UPCOMING EVENTS

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Week 10 – 10 December 2014

Strategic Plan 2015-2017

A lot of work and consultation has gone into our new strategic plan for the next three years and possibly beyond. It is now at draft stage and being read by Principal Colleagues. I would again like to thank our core planning team:

- Rachel Griffiths (Learning and Support Team, AP)
- Cameron Upcroft (Great Teaching/Inspired Learning (GTIL), Aboriginal Engagement, AP)
- Ros Kelly (P&C Representative)
- Tabetha Garven (ClassTeacher)
- Cindy Judge (Community Liaison Officer)
- Rebecca Collins (Beginning teacher, Aboriginal student growth: 2015)
- Cath Larkman (Principal)

My thanks also goes to Trish Maher, Helen Richardson and Carmen Hawkins who evaluated our previous plan as well as all the parents who assisted with getting the community surveys out there to our community members.

Our three directions for the next three years will be:

**Develop Active, Informed and Creative Citizens**

**Promote Quality Teaching and Leading**

**Implement Quality Systems and Processes**

These directions are also in line with the NSW State Agenda.

**End of Year Concert**

Thanks to all those who have had a role in organising our concert which occurs directly after School Reports are finished! Thank you also to parents who have run around getting costumes for the event. It is much appreciated and I’m sure it will be a fun night!

*Cath Larkman*
**Canteen Roster**

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**Uniform Shop**

16/12/14 (Tues 2-3pm) Dawn Knight

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**Clothing Shop Hours for 2015**

For your convenience the Clothing Shop will be open on the following days at the beginning of next year:

- **Tuesday 27/1/15**: 9-10am (Dawn Knight)
- **Wednesday 28/1/15**: 9-10am (Mel Barber, Ros Kelley, Sharee McLoughlin)
- **Thursday 29/1/15**: 9-10am (Jodie Silke)
- **Friday 30/1/15**: 9-10am (Ros Kelley)
- **Monday 2/2/15**: 9-10am (Jodie McCarthy)
- **Tuesday 3/2/15**: 9-10am (Rashmi Kulkarni)
- **Thursday 5/2/15**: 2-3pm (Dawn Knight)

**Dinner Available on Concert Night**

The King Street Public School P&C would like to invite all students and their families to join us before the End of Year Concert for a BBQ to celebrate the holiday season. This will be a great chance to catch up with other families, and for the P&C to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

From 5pm sausage sandwiches will be available, as well as drinks and other treats. Drinks and treats will also be available at intermission, however please note **you will not be able to purchase anything while the children are performing**.

We hope to see you there.

King Street P&C Committee

**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:** Koby F
**S2B:** Georgia S, Morgan T

**KS:** Abbey K
**S2I:** Tayla S, James B

**K/1B:** Heath R
**S2M:** Jamon G, Lexie B

**1/2T:** Katy L
**S2T:** Makayla R, Sailor F, Luke B

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**Stage 2 Awards – Term 4 Week 9**

**Merit Cards:**

- **S2B:** Ainsley H, Jade M, Erin B, Ella T
- **S2I:** Lachlan F, Blayden B, Charlotte H, Kyra R
- **S2M:** Amara F, Josie S, Ashton H
- **S2T:** Leahni A, Joseph L

**Sport Awards:**

- **S2B:** Jade M, Ruby B
- **S2I:** William P, Jackson M
- **S2M:** Emily P, Ciah P, Dylan W
- **S2T:** Jemma E, Porsha C, Declan S

**Star Cards:** Raymond L, Sophie W, Liana C

**EWOK Awards:** Macy B, Ethan H, Luke B

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

**Merit Cards:**

- **KM:** Tyrone F, Eric R, Bayley B
- **KS:** Charlotte R, John M, Jaylen R
- **K/1B:** Ricky L, James F, Jayden E, Shane S
- **1GS:** Abby M, Brandon R, Laici-Ell H
- **1/2T:** Bridie B, Sophie K, Brandon C
Concert Night Organisation

Our students are very excited be presenting to the KSPS community “TOTALLY 80’S”! Everyone has been very busy rehearsing and it promises to be a great show. Our school rock band will open the concert tonight at 6pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

The P&C will be selling sausage sandwiches from 5pm and everyone is welcome. Please note however - there will be no supervision for your children before 5.45pm. We request that if you would like them to have an early dinner, you please stay with them until this time.

All students are to make their way to their classrooms by 5.45pm. They will remain in their classrooms for the duration of the concert, including intermission. This is to ensure their safety. If you would like to bring them snacks during this time you may do so.

When collecting your child after the concert, please see their teacher as they will need to be signed out.

Thank you for your support, we know you will enjoy the evening!

