It would be an understatement to say that we are in exciting times for education. As a second generation teacher I can honestly say I have not seen the sort of transformation that has happened in Education over the last 2 years ever.

Our system needed to change. It has been based on a system developed during the Industrial Revolution where factory work supported the majority of families. It was beholden on students to learn the basics, sit in straight lines and contribute to production lines.

If you compare this to the workplace of today, it really has little relevance.

In schools today worldwide it is beholden on us as educators to prepare our students for careers we know nothing about - a bit of a challenge you might think! As educators we know that some of a child's most important learning and values are set in place before they even arrive at school at the ripe old age of 5 years old. This is an area of great interest to me but not a discussion for today.

Today I would like to share some concepts that we need to take on board if our students are to be contributing members to a world we would like to grow old in.

We have traditionally referred to students needing to learn the basics: basics being Science/Technology, English and Mathematics - very necessary still but not sufficient! If we think about our purposes for mass education today Sir Ken Robinson, a renowned educational researcher, tells us there are four:

1. Economic: We need to contribute to the economic health of our country. In our rapidly changing global climate flexibility, adaptability and creativity are imperative. We need to be able to respond quickly to change. I will just mention the brand name ‘Kodak’ here and you will recognise what I am saying - people are still taking photos.... Reports from large companies tell us that our children leaving universities find it difficult to come up with fresh ideas - our system often squashes this.

2. Cultural: We are a global community - we must learn to value each others' systems and understand difference. This requires a broad education in the humanities.

3. Social: We have become increasingly disengaged with our systems of government - it is up to us to encourage our next generation to understand and be proactive in contributing to democracy.

4. Finally...Personal: We no longer work in the world of production lines. Different talents and diversity of students, staff and the community are an integral part of our motivation. We often still insist on conformity of thinking in a society that is no longer in the machine age.

Based on current research, reforms and consultation with our school community our school strategic directions for the next 3 years will be:

1. Developing Active, Informed and Creative Citizens
2. Promoting Quality Teaching and Leading
3. Implementing Quality Systems and Processes

I would like to thank most sincerely my teaching staff, our office staff and our support staff who continue to place our students at the centre of their world at school every day - also for their willingness to embrace change as we continue our journey together.

To our parents and community who support us in this journey - and stay open and flexible as we use current research to educate our students for jobs that have not yet been invented - Thank you.

Thank you again to Mr Kember who will finally start his retirement. His work with children, sense of humour and genuine regard for all he meets will be greatly missed.

We also say goodbye to Miss Merta for 12 months as she moves to Queensland to be with her family. We will miss her gentle ways with both adults and children and we look forward to her return.

I will see you back in 2015 when we start it all again - to those who are leaving us - best of luck and we hope we have contributed in a positive way to your children's future.

Have a lovely Christmas break with your children.

Catherine Larkman
UPCOMING EVENTS

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CANTEEN ROSTER 2015

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Clothing Shop Hours for Week 1, 2015

- **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:** 9-10am (Dawn Knight)

- **2-3pm** (Rashmi Kulkarni)

If you have any IN TACT board games at home (such as Trouble, Twister, Scrabble) that you are able to donate to the school, please leave with Mrs Griffiths or at the office. Thank you.

Organisation for Week 1, 2015

The first day of term 1, 2015 will be Tuesday, 27th January. Teachers will be returning on this day for professional learning. The office will also be open for any enquiries or new enrolments. The Clothing Shop will also be open from 9-10am.

Students in years 1-6 will return to school on Wednesday, 28th January. Students are to line up in their 2014 classes when the bell goes and the format of the day will be explained to them.

Kindergarten classes will begin on Monday, 2nd February. Best Start testing will be held from January 28th- January 30th. Appointment times have been sent out to all students.

Please contact the office if you need any further information.

Working Bee This Thursday

On this Thursday 18th December we have a bobcat coming in to the school to help move the mulch piles onto the gardens. It would be wonderful and extremely helpful if you are able to spare an hour or two to come in and help. As you know there will be no children in the school so it is an ideal time to do this. If you have a trailer and/or pitch fork to bring in to help spread the mulch in the gardens this would be great. Thank you for your support

**Linda, Jenny Stewart and Angela Stretton**

Holiday Home for our Chooks

If you are able to take the chooks to look after over the holidays PLEASE see Jenny Stewart as soon as possible.

