Week 5 – 5\textsuperscript{th} November 2014

Sharing Our News

Our Environment
It has been with extremely mixed feelings that we have farewelled some of the trees in our playground. Many of these trees have been a part of our image of the school for many years. I will personally greatly miss the wonderful two trees in the centre of the back playground which I noticed the first time I saw our school over four years ago. I can only imagine the impact these changes will have on those of you who have been around for so much longer than me.

However I will make hard decisions always based on the safety of students, teachers and community on the site. In the near future we will be clearing undergrowth near our back fence and spreading mulch to provide a barrier between students and the back fence of the school so they are not running right up to it and impacting too much on the neighbours! I would like to thank all those who have assisted me with the initial tree reports, ongoing phone calls and negotiation with contractors. Also a special thanks to Eric who did an enormous amount of the clean-up while Linda was on leave. Angela and Richard Stretton will also work with their bobcat in their own time to ensure completion of this project.

After we have had time to recover from these huge changes we will chat about how to move forward with future plantings in the playground. This clearing of dangerous trees and branches has been a ‘one-off’ financed by the Department. In the future it will come out of our budget and this will directly impact on resources for the students.

Our Successes 2014
We are in the process of evaluating our 2014 initiatives as we prepare for our new planning period 2015-2017. For your interest we will include a list later in the newsletter.

*Cath Larkman, Principal

Community Survey
The School Planning Group is seeking feedback from our school community to aid in the formation of the 2015-17 School Plan. There are more details further in the newsletter.

*Cindy Judge, Community Liaison Officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

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KSPS 50\textsuperscript{th} ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Tickets are now available at the office.
$60 each includes 2 course meal, anniversary cake and fabulous entertainment from Howard Ward and his band.
Tickets on sale until 14\textsuperscript{th} November.
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:** Caleb G  
**S3A:** Rilee G, Tahneea G  
**KS:** Max M  
**S3G:** Diana P, Shakira S  
**K/1B:** Ryan K  
**S3H:** Rhyley S, Kirsten R  
**1GS:** Charlie K  
**S3K:** Lara P, Ella S  
**1/2T:** Kane H  
**S3M:** Kya T, Madison B  
**2F:** Reuben H  
**2R:** Ava M

### Stage 3 Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 4

**Merit Cards:**
- **S3A:** Hayley G, Chris F, Hannah W  
- **S3G:** Jordan H, Ewan K  
- **S3H:** Jarred A, Nicholas H, Maddison G  
- **S3K:** Tom S, Kirsty L, Zachari R  
- **S3M:** Kye P, Alexina R, Karla R

**Star Card Draw:** Ashlee C, Julia S  
**Sports Awards:** Chloe R  
**Best Class at Assembly:** S3M

### Infants Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 4

**Merit Cards:**
- **KM:** Paige W, Zackery W, Arlie S  
- **KS:** John M, Jaylen R, Chelsea J  
- **K/1B:** Eiyana W, Cooper F, Conrad S  
- **1GS:** Perry P, Sierra M, Kaylan E  
- **1/2T:** Naite H, Tahilla R, Rylie N  
- **2F:** Lucy R, Paris F, Lachlan B  
- **2R:** Shaeleigh T, Hopper F, Jack P

## Canteen Roster

**Week 6 Term 4**

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**RECESS**

- **Tania Almond, Sarah Graham**
- **Sharee McLoughlin, Sandy Thirkell**
- **Maxene Hamson**
- **Rashmi Kulkarni**
- **Cheryl Holz, Nicky Jones, Tayla Stamp**
- **Mel Barber**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

- **Sharee McLoughlin**
- **Dawn Knight, Belinda Richards**

### Stage Assemblies

**Infants** (Wednesday of even weeks at 2.30pm in the Hall)

- **12th Nov:** KS (Please note change of date)
- **26th Nov:** Parliamentarians

**Stage 2** (Wednesday of odd weeks at 2.20pm in the Hall)

- **5th Nov:** S2B  
- **9th Nov:** S2I  
- **3rd Dec:** S2T

**Stage 3** (Friday of even weeks at 12.00pm in the Hall)

- **14th Nov:** S3M  
- **28th Nov:** S3H

### Tuesday Meal Deal

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

Orders for the Cookie Dough Fundraiser are due on **Friday, 14th November.**

Please leave order forms at the Canteen.

