Week 10 – 3 April 2013

Sharing Our News

Easter Celebrations

What a wonderful Easter celebration we had last Thursday. Special thanks to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Judge for their coordination and to all the staff and parents who contributed in so many ways. The students enjoyed every minute and we loved having our special guests from Singleton Preschool.

We hope you enjoyed the (mostly) wonderful weather over the long weekend.

State Swimming

Maddison B and Oliver B had a great experience at Homebush this week. They have both performed very well and we look forward to hearing of their adventure. Oliver was excited about warming up in the lane next to James Magnusen.

Galuwa Scholarship

Congratulations to Chloe C who has been chosen for one of the Galuwa scholarships. This scholarship is an initiative sponsored by Xstrata Coal and is designed to assist Aboriginal students to develop pathways for future career aspirations. Selection is based on academic performance and leadership capability. We wish Chloe all the best as she takes part in various leadership hubs and continues to improve her academic performance through this scholarship.

Cath Larkman
Principal
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
11th April 1T
Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall
4th April 3/4G
GOLD CARD ASSEMBLY
Friday 12th April at 9.30am in Hall

CANTEEN ROSTER
Week 11
8/4/13 Katrina Simpson, Tayla Stamp
9/4/13 Sandy Thirkell, Sharee McLoughlin
10/4/13 Cynthia Korff, Alison Way
11/4/13 Merri Pankhurst
12/4/13 Cheryl Holz, Nicky Jones, Tayla Stamp

UNIFORM SHOP
12/4/13 Dawn Knight, Simone Hamson

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!

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.

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY to pay supercover. The first visiting performance is on tomorrow the 4th April so supercover will need to be paid by 9.30am Thursday.

Supercover 2013
Drum Beat-Music 4th April $5.00
Tiddalik The Frog-Dreamtime Story 21st May $4.50
Life Education Van Healthy Living 16th Jul –24th Jul $9.00
Jollybops Science Show 24th Oct 6.00
Author Visit- D.C. Green 19th Jun $3.00
Totalling $27.50

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

Canteen Promotional Offer
Vanilla Paddlepops $1.30
Hurry Limited Time!!!
Round 2 Win for our Cricketers.

Congratulations to our boys cricket team who had a convincing win over Denman Public School in the PSSA Knockout Competition last Wednesday.

The boys again displayed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm. Great figures with the ball came from Mitch C (3/2) and Tristan P (5/24). Leading the way with the bat once again was our big hitter Jack T. The team will meet either Scone or Muswellbrook in round 3. Well done

$1500 Raised for Stewart House.

Thank you to all students and their families for the great variety of items that were available at the Peddlars Parade last Thursday. Everyone had a lovely time and as a result we are able to donate $1500 to Stewart House.

The Peddlars Parade followed a very festive Easter Hat Parade, the highlight being a visit from the Easter Bunny. It was great to see so many parents and friends of King Street here to support our children. A big thank you also to the staff and students of Singleton Pre School who joined us for this celebration.

ANZAC Day Service

King Street Public School will be commemorating ANZAC Day with a special assembly to be held on Thursday 11th April at 9.30am in the hall. We invite parents/carers and friends of King Street to attend.

Classroom ‘Power Rangers’ is a new initiative from our EWOKS encouraging everyone to save electricity at our school. Some of the responsibilities of the Power Rangers are to:

- Turn off all lights/smartboards and fans when leaving the classroom
- At the end of the day check that all computers are shut down and monitors are turned off
- Use windows and fans where possible
- Turn air-conditioners off after 2:00pm.

Watch this space for other power saving ideas that will be coming soon.

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.
There should Not Be Less School Holidays

(a piece of persuasive writing by Erin C 5/6H)

There should be less school holidays! What? I don’t agree with that. What a terrible idea!

A school term lasts ten weeks. That’s ten weeks of hard work, paying attention and plenty of homework. We all look forward to the holidays, even teachers. Let me tell you why I think that making school holidays shorter is a horrible suggestion.

It’s a time we can all sleep in, hang out with friends and within reason do absolutely anything we want. It gives everybody a chance to relax and recharge. It means we are refreshed and ready to learn while we are at school. We are learning new things everyday by just living our life. This knowledge helps us find out who we are and discover the world around us.