Tomorrow is Party Day

There will be much excitement tomorrow as our students head off in all directions to celebrate the end of the year.

Could parents/carers assist us by ensuring that all notes are returned and all monies are paid at the office. If not attending Party Day students are to come to school, as there will be supervision. Party clothes can be worn.

Wednesday is a normal school day and school uniform should be worn.
Concert Night 2014

Presentation Day 2014

Congratulations to our School Captains 2015—Samuel, Ewan, Julia and Brodie.
## Congratulations to Presentation Day Award Recipients 2014

### KS – Mrs Stewart
- Matilda Higgins: Academic excellence in literacy and mathematics
- Jai Pitcher: Academic excellence in literacy and mathematics
- Abbey Kelley: Exceptional application and attitude
- Eliza Pryor: Academic achievement in literacy
- Chelsea Jarvis: Academic achievement in literacy
- Kalila Harman: Exceptional application and attitude
- Justen Brown-Goodman: Upholding school values

**Principal's Award**
- Jaylen Rinkin

### KM – Ms Merta
- Bree Silke: Academic Excellence and commitment to learning
- Abigail See: Academic Excellence and achievement in all areas
- Harrison McCarthy: Consistent effort to achieve great results
- Kiarah Heffernan: Creativity and pride in presentation of work
- Koby Fernance: Conscientious application towards learning
- Caleb Galvin: Effort and improvement in all areas
- Grace Newton: A wonderful work ethic and high achievement

**Principal's Award**
- Arlie Smith

### K/1B - Mrs Burgess
- Anabelle Carmine: Academic Achievement in all areas
- Conrad Sturch-Dennis: Achievement in Mathematics
- Ashton Sills: Outstanding effort all year
- Brayden Smith: Excellence in spelling and reading
- Frankie Duhring: Excellent attitude to learning
- Sarah Wyborn: Beautiful creative arts
- Tori Montgomery: Improvement in all areas

**Principal's Award**
- Heath Rutland

### 1GS – Mrs Griffiths/Mrs Stretton
- Eamon Constable: Academic excellence
- Miesha Howlett: Application to all tasks
- Jacob Jones: Academic Achievement
- Misen Nguyen: Excellence in creative arts
- Blake Atkins: Citizenship
- Abby McLoughlin: Consistent application and achievement
- Perry Palmer: Consistent application and achievement

**Principal’s Award**
- Laici-Ell Hill

### 1/2T– Mrs Tan
- Julian Stewart: Academic excellence
- Baxter Felsch: Academic excellence
- Ivy Young: Academic excellence
- Katy Lewis: Application, achievement and attitude
- Jessica Rumbel: Excellence in mathematics
- Layla Korff: Excellence in literacy
- Brandon Cox: Achievement in literacy
- Jack Gilmore: Achievement in mathematics

**Principal’s Award**
- Thomas Cox

### 2F – Mrs Forrest
- Lucy Robb: Overall academic excellence
- Aiden Jones: Academic excellence and consistency
- Erica Pearce: Excellence in writing
- Reid Stamp: Academic consistency
- Chloe Donehew: Academic improvement
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<td>Grace Knight</td>
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S3A – Ms Honeysett
Sam Merrick  Outstanding dedication and commitment to his learning
Ewan McLoughlin  Excellence in Mathematics
Hannah Whalan  Working with persistence and effort all year
Logan Pegler  Improved effort and perseverance in all areas
Jayden Hamson  Having a proficient and considerate attitude to learning
Kayla Mack  Showing maturity and dedication all year
Olivia Elgar  Having a positive attitude towards learning
Rylee Gray  Steady improvement throughout the year

Principal's Award
Tegan Moore

S3G – Ms Garven
Jackson Shade  Academic excellence
Jasmine Ninness  Achievement in English
Laura Sinclair-Wadham  Consistent effort in all KLA’s
Kiram Thompson  Encouragement
Diana Pascoe  Demonstrating School Values
Cory Hughes  Consistent effort in all KLA’s
Kristin Cox  Commitment to Learning in all KLA’s
Shakira Spinks  Achievement in English and CAPA

Principal's Award
Ewan Kelly

S3H – Mrs Hovey
Jude Maddock  Academic Achievement
Lucia Smith-Hughes  Academic Achievement
Cooper Maytom  Consistent Effort in Maths
Patrick Yeomans  Consistent Effort in Maths
Piper Francis  Consistent Effort in English
Catherine Butler  Consistent Effort in English
Shae-Lea Thomas  Improvement Award Year 5
Samuel McNamara  Improvement Award Year 6