Thank you for your Support.
KSPS 2014 Initiatives

As mentioned on the front of the newsletter, please find below a list of initiatives that were implemented at King Street Public School during 2014.

- **One Assistant Principal off class implementing the Great Teaching/Inspired Learning Reform (NSW Government)** focused on developing induction and support practices for Early Career Teachers and Teachers Requiring Accreditation and teachers aspiring to Highly Accomplished Accreditation.

- **Increased Assistant Principal Release from Face to Face (RFF) time to more successfully support their team with teaching and the wellbeing of the students in their care**

- **One planning day per term for the whole stage team to examine data, design units of work, assessments and to contribute to consistency of teacher judgement across the stage**

- **One Community Liaison Officer to improve across community communication including website, newsletter, school app, media liaison, Kindergarten Orientation, support new enrolments to the school**

- **Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) consolidated across years K-2**

- **Taking Off with Numeracy (TOWN) initiated in years 3-6**

- **Focus on Reading strengthened through targeted collegial support**

- **Quality Phonics programs strengthened through targeted collegial support**

- **4 Classroom Teachers completed Accelerated Literacy training to strengthen our process around teaching writing to students. Six more Classroom Teachers have begun this training in Term 4**

- **SLSOs implementing Multilit with students identified through the Learning and Support Team**

- **One Aboriginal Education Worker one and two days per week to support Aboriginal students through a Quality Feedback model around quality work samples, supervise Homework centre on Friday morning and support Aboriginal dancing and cultural education. Close liaison with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).**

- **Technology hardware significantly increased including 2 trolleys with netbooks for classroom use and wireless access points throughout the school**

- **Principal and Assistant Principal accepted into Principal Credential Pilot for NSW - the first model of its kind in the world**

- **Implementation of new National English Curriculum and preparation for Mathematics and Science Curriculum 2015.**

**Planning Group Appreciates your Contribution**

Our recently formed Planning Group would appreciate your feedback on what you would like your child to experience at King Street. This information will be collated and enormously assist in the formation of the 2015-2017 School Plan.

If you would like to contribute please call in to the office for a survey form. The survey is only 3 questions long.

We thank you for taking the time to offer your thoughts.

*Cindy Judge*

*Community Liaison Officer*

**BUS PASSES 2015**

Parents are reminded that ALL students in Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2 are entitled to free bus travel. If your child is starting Yr 3 you need to re-apply for a bus pass. All other students with a current bus pass need not apply, unless the student’s address has changed. Students who live outside that 1.6km radius will continue to receive free travel as long as they continue to attend school. Any students inside this radius will need to pay for travel.

**Year 3 students need to reapply for a bus pass if they are eligible, i.e. they live outside the 1.6km radius from school.**

If your child is going to use free travel in 2015, please contact the office for an application form.
It was a Scary Night at King Street…

It was hard to recognise any of our students at the Halloween Disco last Thursday night! Everyone went to great effort to dress in their scariest costumes and they looked fantastic. The highlight of the evening for most seemed to be the visit to the Haunted House…

An amazing $943 was raised to support our World Vision Sponsor child Onsey. Thank you to Miss MacLackland, our energetic staff and KSPS parliamentarians who hosted the night.

“Just a big thank you to all the teachers and helpers who prepared for the disco. The kids had a wonderful time. Thanks for giving up your time to make it special.”

Ros Kelley

Special Awards for our Sport Stars

At our morning assembly last Friday Mrs Stretton had the pleasure of announcing that King Street students will be the recipients of some special Hunter PSSA Awards.

At a presentation on 10th December, our national swimming representative Darcy R will be honoured with an Individual Achievement Award. Darcy represented NSW at the PSSA National Swimming Championships earlier in 2014. Also receiving an award will be our Open Boys Rugby League Team. They will receive a Recognition Award in acknowledgment of their success in the Rugby League PSSA competition this year.

Congratulations to all of these students for their achievements this year, and to all KSPS children who have represented our school.