Important Dates for 2015

To all our busy parents/carers, please note the following important dates for your children in the 2015 school year:

28th January: Students return to school
28th/29th/30th January: Best Start Testing for Kindergarten
2nd February: Kindergarten commence classes
13th February: School Swimming Carnival
20th February: Zone Swimming Carnival
5th March: Regional Swimming Carnival
27th March: Zone Cross Country
8th May: Regional Cross Country
10th/11th August: School Photos
19th-21st August: Stage 3 Bathurst/Dubbo Excursion

Please join us after Presentation Assembly

This Friday we will hold our Presentation Day assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity we have each year to celebrate the achievements of our students. The announcement of our 2015 school leaders will also be made at the end of the assembly. We invite all parents to join us for this very special occasion, beginning at 9.30am in the hall.

After the assembly, we would like to invite all parents and family members to join us for morning tea. This is an opportunity for our staff to thank all the supportive families who help us throughout the year. Please join us for a cuppa and a scone, you will be most welcome.

Staff Development Day

Saturday 7th February 2015

When we vary a Staff Development Day I am required to consult with the community. We plan to move our Staff Development Day from Friday 18th December, 2015 forward to Saturday the 7th of February so we can develop our milestones for our new strategic plan.

This will have no impact on students as they don’t attend school on either day.

Thank you for your support.

Cath Larkman

Thank you for Supporting School Banking

Thank you to students who have participated in the school banking program throughout the year. Banking will resume again in Term 1 next year. (There will be NO STUDENT BANKING during weeks 10 and 11 of this term).

Karen Earnshaw

This will be the last newsletter for 2014. On Monday afternoon we will send out a small edition which will list award winners from Presentation Day and organisation for the first week in 2015.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter this year.
School Reports Home this Week

Semester 2 reports will be sent home this week. We would like to inform parents that there have been a few issues with our colour photocopier, and we are currently waiting on a part. As a result, a small number of reports printed may have slight imperfections.

It was very important to our staff that the reports went home on time, therefore we chose to print them all. If you would like us to reprint the report for you at a later date, we will be happy to do so once the part has arrived.

A Rewarding Year for 009

Every year, Year 6 get the chance to join 009. 009 is a program designed to give younger students some fun activities during recess. It also gives 009 leaders some responsibilities and a leadership role. Every term we are rewarded with things like ice-blocks, pizza, extra play time and allowed to bring our electronics.

009 is extremely fun for both the leaders and the younger students. Even though we are “working” it still feels like playtime.

Ella Sills

The 009 leaders throughout the year have done a great job. They have involved themselves willingly in organising activities for the younger students giving up their own time to do so. We would like to say a big “thank you” to all of them.

K. Kermode, T. Maher and D. Clout

Thank you for Returning Library Books

Thank you to all the families who are returning library books this week. Notes have been sent home with students who still have library books outstanding.

Presently we have approximately $3000 worth of library books overdue.

It would be appreciated if students could check at home and return any books as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Mrs Hawkins

King Street Band and Choir Tour

On Friday 5th the school band and choir toured Singleton playing and performing at Elizabeth Gates, Mercy and Cooinda Nursing Homes. The behaviour of the children was of a very high standard. Thank you very much to Mrs Atkinson, Mr Ward and Mr Kember for their expertise and time that they give to work with these children.

It was my pleasure to accompany these groups and sharing their joy as they made others happy through their performances. At each home they also gave the residents Christmas cards.

Mrs Stewart
Prestigious Awards Presented

A very important presentation was made this week in stage 3. Each year stage 3 hold a house competition as part of their weekly sport rotations. They are competing for the ‘Smartie Plate’ and the ‘Jellybean Cup’.

This year was successful for all things green- Paterson Girls were the recipients of the Smartie Plate, and Paterson Boys the Jellybean Cup. Congratulations!

Impressive Handiwork from S3M

This year Stage 3M have been under the guidance of our very talented Mrs Maher during craft, and have produced some high quality items as a result. They have been learning the art of hand stitching and sewing, including backstitch, sewing buttons, french knots, and blanket stitch. It has been wonderful watching their patience as they have learnt this life skill.

Where will you be in 2015?

As planning is about to begin for 2015, we are after an indication of those families who may be leaving the area at the end of the year. It would be appreciated if you could let our office know as soon as possible.

Similarly, if you know any families who will be moving into our school zone, please encourage them to contact our office staff with their details.

King Street Public School sincerely thanks the following local businesses for their support of our 009 Leadership Program in 2014:

- One-O-One Coffee House and Homewares
- Topshot Tenpin and Indoor Sports
- Civic Video
- Subway Restaurants
Offering Party Solutions to busy parents!
- Party Favour/Loot bags
- Party Games
- Themed Tableware
- Decorations
- For ages 0-10
- 11 Themes available (and growing)

FREE DELIVERY to Singleton
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www.bagsfulloffun.com.au
Find us on Facebook: Bags Full of Fun

Email: orders@bagsfulloffun.com.au
Ph/Fax: 02 6573 1667

Singleton OOSH & Family Day Care

- Currently taking 2015 enrolments for before and after school care as well as family day care.
- OOSH Hours are 5:30am-9am & 3pm-6:30pm Mon-Fri
- Family day care hours are 9am—4pm Mon-Fri
- CCB & CCR Approved – Located at Hunterview
- Please phone Claire on 0424 689 778 or email sfdc@outlook.com.au for an enrolment pack.

