Week 3 – 22nd October 2014

Sharing Our News

Principal attends National Conference
Our Principal is in Sydney this week attending the National Primary Principal’s Association Conference. These events always see Mrs Larkman returning to our school with invaluable insights and knowledge that benefits our school in many ways but ultimately results in our students always receiving the latest and most effective teaching and learning opportunities available.

King Street to Star in its very own Movie!
Our staff was honoured yesterday to find that we have been selected as one of a handful of schools in the state to take part in a project called “Class Movies”. This is to acknowledge the work being done at King Street in the area of beginning teacher support. Professional documentary film makers will be working on a project to highlight our work in this area.

Tree Removal to Begin this Week
Today we received news that we have been patiently awaiting. This Friday work will begin on the lopping and removal of trees in our playground. I am sure I speak for the entire school community and staff when I say it will be great to see the fences gone and our playground again being accessible to all.

Student Honoured by Opportunity Class Selection
Yesterday morning some very proud parents were given the news that their child, Tariya L from Stage 2I, has been selected to attend Rutherford Public School in a class designed to further enhance the learning of some of the most promising students in our region. Tariya put in an application and sat entrance examinations for this placement during Term 2. She was selected as one of only 15 students in our region to be offered a placement in this class. Well done Tariya, we are all very proud of you.

School Farewells Mrs Cook…for now!
This week marks the end of Mrs Cook’s 10 week internship working with Stage 2M. We wish her all the very best in her future career and hope to see her back at King Street as soon as possible as one of our fully qualified casual teachers.

Cameron Upcroft, Assistant Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

WEEK 3
Wed 22nd Oct ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Thurs 23rd Oct Kindergarten Orientation Jump Start

WEEK 4
Wed 29th Oct ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Thurs 30th Oct Kindergarten Orientation Halloween Disco

WEEK 5
Wed 5th Nov ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Thurs 6th Nov Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 7th Nov Stage 3 Swimming Assessment

WEEK 6
Wed 12th Nov ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Fri 14th Nov Cookie Dough Orders Due

WEEK 7
Wed 19th Nov ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Sat 22nd Nov 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance

WEEK 8
Mon 24th Nov 50th Anniversary Open Day
Mon 24th Nov-Fri 4th Dec Intensive Swimming Year 2
Wed 26th Nov ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm

WEEK 9
Mon 1st Dec Choir Senior Citizens Visit
Wed 3rd Dec Year 6 High School Orientation ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Thurs 4th Dec Last Active After School Sports
Fri 5th Dec Gold and Silver Card Assembly

WEEK 10
Tues 9th Dec Heidi Hodeo Circus Rodeo
Wed 10th Dec End of Year Concert ‘Storytime’ 2.30pm
Fri 12th Dec Presentation Assembly

WEEK 11
Mon 15th Dec Year 6 Farewell
Tues 16th Dec Party Day
Wed 17th Dec Last Day for Students Talent/No Talent Quest
Thurs 18th Dec Staff Development Day

Kindergarten Orientation will be held TOMORROW at 9.30am in the school hall.
**Stage Assemblies**

**Infants** (Wednesday of even weeks at 2.30pm in the Hall)
- 29th Oct: KM
- 12th Nov: KS
- 26th Nov: Parliamentarians

**Stage 2** (Wednesday of odd weeks at 2.20pm in the Hall)
- 22nd Oct: S2M
- 6th Nov: S2B
- 19th Nov: S2I
- 3rd Dec: S2T

**Stage 3** (Friday of even weeks at 12.00pm in the Hall)
- 31st Oct: S3A
- 14th Nov: S3M
- 28th Nov: S3H

**Enthusiastic Faces at Storytime**

We were very pleased to welcome our 2015 Kindergarten students last Wednesday at the first of their ‘Storytime’ sessions. The children were excited and enthusiastic. We look forward to getting to know them as the term progresses.

The first of our Orientation Days will be held **tomorrow, beginning at 9.30am**. Please follow the signs to the Kindergarten rooms where you will have the opportunity to settle in your child before joining other parents in the hall. Our staff will present a parent information session, followed by morning tea. There will also be the opportunity to take a tour of our school. Orientation will continue on Thursday October 30th and Thursday November 6th, both at 9.30am.

We look forward to welcoming all our new families.