Leadership Opportunities Begin for Year 5

Next week our year 5 students will have the opportunity to begin their leadership journey here at King Street. Please note down the following dates for those students who are keen to participate in this rewarding process:

**Tues 4th November:** Nominations for pre-selections of captains (year 5 only).

**Tues 11th November:** Year 5 vote on selecting the final 6 girl and 6 boy candidates.

17th-28th November: Final 12 candidates deliver speeches to the whole school.

**Tues 2nd December:** Years 2-6 vote for 2 boy and 2 girl captains for 2015.

**Fri 12th December:** 2015 Captains announced at Presentation Day Assembly.
2015 Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Sessions

Parents of Kindergarten (Early Stage 1 2015) students are invited to our second parent information session, this Thursday at 9.15am in the computer lab.

The program for the second session will be as follows:

- 9.15 – 10am: Parents as Experts, Curriculum in our schools
- 10.00 – 10.15am: Morning Tea
- 10.15 – 10.50am: The Teaching Cycle, Literacy Continuum
- 10.50 – 11.00am: Question time

We encourage all parents to come along to these highly informative sessions. We believe you will find them interesting and valuable in supporting your child throughout their education.

See you there!

Mrs Griffiths

What a Disaster!

This semester Stage 3 students have been learning about Natural Disasters in Science. Our most recent disaster study has been on earthquakes. Stage 3 students were asked to use their knowledge about earthquakes and the Richter scale to build a structure that would withstand an earthquake with a magnitude of 10.

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.

Thank you to our Supportive Students

We would like to thank the following students who helped us with Kindergarten Orientation:

Our enthusiastic speakers: Riley and Abigail
Our ‘models’: Mikayla, Nikita, Grace, Sarah and Thomas
Our ‘tour guides’: Karla, Piper, Kristin, Tori, Josie, Lleyton, Oliver and Harry
Our talented pianists: Imogen, Piper and Cameron (and Mrs Atkinson for supervising!)

Thank you for helping welcome our new families.

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Judge
King Street School Band - Congratulations on your performance!

On Saturday night a group of students from our school band represented King Street at the ‘Bands in Concert 2014’. The students were a part of the Combined Primary Schools’ Band. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children of Singleton to meet each other and be in something together. They played 3 tunes with Singleton Heights and Singleton Public Schools–Rockasaurus, Happy and Guantanamera. They sounded amazing. All teachers were very proud of the behaviour of the students.

Thank you to the children who were able to participate and to their parents for your support.

“It was the best one yet! However it was a bit chaotic because I was in the town band as well so I had to have 3 uniforms.” Phoebe Q

“It was good because we represented the school.” Ewan M

“It was fun.” Riley S

“I loved it when we clapped in ‘Happy.’” Sophie W

Mrs Stewart

KSPS Teachers Study ‘Accelerated Literacy’

Accelerated Literacy is a language program which explicitly teaches skills to target the quality of children’s writing. This initiative uses quality texts as examples for students to study. It involves several major teaching concepts which are summarised below:

At the end of the teaching sequence children should be able to:

- Read the passages fluently and with a high level of inferential comprehension and interest
- Discuss the story: give opinions about the author’s language choices; identify the story’s structure, theme and ideology
- Spell chosen words and understand related spelling strategies
- Use this process as a model for quality writing.

So far at King Street we have fully trained 4 of our teachers and partially trained 6 more. We aim to continue to expand this training in 2015.

We look forward to seeing the results of this teacher professional learning in our children’s writing.

Plans are well underway for the 50th Anniversary of King Street Public School.

On Monday 24th November we will be re-inacting the walk which the first students of King Street undertook 50 years ago. Leaving after a special farewell at Singleton Public School in Hunter Street at 9am, our school leaders will walk to King Street where they will be welcomed at a special anniversary assembly.

We would love to hear from anyone who was a student or teacher and took part in the same walk 50 years ago. It would be wonderful if we could have some of the original students join our current stage 3 in this special journey.

Please contact the office if you or someone you may know would like to join us.

Important Notice Regarding EFTPOS

Please note that there will be no EFTPOS available at the school office between Friday 21st November and Tuesday 2nd December.

We apologise for this inconvenience and thank you for your support.
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.

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.

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