During the school holidays I like to spend time with my extended family. I don’t live in the same town as them and the holidays are a great chance to catch up with them and get to know them better. If school holidays were shortened I would not get the opportunity to learn from my family about good values and where I come from.

Going away on holidays is a perfect opportunity to learn and experience life. During this time we get to explore and learn about a place we have never seen before. Travelling overseas is not something you want to squash into a week. You need time; time to learn a different language, see the local culture and discover the sights. Just one more good reason why cutting down the school holidays is such a horrendous idea!

All children and teachers work hard throughout the term and we deserve our holidays. Reducing the school holidays would upset everybody. I doubt you could find many people who think it is a good idea.

We are constantly learning. You don’t have to be at school for that! So please make sure that our holidays stay the same. It is much better to experience something first hand than through books. Just think about all the life experiences we would miss out on!

5 Minutes with….Heather Philpott

1. Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Singleton and raised on a dairy farm at Glendon.

2. What is your role this year at KSPS?
I am working as a SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) in 3/4G and also 6K. Occasionally, I work in the office.

3. What have been your previous occupations?
After leaving school I worked in the ANZ Bank for 9 years in various roles. I left when we started our family of 3 children. When my youngest child left KSPS, 8 years ago, I began working here as an SLSO.

4. What study have you undertaken and where?
I have completed Certificate III in Education Support – Teachers Aide (Special) and numerous computer courses.

5. What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS?
When I am not at the KSPS you might find me in the company of my family, friends, sewing machine, a good book or on the back of my husband’s motorbike.

6. What is your favourite TV show/food/music?
My favourite TV shows are ones that combine cooking and travel. I love anything on the menu of Dion’s Greek Restaurant in Melbourne. I enjoy listening to the soundtrack of Les Miserables but Bryan Adams is my long term favourite.

7. Your football team?
I don’t share the love of football that other members of my family have, however, I currently lead the Philpott footy tipping competition!

8. What is something you are really proud of at KSPS?
I feel proud that KSPS offers diverse opportunities for our students. Every student has their own individual strengths and KSPS caters for these in both competitive and non-competitive ways.

9. What is the best thing about working in a school environment?
I love seeing the students develop each year throughout their infant/primary schooling. I worked with the current Year 6 when they were in Kindergarten and love reflecting on their progress in the last 7 years.

10. If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be?
Europe – in particular Spain and Italy
School Council Nominations

Just a reminder that nominations for School Council are now due.

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.

Stage 3 Assembly Awards

Term 1 Week 9

Achievement:

6K: Taylar, Liam, Bryanna.
6M: Sophie F, Taneesha B, Megan D.
5/6H: Nicholas J, Tyson A, Jackson S.
5G: Christine P, Karla R, Joel C.
4/5B: Ethan T, Kristin C.

PBL:

6M: Tianna W.
5/6H: Kirsty L, Phoebe Q, Zac H.
5G: Josie B, Hannah W.

Star/Green Cards: Taneesha B, Megan D.


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
In 2013 we would like to encourage as many students as possible, from year 3 – 6 to participate in Mathematics and English for your year.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW 2013

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Each year King Street Public School offers our students the opportunity to participate in the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Students from Year 3-6 have the opportunity to enter Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling.

Regardless of students’ results, they get a wonderful opportunity to experience and master the skills of external testing. Sometimes students can have the knowledge but not the confidence when they are put into this sort of environment. As there is more external testing happening right across our educational system, it makes sense to offer them this opportunity if we can.

All students receive a certificate and an individual report.

The cost of the targeted English and Mathematics test is only $8.00 each.
Please return the attached form for each child to the school office.

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

The papers we offer are Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

Students may choose to do any combination of these tests if they wish.

Name ________________________________ Class ____________ Year ____________

(Use a separate form for each child)

My child wishes to do the following tests, Please circle.

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Please note that entries and payment for all tests are due by Thursday 11th April 2013

NB: If you have more than one child wishing to do these tests please ask for a separate entry sheet from the office as a separate entry is need for each child.
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 April 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.

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
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: _____________________________