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**King Street PBL Values**

At King Street we are:

**Kind, Safe, Proud and Supportive.**

In our classrooms we:

- Co-operate...always cooperate with teachers, classmates and visitors
- Listen...be an attentive listener for effective learning
- Attitude...have a positive attitude for successful learning and be proud of our work
- Sensible...move and behave safely in the classroom
- Studious...be studious and enjoy the sharing of knowledge with teachers and classmates.

At King Street Public School we have **CLASS**.

Thank you to the following students for displaying our KSPS values and rules (Term 3, Week 4):

**KM:** Bayley B
**S3A:** Rylee G, Jayden H
**KS:** Abbey K
**S3G:** Jackson T
**K/1B:** Brayden S
**S3H:** Shae-lea T, Piper F
**1GS:** Jacob J
**S3K:** Hannah S, Darien S
**1/2T:** Rylie N
**S3M:** Kayden F, Jett P
**2F:** Aiden J
**2R:** Nikita E

**Stage 3 Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 2**

**Merit Cards:**
- S3A: Tegan M, Sam M, Ewan M
- S3G: Toby H, Amiee F, Jackson T
- S3H: Jude M, Samuel M, Patrick Y
- S3K: Casey S, Tyler, Jayden O
- S3M: Maddison B, Alexina R, Jordon P

**Star Card Draw:** Toby H, Hannah S

**Sports Awards:** Joel C, Kya T, Chloe E

**Best Class at Assembly:** S3M

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**Infants Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 2**

**Merit Cards:**
- KM: Alana M, James A, Shayna M
- KS: Wil S, John M, Max M
- K/1B: Shane S, Jayden E, Holly B
- 1GS: Laci-Ell H, Sebastion C
- 1/2T: Tayeisha M, Thomas C, Joseph S
- 2F: Jaidyn C, Stevie-Lee M, Teisha M
- 2R: Jasmine F, Shaeleigh T, Jayden S
**Canteen News**

**Something New at the Canteen on Tuesday**

The Canteen will now be offering 2 Tuesday Special's:

- **Pizza Meal Deal:** Pizza and Juice $3.50 (normally $3.70)
- **Nugget Meal Deal:** 6 nuggets and Juice $4 (normally $4.40)

Please write 'Pizza/Nugget Meal Deal' on the lunch order bag.

**Canteen Fundraiser**

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Order Forms went home with last week's newsletter. Please note the orders are due back to the canteen by **Friday, November 14th**.

We thank you for supporting the canteen.

*KSPS Canteen Committee*

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**Halloween Disco 2014**

On **Thursday 30th October**, King St Public School Parliamentarians will be hosting a Halloween Disco to raise funds for our school sponsor child Onsie. All students as asked to bring along a **$5 donation** for the night. Students will receive a light snack, a drink and some great entertainment. There will be trick or treat activities taking place in the quad area so please bring along a lolly bag! Parliamentarians are asked to bring a plate of snack food to school on the Thursday and the school will provide all attendees with drinks.

- **Infants disco will start at 5:30pm and finish at 6:30pm**
- **Primary disco will start at 6:30pm and finish at 8:00pm**

We ask that all parents drop off and collect students from the hall through the King St gate. We look forward to seeing you there in your spookiest Halloween outfit!

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**Students Attend ‘Marathon of the Minds’**

On Wednesday the 15th October, “Meeting of the Minds” groups, KS1, KS2 and KS3 went to Singleton High School for the “Marathon of the Minds”. We had a small meeting before we started the activities.

Firstly, we had Engineering; we had to make a bridge. Secondly, we did sport; it was a 7 page booklet! Morning tea was straight after and it was delicious!

Next was English, another booklet. We thought the day had been easy until we met Science. Science was horrible, another 7 page booklet. Were we meant to know those things?

After recovering, we had a general knowledge test and after this, the hostess discovered that most of the groups were hungry. So we had lunch.

After a wrap and a drink our brains were ready for more! A creativity challenge – my group instantly thought “easy”! But we had to do origami; stars and swans of all sorts.

Afterwards we packed up and had a little award ceremony. KS3 won second place for points on the day. It was fun and I hope future teams enjoy this day also.

*By Ella S*

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**King Street Values the Wellbeing of our Students**

Please be aware that we have an immuno-suppressed student in our school. If your child develops a contagious disease, please let the school know ASAP so we can act accordingly.
Inspiring Visit from ‘King Street’ Olympian

Stage 3 students were very excited last Wednesday to welcome Gareth Nichols back to our school. Gareth and his siblings were King Street students, and Gareth was school captain in 1995. He spoke to the students about his very eventful life since leaving Singleton high school. Studying at university and playing rugby has been followed by a very successful Beach Sprinting career. To top it off, Gareth is now part of the Australian Bobsled Team and competed in the Sochi Winter Olympics earlier this year.