* Casual spots are still available for both OOSH and family day care from now until the end of 2014.
NOW OPEN
7 DAYS A WEEK!!

SINGLETON HOSPITAL
NOW OPEN SUNDAYS 9-11am
BRANXTON CLINIC
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9-11am

Singleton Sound Solutions
75 John St, Singleton
Tel: 02 657 715 155

2014 Lolly Run
Santa will be traveling around Singleton between 4.00pm and 8.00pm from the 8th till the 12th of December in the following areas...

Monday—8th of December
Queen Street through to Greenwood Avenue.
and
Maison Dieu, Gowrie and McDougals Hill

Tuesday — 9th of December
Hunterview and Pioneer Rd and
Darlington, Dunolly and Glenridding

Thursday—11th of December
York Street through to Kelso St and the railway line
and
York Street to the Civic Centre (between John and George St)

Friday—12th of December
Entire Heights area between the Highway and the Pinical

Santa asks that all children put safety first and only stand on the footpath as he comes past and have a very Merry Christmas!!

Singleton Sound Solutions
75 John St, Singleton
Tel: 02 65 715 155
KS

IF I SAW SANTA I WOULD ASK HIM:

Wil: Do you like having your elves helping you with Christmas?

Chelsea: Can I please have a new Monster High doll?

Abbey: Thank you for giving us presents. What do you eat at Christmas time?

Ryan: What does Mrs Claus do?

Michaela: What are your reindeer names?

Ty-John: What do your elves, Mrs Claus and your reindeer do? What do you do when it is not Christmas?

Cody: Can I please have a green motorbike?

Max: Where do you keep your reindeers? I would like to have a horse.

Jaylen: Can I please have Rudolph to keep and ride?

John: Do you get presents under the Christmas tree?
Eliza: How can I be one of your elves because I would like to be an elf?

Justen: Where do you live? Where do you keep your reindeer?

Kalila: What do you do at the North Pole?

Charlotte: How many elves do you have?

Tayla: Thank you for my presents. Where do you get the presents from?

Matilda: How many reindeers do you have?

Dominic: Were you good at school?

Lachlan: Do all of your reindeers have red noses? Do you deliver presents every day?

Jai: How many reindeers do you have?
2014 was a Busy Year at King Street Public School!

Art Club

Book Week

Cricket

Buddies

Chess

Drum Group

Purple day

Horse Sports

009

Easter Parade

50th Anniversary

Canberra Excursion

Assemblies

Reptile Park

Choir
Keeping the Holidays Sane!

Tips for helping kids through the holiday season....

The end of the school year is such an exciting and fun time. School discos, school reports, school concerts and graduations. Plus a myriad of Christmas parties! All leading into school holidays... Such a buzz is in the air.

Here in Australia, the temperatures are rising, the singlets and shorts are out and the beach and outdoor activities are begging us to come out and play!

BUT, for many of our kids, the buzz and change of routine comes with its own challenges. As kids and adults, we thrive on routine, and with all these changes in the normal routine, it can be quite unsettling for children. Many children on the Spectrum struggle with this change of routine, but it’s not only these children. All children struggle to some degree with these changes in routine. Routine is comfortable, it helps us feel safe.

Children are also very tired at the end of the school year, which impacts a lot on their tolerance and emotional “cliff”, as I sometimes call it. When they are tired (dare I say even us adults), it’s much quicker to get to the “cliff” and fall over into tears and meltdowns with a combination of tiredness and being out of routine.

So, how can we think ahead, and prepare our children for the changes for the next 3 months? Three months I hear you say?

1. Yes, December is full of the concerts, parties and Christmas. And I must say, it’s not just the concert “performance”. It’s also the disruption to normal routine for weeks prior to the concert for rehearsals and practices that can unsettle children and make them more prone to tiredness and anxiety.
2. January is the transition to the holiday period, being at home or being at full day vacation care, or being looked after by friends or relatives – this can be very disruptive and unsettling.
3. The end of January and February is the transition back to school, and it will take most of February to adjust to a new teacher, new classmates and new routine, plus the expectations of being “a bigger kid” in the next grade up.

One tried and true strategy that I use with my kids in OT sessions and my own kids at home, is to give each child a copy of a three month calendar, or help them make one up. They love to decorate it and personalise it!

To make it easy, (as I know you are wrapped up in the end of year craziness too), I have attached a template for Dec – Feb on our website so you can download and print this. You can even import your calendars to this to make it even easier! See the form for instructions.

If you use this, it will make your child/children feel safer and more confident about being able to know what is coming up over the holiday season. Their behaviour will be easier to deal with and that makes for a happier family and holiday time!

These tips are brought to you by Debbie Hopper, Occupational Therapist at Life Skills 4 Kids. She is passionate about helping children cope and be better at whatever they need to do. She presents workshops around Australia wide, regularly contributes to publications such as Source Kids and presents sensory processing workshops Australia wide.

For more great information and resources visit us at www.lifeskills4kids.com.au and www.abilities.com.au
The staff of King Street Public school wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2015.