The Rocks Excursion”
    - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**Year 3 (3FM, 3/4G)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Personal Word Dictionary - $5
- School Magazine - $9
- Sydney “The Rocks Excursion”
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**Year 4 (3/4G, 4B)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Personal Word Dictionary - $5
- School Magazine - $9
- Sydney “The Rocks Excursion”
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**4/5B**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- Personal Word Dictionary - $5
- School Magazine - $9
- Year 5 Lexile Licence - $5
- Year 4 students
  - Sydney “The Rocks Excursion”
    - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Year 5 students
  - Goldfields Excursion
    - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Year 5 students
  - Leadership Camp
    - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**Year 5 (5G, 5H, 5/6H)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- School Magazine - $9
- Lexile Licence - $5
- Goldfields Excursion
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Leadership Camp
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- End of Year Party
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)

**Year 6 (5/6H, 6K, 6M)**
- Voluntary Contribution - $35 per student
- Super Cover - $25 per student
- School Magazine - $9
- Lexile Licence - $5
- Goldfields Excursion
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- Starstruck (selected students)
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)
- End of Year Party
  - (cost to be advised at a later date)
**Clothing Shop 2013**

We would like to welcome and thank Dawn Knight and Belinda Richards who are our new Clothing Shop co-ordinators for 2013. Both ladies are long time volunteers, and look forward to helping KSPS kids to look their best at all times! Thanks must go to Donna Williams for the wonderful job she has done maintain the Clothing Shop over the last few years.

At present the Clothing Shop is fully stocked. Samples have been obtained for the new girls navy shorts, with more still to arrive, and they will be presented at the next P&C meeting for discussion. We hope to have them for purchase very soon.

The Clothing Shop hours remain 9-10am on Fridays. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Staff Development Day Variation**

The teachers at KSPS have requested that I apply to vary the staff development day on the last day of the year (Friday the 20th December) to Saturday 23rd March. Teachers want to update and refresh their skills in our Focus on Reading initiative as well as our Jolly Phonics spelling program so they can maximise the delivery of these skills to their students throughout the school year.

At this stage our administration staff will still work on the final day as usual.

Even though this does not affect parent supervision of students, I am required to notify the community of this variation.

Thank you,
Cath Larkman

**Stage 2 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 4**

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**5 Minutes**

**With…..**

**Carmen Hawkins**

Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Scone and lived there for most of my life as a child. I have many fond memories of my childhood.

What is your role this year at KSPS?
This Year I am Teacher Librarian. I consider myself to be very lucky in that I get to have all students in the school and get to know them all. However, in the past I have worked in the classroom as a teacher and I also enjoy being in the classroom.

Did you always want to work in a school or teach?
When I first finished High School I liked the idea of journalism and writing. I wanted to be involved with television and documentaries. I went to Sydney with my Dad to enrol and at that time was offered a place at Newcastle Teachers College. I decided to follow that career path instead.

What study did you undertake and where?
I have a Diploma of Education from Newcastle CAE and a Bachelor of Science (Librarianship) from Charles Sturt University.

What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS?
My favourite thing to do is to spend time with my family. They are all very important to me. I have four children, two grandchildren (turning one this year), and I am close to my niece and nephews and they also have children that I love spending time with too. My own kids always laugh and say I was born to be a mum, a nan and a teacher because I just like kids so much!!!!! I also enjoy going fishing, travelling and going to concerts and theatre.

What is your favourite movie/actor/music?
One of my favourite movies is “The Three Amigos”. I always laugh at it even though I have watched it many times. One of my favourite actors is Ben Stiller, because of the silly faces he pulls and his movies are usually comedies. I quite like Richard Clapton and Phil Collins music although a lot of kids probably have no idea who they are!

Your football team?
My favourite football team is Manly.

What are you most looking forward to this year at KSPS?
This year I am hoping to have more Connected Classroom opportunities in the Library for classes as well as computer research tasks and presentations particularly with Stage 3 students.

What is the best thing about being a teacher/working in a school environment?
I can genuinely say to people that I love my job, I love where I work and I enjoy the company of the people I work with. Also, I really enjoy coming across past students and seeing the people they have grown to become in our community. I feel proud and very blessed to be a part of that!