Gareth generously answered many questions from his captive audience, which included questions about his time at King Street, his injuries, his love of rugby union and many questions about the bobsled. He also gave a little insight into his knowledge of the Jamaican bobsled Team made famous in the movie ‘Cool Runnings’!

We sincerely thank Gareth for visiting our school and sharing with us his inspirational story. He is a fine example of what King Street Kids can achieve!

Karla and Ruby Compete at Olympic Park

King Street Public School was very PROUD last week to be represented by Karla R and Ruby B at the State Athletics Championships held at Olympic Park in Sydney. Karla competed in the senior girls high jump and placed a commendable 6th out of 41 competitors. Ruby also performed extremely well placing 6th in her heat in the 100m.

Congratulations to both girls on fantastic results and for reaching this level of competition.

Have you ever Smiled at a Crocodile?

Mrs Larkman was a little concerned last week to see a group of crocodiles wandering through our school. Do you recognise any of them?

Opportunity Class Placement

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placements in 2016 are now available. Applications are online only and will not be accepted after 18th November 2014.

Parents can apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and we have information packs available at the office.
Memorable Visit to Zoo and Gardens

Last week Kindergarten had a wonderful and memorable excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo and to the Hunter Valley Gardens.

What did KS like about the excursion?

“I liked the flowers at the gardens and the maze.”
“A lot of the children liked looking at the fish and trying to touch them.”
“We liked the Alice in Wonderland Tea Party.”
“I liked going on the bus.”
“At the zoo we liked the bats, feeding the kangaroos, camels, patting the koalas, meerkats, the crazy, funny spider monkeys and looking at the emus.”
“We got to watch the monkey show.”
“We got to pat a snake and crocodile.”
“We patted the reindeers.”

Active after School Fun

An exciting term of Active After School Sports has begun this week. On Monday students walked to Club Singleton to experience Lawn Bowls. A very entertaining afternoon was had by all and they will have another lesson on Thursday. Other sports to experience this term will include golf, horse sports and swimming. Active After School Sports will continue until week 9.

Infants students have the opportunity to take part in dancing starting from tomorrow in the hall. This will continue each Thursday until week 9.

King Street is an Allergy Aware 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.

We ask that you please do not send foods or containers to school that contain nut or fish products.
A Surprise for Mrs Griffiths at Reptile Park!

Last Thursday Stage 1 visited the Australian Reptile Park in perfect weather. The students had the opportunity to view and interact with all sorts of interesting creatures. Mrs Griffiths also had a surprise encounter with a very large snake, which is still sending shivers down her spine!

The excursion was enjoyed by all the children, and we would like to thank all the parents who supported our teachers throughout the day.

KING STREET P & C CANTEEN

FEEDBACK FORM

We are interested to hear any feedback and suggestions you have about our canteen. These will be analysed and all suggestions considered for the 2015 school year return. Completed forms can be returned to the lunch order box at the canteen. We thank you for your support.

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During 2014 King Street Public School is celebrating 50 exciting years of educating Singleton children.

In September 1964 we welcomed year 5 and 6 children for their first lessons on this site, in what were described as “buildings that are amongst the most modern in the state”. The official opening of the school was held on November 24th, 1964.

We are holding 2 special events to commemorate this occasion. On Monday 24th November 2014, 50 years to the day our school was officially opened, we will be holding an Open Day. The day will commence with a special assembly where our stage 3 students will arrive after walking from Singleton Public School in Hunter Street, just as they did 50 years ago. We will also have morning tea, activities and open classrooms throughout the day.

On Saturday 22nd November the staff of King Street invite you to join them for a ‘Celebrating 50 Years’ Dinner Dance. The evening will be held at Singleton Diggers commencing at 6pm. The cost is $60 per person which includes a 2 course meal and anniversary cake. Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous Howard Ward and his 9 piece band. The evening promises to be an enjoyable opportunity to reunite with old friends, and celebrate public education in Singleton. Tickets are available at our school office.

We invite all valued members of our King Street community to join us for one or both of these special events. For further information do not hesitate to contact the office.