Principal's Award
Emily Knight

S3K – Mrs Kermode
Ella Sills  Excellence in all areas
Casey Smith  Improvement in all subjects
Kirsty Lambert-Knight  A positive attitude towards all school activities
Tyson Atton  Achievement in all areas
Jayden Offner  Excellent work ethic
Tom Stacy  Achievement in all areas
Zachari Rutland  Excellent attitude and application

Principal's Award
Lara Pepperall

S3M – Mrs Maher
Phoebe Quayle  Academic Excellence in Year 6
Charlotte Wilkes  Academic Excellence in Year 5
Blake Edwards  High achievement in all areas
Tilly Staff  Excellent attitude and application to learning
Ashlee Cox  High achievement in all areas
Naomi Paschke  Consistent effort and application in Literacy
Elena Bagnell  Consistent effort in all areas
Bayley Smith  A mature student with a positive attitude to learning

Principal's Award
Harry Lewis
Band Awards

**Participation Certificates:** James Bagnell, Ashlee Cox, Thomas Donehue, Jordan Forsdike, Grace Knight, Joseph Lewis, Ewan McLoughlin, Luke Meyn, Naomi Paschke, Sam Redgrove, Chelsea Sales-Standing, Jade Silke, Abbott Stacy, Riley Stewart, Jack Tull, Sophie Way

**Special Band Certificates:** Elena Bagnell, Josie Bates, Kristin Cox, Blake Edwards, Jordan Hollis, Alyssa Jones, Emily Knight, Bayley Smith, Lucia Smith-Huges, Phoebe Quayle

**Band Person of the Year:** Phoebe Quayle

Sports Awards

**SPORT CERTIFICATES HUNTER AREA PSSA REPRESENTATIVES:** Josie Bates (Touch), Ruby Bennett (Athletics), Mitchell Cox (Rugby Union), Karla Rinkin (Athletics), Darcy Ryan (Swimming), Chloe Donehue (Horse Sports), Thomas Donehue (Horse Sports), Cally Howlett (Horse Sports), Naite Howlett (Horse Sports), Hayley Pepperall (Horse Sports), Lara Pepperall (Horse Sports).

**SPORT CERTIFICATES STATE PSSA REPRESENTATIVE:** Darcy Ryan (Swimming)

**SPORT CERTIFICATES PSSA RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION:** Tyson Atton, Kyle Claydon, Nicholas Claydon, Joel Croucher, Joshua Dale, Kayden Forbes-Tudor, Christopher Fry, Nicholas Holland, Cooper Maytom, Sam Merrick, Jayden Hamson, Jordon Palmer, Oskar Roberts, Lleyton Rose, Cody Rowe, Jackson Shade, Harrison Whitehead, Riley Woods.

Champion House Shield (Swimming): Lawson
Champion House Shield (Athletics): Lawson

**Combined Sports Shield:** Lawson

Chess Champion: Ethan Taylor

NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal: Lleyton Rose

**Year 6 Sportsperson 2014:** Josie Bates

**SPECIAL AWARDS 2014**

**NEWCASTLE PERMANENT PRIMARY MATHEMATICS COMPETITION HUNTER REGION:**

**Distinctions:** Charlotte Wilkes, Tyson Atton, Kristin Cox, Ewan McLoughlin, Sam Merrick, Cody Rowe, Jackson Shade, Ella Sills, Thomas Stacy

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD:** Sponsored by Dawn Briggs

Yr 4: Hayley Pepperall
Yr 5: Kirsten Ridling

**ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD:** Aiden Jones

**LOUISE COLE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CITIZENSHIP:** Karla Rinkin

**ALLISON RICHARDS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CAPA:** Phoebe Quayle

**MR & MRS BURGMAN AWARD FOR CONSISTENT EFFORT:** Tori Newton

**PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD:** Riley Woods

**ENGLISH AWARD:** Ella Sills and Josie Bates

**MATHEMATICS AWARD:** Jackson Shade

**DUX AWARD:** Jude Maddock

**SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS:** Oliver Berry, Leyton Rose, Piper Francis, Josie Bates

**2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS:** Samuel Holz, Ewan McLoughlin, Julia Slater, Brodie Foster
The Staff and students of King Street Public School wish Year 6 2014 all the best for the future. You have been wonderful role models and will be missed.