If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be?
I have always wanted to visit Machu Pichu. I had a great Uncle who was a missionary in Peru and I always enjoyed his stories about the people and the culture. I just imagine myself sitting on the huge hillside taking it all in! But I do know… it WILL happen one day!

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

A big congratulations to the winning house Gordon that became the outright winners after cheering, novelty, and events points were all added together.

Another congratulations goes to Olivia Elgar who was the Junior girls overall champion once points were added for each race the children participated in.

Sports Committee
Zone swimming carnival

Last week, 26 students were lucky enough to compete against many other schools in our region in the zone swimming carnival. King Street Public School had an amazing day, not only winning several events but we showed our school spirit every opportunity that we got. Every student showed how proud they were to be a student at King Street Public School not only with their excellent behaviour, but their school uniform and cheering caught the attention of many other schools.

Although we had a few incidents where we had some heavy rain, we powered through to achieve amazing results throughout the entire carnival. We had students compete in almost every event at the carnival, many of which were dominated by King Street kids.

200m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
- Maddison B 1st
- Oliver B 1st
- Elliot E 1st

100m ALL AGE FREESTYLE
- Elliot E 3rd
- Maddison B 2nd
- Tegan M 3rd

50m BUTTERFLY
- Oliver B 1st Jnr Boys
- Tegan M 2nd 11yr Girls
- Maddison B 2nd Snr Girls
- Elliot E 1st Snr Boys

Regional Qualifiers
Oliver B – Jnr 200m Individual Medley
Elliot E – 12 yrs 50m Breaststroke
Maddison B – 12 yrs 50m Breaststroke
- 12 yrs 50m Freestyle

4x50m RELAY
Jnr Boys 2nd
Snr Boys 2nd
Snr Girls 2nd

These students will travel to Maitland on the 7th March to compete at Regionals. We wish them the best of luck!
OUR FLEETING PAST

In 3/4G we are learning about Australian history. We have lots of questions we want to know. By the end of our unit we hope to have answered them all!

Why isn't the same animal in every state?
- Callam

How did they go to the toilet on the ships?
- Jack

Who was the first person to discover Australia?
- Thomas

Why did Captain Cook take the Aboriginal land?
- Danika

What was Captain Cook’s favourite boat?
- Tariya

Why did Captain Cook like sailing?
- Kyra

How many people came on Captain Cook’s ship?
- Isabella

How old was Captain Cook when he died?
- John

How did they sleep on ships?
- Kiara

How did Captain Cook die?
- Jarred

Did Captain Cook miss his family while he sailed?
- Brodie

Was there any wild animals on the ship?
- Tomeeka

What did they eat on the ships?
- Brock

Why was it called Australia?
- Tahneea

How did they cook their food?
- Sam H

How many crew members were on Cook’s ship?
- Grace
Did they have cement and how was it made?
- Jaymon

Was it confusing when the English saw kangaroos?
- Ewan

Did anyone get sea sick on the ships?
- Krystal

What happened when there was a storm?
- Olivia

**Did they see any strange creatures?**
- Jasmine

What colours were the first fleet ships?
- Kye

What was the first animal the English found?
- Clancy

Did they have fun on Captain Cook’s ship?
- Diana

When did Arthur Phillip die?
- Sam R

Who else was on Captain Cook’s ship?
- Kiram

**What did they do on the first fleet ships?**
- Vaun

Why did they send convicts to Australia?
- Charlotte

**Why did they travel around the world?**
- Patrick

We look forward to finding the answers to as many questions as possible!
Girl Guides have fun

Are you a girl between 7 and 10 years old? Do you like having fun, doing craft, playing games, meeting people, going camping, cooking outdoors and earning badges? YES! Then Guiding is for you!

Parents: For more information about joining Singleton Girl Guides please contact District Leader Sylvia Hamblin 6572 1927 or 0408 667 026

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10am to 3pm
Singleton Gym & Swim

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Or sponsor a friend! For more information visit the website or call YMCA Singleton Gym and Swim on 6572 1359.

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